

Parish of Central Windsor  
**SUNG EUCHARIST**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

**Third Sunday of Easter**



 He is  
**RISEN**

**A warm welcome to St John the Baptist Church  
for our service today especially to the family and friends  
of Violet attending for her baptism today**

On most Sundays we offer Sunday Club during the service.  
Children are welcome to gather at the front of the church  
after the Collect on page 4 before they go out to their activities  
with our Sunday Club leaders.

If you have babies or small children with you, you are welcome to stay in  
church. Please don't be embarrassed if they cry  
or make a noise.

*Please stand for:*

## **THE GREETING**

*The priest says*

In the name of the Father†, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

*All*      **Amen.**

*The priest greets the people*

The Lord be with you

*All*      **and also with you.**

*Please sit for:*

**WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANY NOTICES**

*Please stand for :*

**OPENING HYMN**

**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;  
to his feet thy tribute bring;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
who like me his praise should sing?  
Alleluia, Alleluia  
praise the everlasting King.**

**Praise him for his grace and favour  
to our fathers in distress;  
praise him still the same for ever,  
slow to chide and swift to bless:  
Alleluia, Alleluia  
glorious in his faithfulness.**

**Father-like, he tends and spares us;  
well our feeble frame he knows;  
in his hand he gently bears us,  
rescues us from all our foes.  
Alleluia, Alleluia  
widely as his mercy flows.**

**Angels, help us to adore him;  
ye behold him face to face;  
sun and moon, bow down before him,  
dwellers all in time and space.  
Alleluia, Alleluia  
Praise with us the God of grace.**

*Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)  
from Psalm 103*

*Please remain standing for:*

## INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord,  
we come to you in sorrow for our sins,  
and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

We have lived by our own strength,  
and not by the power of your resurrection.  
In your mercy, forgive us.

*All* **Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,  
as faithless and not believing.  
In your mercy, forgive us

*All* **Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived for this world alone,  
and doubted our home in heaven  
In your mercy, forgive us.

*All* **Lord, hear us and help us.**

*The Kyrie Eleison is sung:*

*All* **Lord, have mercy, Lord have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy, Christ have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy, Lord have mercy.**

## ABSOLUTION

*The priest says*

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon† and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

## THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

*All*      **Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ,  
only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated  
at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.**

## THE COLLECT

*The priest says:*  
Let us pray

Risen Christ,  
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:  
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life  
and fill us with your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father

*All*      **Amen**

*The Sunday Club are invited to gather together at the front of the church before going to their activities.*

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Please sit for:*

## FIRST READING

### **Acts 2.14a, 36–41**

On the day of Pentecost

2<sup>14</sup> Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd in Jerusalem: <sup>36</sup>‘Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.’ <sup>37</sup> Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, ‘Brothers, what should we do?’ <sup>38</sup> Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.’ <sup>40</sup> And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, ‘Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.’ <sup>41</sup> So those who welcomed his message were baptised, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

At the end the reader says:

This is the word of the Lord.

*All*      **Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: 116**

*The congregation is invited to sing the response*

***To God the Lord raise hymns of praise,  
and with your lips proclaim His name.***

I will love the Lord, who / heard my prayer,  
Who inclined his ear to my / supplication:  
For he delivered my soul / from the grave,  
And wiped a / way my tears. **Response**

The Lord preserves the / meek of heart;  
I was brought low, / but he saved me.  
Return to your rest / O my soul,  
For the Lord has blest you / with his grace. **Response**

What shall I render / to the Lord  
For all his / loving kindness?  
I will take to my lips sal / vation's cup,  
And call up / on his name. **Response**

I will pay to the Lord our / God my vows  
In the presence / of his people;  
I will offer the sacri / fice of praise,  
And call up / on his name.

***To God the Lord raise hymns of praise,  
and with your lips proclaim His name.***

## **SECOND READING**

### **1 Peter 1.17–23**

<sup>1</sup> <sup>17</sup> If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. <sup>18</sup> You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. <sup>20</sup> He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. <sup>21</sup> Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

<sup>22</sup> Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. <sup>23</sup> You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

*At the end the reader says:*

This is the word of the Lord.

