

Parish of Central Windsor  
**SUNG EUCHARIST**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
(Sunday after Ascension)



**A warm welcome to St John the Baptist Church  
for our service 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**

**1 All hail the power of Jesu's name!  
let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem,  
to crown him Lord of all.**

**2 Crown him ye martyrs of your God,  
who from his altar call:  
praise him whose way of pain ye trod  
and crown him Lord of all.**

**3 Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,  
ye ransomed of the fall,  
hail him who saves you by his grace.  
and crown him Lord of all.**

**4 Sinners, whose love can ne'er  
forget  
the wormwood and the gall,  
go spread your trophies at his feet,  
and crown him Lord of all.**

**5 Let every tribe and every tongue  
to him their hearts enthral,  
lift high the universal song  
and crown him Lord of all.**

*Edward Perronet (1726-1792)  
and others*

*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

O God the King of glory,  
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ  
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:  
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,  
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us  
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever

*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 1.6–14**

<sup>1</sup> <sup>6</sup> So when the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, ‘Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?’ <sup>7</sup> He replied, ‘It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’ <sup>9</sup> When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup> They said, ‘Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.’ <sup>12</sup> Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away.

<sup>13</sup>When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. <sup>14</sup>All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

At the end the reader says:

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: 68. vvv1-10**

*The congregation is invited to sing the response*

***Sing to God, sing praises to his name.***

Let God arise and let his ene / mies be scattered;  
let those that hate him / flee before him.  
As the smoke vanishes, so may they va / nish away;  
as wax melts at the fire,  
so let the wicked perish at the pre / sence of God. **Response**

But let the righteous be glad and rejoice / before God;  
let them make mer / ry with gladness.  
Sing to God, sing praises to his name;  
exalt him who rides / on the clouds.  
The Lord is his name; re / joice before him. **Response**

Father of the fatherless, defen / der of widows,  
God in his holy / habitation!  
God gives the solitary a home  
and brings forth prisoners to / songs of welcome,  
but the rebellious inhabit a / burning desert. **Response**

O God, when you went forth be / fore your people,  
when you marched / through the wilderness,  
The earth shook and the heavens dropped down rain,  
at the presence of God, the / Lord of Sinai,  
at the presence of God, the / God of Israel. **Response**

You sent down a gracious / rain, O God;  
you refreshed your inheritance when / it was weary.  
Your people / came to dwell there;  
in your goodness, O God, you provide / for the poor. **Response**

## SECOND READING

### 1 Peter 4.12–14; 5.6–11

<sup>4</sup> <sup>12</sup> Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup> But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup> If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

<sup>6</sup> Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. <sup>7</sup> Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup> Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup> Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. <sup>10</sup> And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. <sup>11</sup> To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

*At the end the reader says:*

This is the word of the Lord.

*All*      **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for:*

### Gradual Hymn

**Come, let us join our cheerful songs  
with angels round the throne.  
ten thousand thousand are their tongues,  
but all their joys are one.**

**'Worthy the Lamb that died,' they cry,  
'to be exalted thus,'  
'worthy the Lamb,' our lips reply,  
'for he was slain for us.'**

**Jesus is worthy to receive  
honour and power divine;  
and blessings more than we can give,  
be, Lord, for ever thine.**

**Let all that dwell above the sky,  
and air, and earth, and seas,  
conspire to lift thy glories high,  
and speak thine endless praise.**

**The whole creation joins in one,  
to bless the sacred name  
of him who sits upon the throne,  
and to adore the Lamb.**

*Isaac Watts (1674-1748)  
Revelation 5.11-13*

*Please remain standing for:*

**GOSPEL READING**

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

Alleluia, alleluia  
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

*All* **Alleluia, alleluia**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

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

**John 17.1-11**

17 <sup>1</sup> Jesus looked up to heaven and said, ‘Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup>since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup>And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup>I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup>So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

<sup>6</sup>‘I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

At the end the reader says:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please sit for:*

**SERMON**

*Please stand for:*

## THE APOSTLES CREED

*Let us declare before God the faith of the church in which, we pray, we may all find grace to grow.*

*All*      **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,  
his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen**

*Please sit for:*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*These responses may be used*

*All*      Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

*All*      Lord hear us  
**Lord graciously hear us**

*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

God has made us one in Christ.

