

THE PARISH OF  
WITNEY



St Mary  
the Virgin



The Blessed Virgin Mary  
**The Eucharist**

Sunday 14 August 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.

**If you are interested in becoming a part of what is happening through the church please speak to one of the welcomers afterwards.**

## ***The Procession***

*As the sacristy bell sounds all stand the first hymn*

Sing we of the blessed Mother  
Who received the angel's word,  
And obedient to his summons  
Bore in love the infant Lord;  
Sing we of the joys of Mary  
At whose breast that child was fed  
Who is Son of God eternal  
And the everlasting Bread.

Sing we, too, of Mary's sorrows,  
Of the sword that pierced her through,  
When beneath the cross of Jesus  
She his weight of suffering knew,  
Looked upon her Son and Saviour  
Reigning high on Calvary's tree,  
Saw the price of man's redemption  
Paid to set the sinner free.

Sing again the joys of Mary  
When she saw the risen Lord,  
And in prayer with Christ's apostles,  
Waited on his promised word;  
From on high the blazing glory  
Of the Spirit's presence came,  
Heavenly breath of God's own being,  
Manifest through wind and flame.

Sing the chiefest joy of Mary  
When on earth her work was done,  
And the Lord of all creation  
Brought her to his heavenly home;  
Virgin Mother, Mary blessed,  
Raised on high and crowned with grace,  
May your Son, the world's redeemer,  
Grant us all to see his face.

Words: GB Timms 1910-1997  
Music: ABBOTS LEIGH, Cyril Taylor 1907-1991

### ***The Greeting***

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

*All* **Amen.**

Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ  
born of the Virgin Mary, be with you

*All* **and also with you.**

*The service is introduced.*

### ***The Penitential Rite***

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good.  
Let us confess our sins and failings to God our merciful Father.  
Romans 12.9

We have done what was wrong in your sight  
And chosen what has displeased you;  
Lord, have mercy.

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

As a mother comforts her child so shall you comfort us;  
Christ, have mercy.

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

Let us return to you, for you know our every deed and thought;  
Lord, have mercy.

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

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

*All* **Amen.**

## ***The Gloria***

*We sing 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:

Almighty God,  
who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
and chose her to be the mother of your only Son;  
grant that we who are redeemed by his blood  
may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

*We sit for the first reading, Isaiah 61.10-end At the end*

This is the word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

## **Gradual Hymn**

*We stand to sing*

Give us the wings of faith to rise  
within the veil, and see  
the saints above, how great their joys,  
how bright their glories be.

Once they were mourning here below,  
their couch was wet with tears;  
they wrestled hard, as we do now,  
with sins and doubts and fears.

We ask them whence their victory came:  
they, with united breath,  
ascribe their conquest to the Lamb,  
their triumph to his death.

They marked the footsteps that he trod,  
his zeal inspired their breast,  
and, following their incarnate God,  
possess the promised rest.

Our glorious Leader claims our praise  
for his own pattern given;  
while the long cloud of witnesses  
show the same path to heaven.

Words: Isaac Watts

Music: BINGHAM

*We sit for the second reading, Galatians 4.4-7 . At the end*

This is the word of the Lord.  
**All Thanks be to God.**

### ***The Gospel Reading***

*We stand as the Choir sings the Alleluia which heralds the Gospel,  
and we repeat:*

Choir/cantor, then all repeat. All repeat once between verses if applicable.

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

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

*At the end*

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

*Luke 1.46-55*

***The Sermon***

*We sit for the sermon*

***The Creed***

Let us declare before God the faith of the Church,  
in which we pray we may all find grace to grow:

*All*     **We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down  
from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit  
and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living  
and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped  
and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### ***The Intercessions***

United with the voices of Mary and all the redeemed,  
we offer our prayers and praises to the throne of grace:

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

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

### **The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

### ***The Peace***

Jesus says to his disciples,  
'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you.  
Not as the world gives do I give to you.  
Let not your hearts be troubled or afraid.'

cf John 14.27

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

Let us offer one another the sign of peace.