*All*      **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for:*

### **Gradual Hymn**

**O Holy Spirit, Lord of grace,  
eternal fount of love,  
inflame, we pray, our inmost hearts  
with fire from heaven above.**

**As thou in bond of love dost join  
the Father and the Son,  
so fill us all with mutual love,  
and knit our hearts in one.**

**All glory to the Father be,  
all glory to the Son,  
all glory, Holy Ghost, to thee,  
while endless ages run.**

*Charles Coffin (1676-1749)  
tr John Chandler (1808-1876)*

*Please remain standing for:*

**GOSPEL READING**

*When the Gospel is announced the reader says or sings:*

Alleluia, alleluia

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one;  
I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

*All* Alleluia, alleluia

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

*All* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Luke 24.13–35**

<sup>24</sup> <sup>13</sup> On that same day two of the disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup> but their eyes were kept from recognising him. <sup>17</sup> And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup> Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' <sup>19</sup> He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup> But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup> and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' <sup>25</sup> Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' <sup>27</sup> Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. <sup>28</sup> As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened, and they recognised him; and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?'

<sup>33</sup>That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup>They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

At the end the reader :

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*All* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please sit for:*

**SERMON**

## **LITURGY OF BAPTISM**

*The priest addresses the whole congregation*

Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me. Do not stop them'.  
We thank God for this child,  
who has come to be baptised today.  
Christ loves her and welcomes her into his Church.  
So I ask you all:

*All* Will you support her as she begins her journey of faith?  
**We will.**

*All* Will you help her to live and grow within God's family?  
**We will.**

*The president then addresses the parents and godparents*

God knows each of us by name and we are his.  
Parents and godparents, you speak for this child today.  
Will you pray for her, and help her to follow Christ?  
*All* **We will.**

## **THE DECISION**

*The priest addresses the parents, godparents and sponsors*

We all wander far from God and lose our way:  
Christ comes to find us and welcomes us home.  
In baptism we respond to his call.  
Therefore I ask:

Do you turn away from sin? **I do.**  
Do you reject evil? **I do.**

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour? **I do.**  
Do you trust in him as Lord? **I do.**

### **SIGNING WITH THE CROSS**

*The priest makes the sign of the cross on Violet's forehead saying,*

Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of his cross  
Do not be ashamed of Christ. You are his forever.

*All* **Stand bravely with him against all the powers of evil and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life**

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness  
and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ

*All* **Amen**

### **PRAYER OVER THE WATER**

*The priest stands before the water of baptism and says*

*All* Praise God who made heaven and earth,  
**who keeps his promise for ever.**

*All* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

We praise you, loving Father, for the gift of your Son Jesus.  
He was baptised in the River Jordan,  
where your Spirit came upon him  
and revealed him as the Son you love.  
He sent his followers to baptise all who turn to him.  
Now, Father, we ask you to bless this water,  
that those who are baptised in it  
may be cleansed in the water of life,  
and, filled with your Spirit,  
may know that they are loved as your children,  
safe in Christ for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The priest addresses the congregation*

Let us affirm with those being baptised today our common faith in Jesus Christ

*All*     **We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us  
with power from on high.  
We believe in one God;  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

## BAPTISM

*The priest baptises saying*

Violet Anne Margaret, I baptise you  
in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

*All*     **Amen.**

You have been clothed with Christ  
As many as are baptised into Christ have put on Christ

May God who has received you by baptism into his Church  
pour upon you the riches of his grace that within the company of  
Christ's pilgrim people you may daily be renewed by his anointing  
Spirit, and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory.

*All*     **Amen**

## **WELCOME**

*The priest introduces the welcome saying,*

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:  
Violet Anne Margaret by one Spirit  
we are all baptised into one body.