He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come, has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. 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

**Christ triumphant, ever reigning,  
Saviour, Master, King!  
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,  
hear us as we sing:  
*Yours the glory and the crown,  
the high renown, the eternal name!***

**Word incarnate, truth revealing,  
Son of Man on earth!  
Power and majesty concealing  
by your humble birth:  
*Yours the glory...***

**Suffering servant, scorned, ill - treated,  
victim crucified!  
Death is through the cross defeated,  
sinners justified:  
*Yours the glory...***

**Priestly king, enthroned for ever  
high in heaven above!  
Sin and death and hell shall never  
stifle hymns of love:  
*Yours the glory and the crown,  
the high renown, the eternal name!***

## **Preparation of the Table**

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

Heavenly Father,  
as we set before you these gifts of bread and wine,  
bless also the gift of our hearts and minds  
as we offer our lives in your service;  
for Jesus Christ's sake.

*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.**

Father, we give you thanks and praise  
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,  
through whom you have created all things;  
who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.  
By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;  
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,  
he lived on earth and went about among us;  
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;  
he put an end to death by dying for us;  
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;  
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

And now we give you thanks  
that, after he had ascended far above all heavens,  
and was seated at the right hand of your majesty,  
he sent forth upon the universal Church your holy and life-giving Spirit;  
that through his glorious power  
the joy of the everlasting gospel might go forth into all the world.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and singing:

**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.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the  
forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

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

*All*

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection  
and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.  
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
St John the Baptist, St Stephen, St Agnes, and all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;  
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
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*     **Lamb of God,  
You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us  
Lamb of God,  
You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God,  
You take away the sin 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:*

**Jesus shall reign where e'er the sun  
does his successive journeys run;  
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
till moons shall wax and wane no more.**

**People and realms of every tongue  
dwell on his love with sweetest song;  
and infant voices shall proclaim  
their early blessings on his name.**

**Blessings abound where e'er he reigns:  
the prisoner leaps to lose his chains,  
the weary find eternal rest,  
and all the sons of want are blest.**

**To him shall endless prayer be made,  
and praises throng to crown his head;  
his name like sweet incense shall arise  
with every morning sacrifice.**

**Let every creature rise and bring  
peculiar honours to our King;  
angels descend with songs again,  
and earth repeat the loud Amen.**

*Isaac Watts (1674-1748)  
Psalm 72*

**ANTHEM:** God is gone up (Croft)

**PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION**

Eternal God, giver of love and power,  
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world  
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:  
confirm us in this mission,  
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*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*

## **THE DISMISSAL**

*Please stand for :*

### **THE BLESSING**

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth,  
give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
and strengthen you to proclaim the word and works of God;  
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**

**Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,  
first-begotten from the dead,  
thou alone, our strong defender,  
liftest up thy people's head.  
Alleluia, alleluia  
Jesu, true and living Bread!**

**Here our humblest homage pay we;  
here in loving reverence bow;  
here for faith's discernment pray we,  
lest we fail to know thee now.  
Alleluia, alleluia  
thou art here, we ask not how.**

**Though the lowliest form doth veil thee  
as of old in Bethlehem,  
here as there thine angels hail thee,  
branch and flower of Jesse's stem.  
Alleluia, alleluia  
we in worship join with them.**

**Paschal Lamb, thine offering, finished  
once for all when thou wast slain,  
in its fullness undiminished  
shall for evermore remain,  
Alleluia, alleluia  
cleansing souls from every stain.**

**Life-imparting heavenly manna,  
stricken rock with streaming side,  
heaven and earth with loud hosanna  
worship thee, the Lamb who died,  
Alleluia, alleluia  
risen, ascended, glorified!**

George Bourne (1840-1925)

*The priest says*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*All* **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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

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.

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

**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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