



**THE PARISH OF
WITNEY**
St Mary
the Virgin



Corpus Christi
The Eucharist

Sunday 19 June 2022
10.45am

**We warmly welcome everyone
to Saint Mary's Church
in the Parish of Witney.**

We are an inclusive church embracing a hospitable Christianity. Everyone is welcome at this service. If you usually receive communion please join us - or please come forward to receive a blessing.

We are five Church of England churches, some large and some small, serving the town of Witney and the villages round about.

We are here to worship God and to help each other to grow in faith.

We are committed to living our lives in the love, joy and hope of the risen Christ.

You can find us in church, in schools, in hospitals, village halls, supermarkets, nursing homes, up late with the Street Pastors, at the toddler group... wherever people are.

**A particular welcome to any who join us as we keep the
Feast of Corpus Christi - giving thanks for the gift of the
Jesus feeding his Church with his Body and Blood.**

The Procession

As the sacristy bell sounds all stand for the first hymn

Let all mortal flesh keep silence
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded,
for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture -
in the body and blood -
he will die to all the faithful
his own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of light descendeth
from the realm of endless day,
that the powers of hell may vanish
as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph;
cherubim with sleepless eye
veil their faces to the Presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry,
Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, Lord most high.

Words: Liturgy of S. James
Music: PICARDY, French carol melody
in *Chansons Popularise* 1860

The Greeting

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

All **Amen.**

The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

The service is introduced

Praise and glory to you creator Spirit of God;
you make our bread Christ's body
to heal and reconcile
and to make us the body of Christ.
You make our wine Christ's living sacrificial blood
to redeem the world.
You are truth.
You come like the wind of heaven, unseen, unbidden.
Like the dawn
you illuminate the world around us;
you grant us a new beginning every day.
You warm and comfort us.
You give us courage and strength beyond our every day resources.
Be with us Holy Spirit in all we say or think,
in all we do this and every day. **Amen.**

The Confession

As we prepare to celebrate the mystery of God's love,
revealed in Word and Sacrament,
let us call to mind our sins:

Like as the hart longs for flowing streams,
so longs my soul for you, O God:
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

O send out your light and your truth,
that they may lead me:
Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

May we come to your altar, O God,
the God of our salvation.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

The Absolution

May the God of love and power forgive you ✠ and free you from
your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit and raise you to
new life in Christ our Lord.
Amen.

We then join in the song of the Angels in praise of God

The Gloria

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

Let us pray:

God ever faithful,
you have made a covenant with your people
in the gift of your Son,
who offered his body for us
and poured out his blood for the many.
As we celebrate this eucharistic sacrifice,
build up your Church by deepening within us the life of your covenant
and by opening our hearts to those in need.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

We sit for the first reading, Genesis 14.18-20 At the end

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

We remain seated as the choir sings first and we repeat:

See this bread; take and eat and live in me.

See this cup; take and drink, remember me.

I am the living bread, come down from heaven.

*All who eat my flesh and drink my blood
will live, will live for ever.*

I am the living bread, you shall not hunger.

*If you believe in me you shall not thirst,
but live, but live for ever.*

I am the living bread risen among you.

*If you believe in me though you die,
you will live, you will live for ever.*

You are the living bread, life for the world.

O Lord, to whom shall we go?

Your words, they live for ever.

Words and Music: David Haas

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We remain seated for the second reading, 1 Cor 11.23-26. At the end

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

We stand for the Alleluia which heralds the Gospel,
John 6.51-58.

The cantor sings first and the congregation then joins in.



All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

All Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *John*.
Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end

All This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

We sit for the sermon.

The Affirmation of Faith

**All We believe in God,
The Creator of all that we see, and all that we do not see.
We believe in Jesus Christ,
God become flesh;
in death the forgiver of sinners,
in rising the healer of the broken.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
God within us;
Comforter, Strengthener
and Friend.**

John Van De Laar

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

We are the Body of Christ.
In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace
and builds up our common life.

**All The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.**

Let us offer one another the sign of peace.

The Offertory Hymn

We stand as the Offertory Hymn is sung and the gifts of bread and wine are placed upon the Altar. The collection is also taken and presented. The bread, wine and money are all gifts from God and our offering of them back to God is a sign of the offering of our lives in the Lord's service.

Here we sing our great thanksgiving,
Tell again God's tale of love:
Sin undone, for Christ's self-giving
Breathes forgiveness from above,
Here we make our humble offering:
All we have, yet more we owe;
So the heavenly celebration
Finds an echo here below.

Here we take the bread from heaven,
Broken, torn, the crumbs we share;
Here we drink the living fountain,
Quench our thirst, our souls repair.
Here recall Christ's loving passion,
Arms spread wide, he bore our pain;
Suffering servant, scorned Messiah,
God's own loss has bought our gain.