*All*     **We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;  
we are children of the same heavenly Father;  
we welcome you.**

*Please sit for:*

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*These responses may be used*

<i>All</i>	Lord, in your mercy <b>hear our prayer.</b>	<i>All</i>	Lord hear us <b>Lord graciously hear us</b>
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*And at the end*

*All*     Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

## **BANNS OF MARRIAGE MAY BE READ**

## **THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT**

*Please stand for:*

### **THE PEACE**

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said,  
'Peace be with you.'  
Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia

*All*     The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**  
Let us offer one another a sign of peace

*You are invited to exchange a sign of peace with your neighbour.*

*The offertory collection will be brought to the altar to be blessed.  
It will be used for the ministry, mission and outreach of the church.  
Please consider using the Gift Aid envelopes if you are able to do so.*

*If you give regularly via the collection when you attend Sunday worship in one of our churches, but are not with us every week, have you considered giving through the Parish Giving Scheme? It is very easy to do. Details are in the weekly Keeping Us in Touch leaflet or speak to any of our churchwardens*

## **OFFERTORY HYMN**

**Glorious things of thee are spoken,  
Zion, city of our God;  
he whose word cannot be broken  
formed thee for his own abode.  
On the Rock of ages founded,  
what can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded,  
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.**

**See the streams of living waters,  
springing from eternal love,  
well supply thy sons and daughters,  
and all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint, while such a river  
ever flows their thirst to assuage?  
grace, which like the Lord, the giver,  
never fails from age to age.**

**Saviour, if of Zion's city  
I, through grace, a member am,  
let the world deride or pity,  
I will glory in thy name.  
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,  
all his boasted pomp and show;  
solid joys and lasting treasure  
none but Zion's children know**

*John Newton (1725-1807)  
Isaiah 33, 20-21*

## Preparation of the Table

*The altar is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.  
The priest takes the bread and wine.*

Be present, be present  
Lord Jesus Christ,  
our risen high priest,  
make yourself known in the breaking of bread

*All*     **Amen**

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

*All*     The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

*All*     Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

*All*     Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is always right to give you thanks,  
God our Creator, loving and faithful, holy and strong.  
You made us and the whole universe,  
and filled your world with life.

You sent your Son to live among us,  
Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child.  
He suffered on the cross;  
he died to save us from our sins;  
he rose in glory from the dead.

You sent your Spirit  
to bring new life to the world,  
and clothe us with power from on high.  
And so we join the angels  
to celebrate and sing:

*All*     **Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Father, on the night before he died,  
Jesus shared a meal with his friends.  
He took the bread, and thanked you.  
He broke it, and gave it to them, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this to remember me.

After they had eaten, Jesus took the cup of wine.  
He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you.  
This is my blood,  
the new promise of God's unfailing love.  
Do this to remember me.

Great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

*All*

Father, as we bring this bread and wine,  
and remember his death and resurrection,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
that we who share these gifts  
may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.

Pour your Spirit on us  
that we may love one another,  
work for the healing of the earth,  
and share the good news of Jesus,  
as we wait for his coming in glory.

For honour and praise belong to you, Father,  
with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit:  
one God, for ever and ever.

*All*

**Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*The priest says*

Rejoicing in God's new creation,  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

*Please feel free to use either the traditional or the contemporary version as we pray together*

*All*      **Our Father, who art in heaven,    *All***  
**hallowed be thy name;**  
**thy kingdom come;**  
**thy will be done;**  
**on earth as it is in heaven.**  
**Give us this day our daily bread.**  
**And forgive us our trespasses,**  
**as we forgive those**  
**who trespass against us.**  
**And lead us not into temptation;**  
**but deliver us from evil.**  
**For thine is the kingdom,**  
**the power and the glory,**  
**for ever and ever.**  
**Amen.**

**Our Father in heaven,**  
**hallowed be your name,**  
**your kingdom come,**  
**your will be done,**  
**on earth as in heaven.**  
**Give us today our daily bread.**  
**Forgive us our sins**  
**as we forgive those**  
**who sin against us.**  
**Lead us not into temptation**  
**but deliver us from evil.**  
**For the kingdom, the power,**  
**and the glory are yours**  
**now and for ever.**  
**Amen.**

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The priest breaks the consecrated bread.*

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

*All*      **Though we are many, we are one body,**  
**because we all share in one bread.**

## AGNUS DEI

*All*      **Jesus, Lamb of God,**  
**Have mercy on us.**  
**Jesus bearer of our sins,**  
**Have mercy on us.**  
**Jesus redeemer of the world,**  
**Grant us peace.**

## GIVING OF COMMUNION

*The priest says the invitation to communion*

Draw near with faith.  
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ  
which he gave for you,  
and his blood which he shed for you.  
Eat and drink  
in remembrance that he died for you  
and feed on him in your hearts  
by faith with thanksgiving.