Here Christ's love is shared among us,
All are welcomed, none left out.
Here God's reconciling Spirit
Brings an end to fear and doubt.
Let our hands be made for healing,
May our tongues speak words of peace;
Let God's justice rule for ever,
And his righteousness increase.

Here may we receive our mission,
Here accept your gracious call.
Speak again your great commission:
Show the Way of Life to all.
Send us, Lord, to live your gospel,
Christ's new body let us be.
Then at last around your table,
All may feast eternally.

Words: Ally Barrett
Music: ABBOT'S LEIGH CV Taylor (1907-1991)

Prayer over the Gifts

Let us pray:

Gracious Lord and God,
bestow upon your Church
the blessings of unity and peace,
of which these offerings
are the sacramental sign.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

It is indeed right and good,
our duty and our salvation
always and everywhere to give you thanks and praise
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our great high priest.
He offered himself to you as the Lamb without blemish, the
acceptable gift that gives you perfect praise.
At the Last Supper, seated with his apostles,
he left this memorial of his passion
to bring us its saving power until the end of time.
In this great sacrament you feed your people
and strengthen them in holiness,
so that throughout the world the human family
may be enlightened by one faith
and drawn together in one communion of love.
We come to this foretaste of your heavenly banquet
to be transformed by your grace
and restored in the image and likeness of the risen Christ.
Therefore earth unites with heaven
to sing a new song of praise;
we too join with angels and archangels
as they proclaim your glory without end:

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!**

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.*

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

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 Mary the Mother of God,
John the Baptist, John the Evangelist,
Frideswide 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.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Through Christ we receive adoption by the Spirit;
as sons and daughters of God we are bold to say:

**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 ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Priest breaks the consecrated host

We break this bread to share our unity with creation in Christ
and to share in the creativity of God.

All **Though we are many, we are one creation,
because we all share in the love of the creator.**

All **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.**

Here is the table of the Lord,
we are gathered to his Kingdom meal,
a foretaste of things eternal.
Come, when you are fearful, to be made new in love.
Come, when you are doubtful, to be made strong in faith.
Come, when you are regretful, and be made whole.
Come, old and young,
there is room for all.

We break the bread for the whole world. We invite all who seek God and are drawn to Christ, and all who walk the way of faith to come forward and receive the body and blood of Christ as directed by the Sidesperson. Or you are warmly invited to come forward for a blessing – please carry this booklet and bow your head. Gluten free wafers are available on request.

The Communion Hymn

We sit or kneel for the following

Soul of my Saviour sanctify my breast,
Body of Christ, be thou my saving guest,
Blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide,
wash me with waters gushing from thy side.

Strength and protection may thy passion be,
O blessed Jesus, hear and answer me;
deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me,
so shall I never, never part from thee.

Guard and defend me from the foe malign,
in death's dread moments make me only thine;
call me and bid me come to thee on high
where I may praise thee with thy saints for ay.

Words: Latin 14th century
Music: ANIMA CHRISTI

The Post Communion Prayer

After a period of silence, we stand with the Priest to pray

**Lord Jesus Christ,
bring us one day
to that eternal union with your Godhead,
which is prefigured here on earth
by our sharing in your sacred body and blood.
You live and reign for ever and ever.**

All **Amen.**

The Benediction

We then sit and pray before the Priest offers a blessing with the host and we sing the following song three times:

**All hail the Lamb, enthroned on high,
his praise shall be our battle cry;
he reigns victorious, forever glorious,
his name is Jesus, he is the Lord.**

Words and Music: Dave Bilbrough (b. 1955)

The Notices

We sit for the notices

The Blessing

We stand

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

Christ, who has nourished us with himself the living bread,
make you one in praise and love,
and raise you up at the last day;
and the ✠ blessing of God almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit be among you
and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Go in the peace of Christ.
All **Thanks be to God.**

The Recessional Hymn

Now from the heavens descending
is seen a glorious light,
the bride of Christ in splendour,
arrayed in purest white.
She is the holy city,
whose radiance is the grace
of all the saints in glory,
from every time and place.

This is the hour of gladness
for bridegroom and for bride.
The Lamb's great feast is ready,
his bride is at his side.
How blest are those invited
to share his wedding feast:
the least become the greatest,
the greatest are the least.

He who is throned in heaven
takes up his dwelling place
among his chosen people,
who see him face to face.
No sound is heard of weeping,
for pain and sorrow cease,
and sin shall reign no longer,
but love and joy and peace.

See how a new creation
is brought at last to birth,
a new and glorious heaven,
a new and glorious earth.
Death's power for ever broken,
its empire swept away,
the promised dawn of glory
begins its endless day.

Words: James Quinn b1919
Music: KING'S LYNN, English
Traditional Melody

Let us bless the Lord!
All **Thanks be to God!**

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