*All*     **Amen.**

*If you are confirmed or a communicant member of the Church of England or any other Christian church, you are welcome to receive communion with us this morning. Otherwise, you are warmly invited to come forward to receive a blessing. Please bring the service booklet with you or simply bow your head as you approach the altar so we know you wish to receive a blessing.*

*Gluten free wafers are available on request.*

*During the administration of communion the following will be sung:*

**We pray thee, heavenly Father,  
to hear us in thy love,  
and pour upon thy children  
the unction from above;  
that so in love abiding,  
from all defilement free,  
we may in pureness offer  
our Eucharist to thee.**

**Be thou our guide and helper,  
O Jesus Christ, we pray;  
so may we well approach thee,  
if thou wilt be the Way:  
thou, very Truth, hast promised  
to help us in our strife,  
food of the weary pilgrim,  
eternal source of life.**

**And thou, Creator Spirit,  
look on us, we are thine;  
renew in us thy graces,  
upon our darkness shine;  
that, with thy benediction,  
upon our souls outpoured,  
we may receive in gladness  
the body of the Lord.**

**O Trinity of Persons!  
O Unity most high,  
on thee alone relying  
thy servants would draw nigh;  
unworthy in our weakness,  
on thee our hope is stayed,  
and blessed by thy forgiveness  
we will not be afraid.** *V. Stuckley S. Coles (1845-1929)*

**ANTHEM:** A Clare benediction (Rutter)

**PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION**

Living God,  
your Son made himself known to his disciples  
in the breaking of bread:  
open the eyes of our faith,  
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

*All* **Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory  
Amen**

*Members of Sunday Club are invited to show their work to the congregation*

## **GIVING OF LIGHTED CANDLE**

*A lighted candle is given to Violet*

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness  
and has given us a place with the saints in light.

You have received the light of Christ;  
walk in this light all the days of your life.

*All* **Shine as a light in the world  
to the glory of God the Father.**

## **THE DISMISSAL**

*Please stand for :*

## **THE BLESSING**

The God of peace,  
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
that great shepherd of the sheep,  
through the blood of the eternal covenant,  
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,  
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father†, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

*All* **Amen.**

## **Final Hymn**

**We have a gospel to proclaim  
good news for all throughout the earth;  
the gospel of a Saviour's name,  
we sing his glory, tell his worth.**

**Tell of his birth at Bethlehem,  
not in a royal house or hall  
but in a stable dark and dim,  
the Word made flesh, a light for all.**

**Tell of His death at Calvary,  
hated by those he came to save,  
in lonely suffering on the cross,  
for all he loved his life he gave.**

**Tell of that glorious Easter morn,  
empty the tomb, for he was free.  
He broke the power of death and hell  
that we might share his victory.**

**Tell of his reign at God's right hand,  
by all creation glorified,  
he sends his Spirit on his Church,  
to live for him, the Lamb who died.**

**Now we rejoice to name him King,  
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.  
This gospel-message we proclaim,  
we sing his glory, tell his worth.**

*Edward J. Burns b1938*

*The priest says*

We are raised to new life with Christ  
Go in his peace. Alleluia, alleluia

*All* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia**

**Please stay for refreshments which will be served after the service.**

### **Evensong for Easter-tide**

The will be a Choral Evensong for Easter-tide at All Saints Church **this afternoon**, 5.30pm with tea and cakes from 4.45pm All welcome

**You are welcome to take this service sheet away with you  
for private reflection or to give to a friend.**

If you are visiting today or attending for the first time, we hope that you have felt “at home” here, that you will be refreshed by today’s service of worship and that you will return in the future.

We shall be delighted if you decide to make our church community your spiritual home.

**If you would like to know more about the Christian faith, please ask!  
You can also find out more by following the “Our Faith” link on the  
Church of England website: [www.churchofengland.org](http://www.churchofengland.org)**

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