### ***The Offertory Hymn***

*We stand as the Offertory Hymn is sung by the choir 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.*

Hail to the Lord's Anointed,  
great David's greater Son!  
Hail, in the time appointed,  
his reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression,  
to set the captive free,  
to take away transgression,  
and rule in equity.

He comes, with succour speedy,  
to those who suffer wrong;  
to help the poor and needy,  
and bid the weak be strong;  
to give them songs for sighing,  
their darkness turn to light,  
whose souls, condemned and dying,  
were precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers  
upon the fruitful earth;  
love, joy, and hope, like flowers,  
spring in his path to birth;  
before him, on the mountains,  
shall peace the herald go;  
and righteousness, in fountains,  
from hill to valley flow.

Kings shall fall down before him,  
and gold and incense bring;  
all nations shall adore him,  
his praise all people sing;  
to him shall prayer unceasing  
and daily vows ascend,  
his kingdom still increasing,  
a kingdom without end.

O'er every foe victorious,  
he on his throne shall rest;  
from age to age more glorious,  
all-blessing and all-blest.  
the tide of time shall never  
his covenant remove;  
his name shall stand for ever,  
his changeless Name of love.

Words: Psalm 72  
Music: CRÜGER, Johann Crüger, 1598-1662

***Prayer over the Gifts***

Let us pray:

Gracious God,  
bestow upon your Church  
the blessings of unity and peace,  
of which these offerings  
are the sacramental sign.

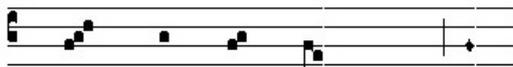
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



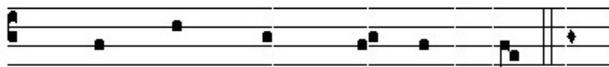
The Lord be with you



**And al-so with you.**



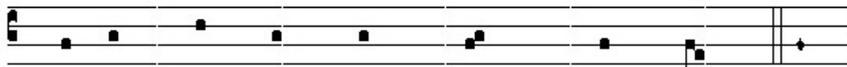
Lift up your hearts.



**We lift them to the Lord.**



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and good,  
our duty and our salvation,  
almighty Father, ever-living God,  
to proclaim the wonders you have worked in all your saints,  
and on the feast of Mary, ever blessed,  
to echo her praise of your loving kindness.  
For you have truly done great things  
and holy is your name,  
and your mercy is on those who fear you  
in every generation.

When you looked with favour on your lowly servant  
you remembered your promise of mercy  
and gave the world through her  
your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Through him the hosts of heaven adore you  
and rejoice in your presence for ever.  
May our voices join with theirs  
in the triumphant hymn of praise:

**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.**

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,  
Cecilia 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 for ever. Amen.**

## ***The Breaking of the Bread***

*The Priest breaks the consecrated host*

*All*      We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in the one bread.**

**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 in one kind, 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**

My soul is filled with joy  
as I sing to God my Saviour:  
you have looked upon your servant,  
you have visited your people.

*And holy is your name through all generations!  
Everlasting is your mercy  
to the people you have chosen,  
and holy is your name.*

I am lowly as a child,  
but I know from this day forward  
that my name will be remembered,  
ev'ryone will call me blessed.

*Refrain*

I proclaim the pow'r of God!  
You do marvels for your servants;  
though you scatter the proud-hearted  
and destroys the might of princes. *Refrain*

To the hungry you give food,  
send the rich away empty.  
In your mercy you is mindful  
of the people you have chosen. *Refrain*

In your love you now fulfil  
what you promised to our forebears,  
I will praise you God, my saviour.  
Everlasting is your mercy.

*And holy is your name through all generations!  
Everlasting is your mercy  
to the people you have chosen,  
and holy is your name.*

Words: based on The Magnificat  
Music: WILD MOUNTAIN THYME, Irish Melody  
Music: CORVEDALE

### ***The Post Communion Prayer***

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

**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 into the power of your Spirit**  
**to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

## ***The Notices***

*We sit for the notices*

## ***The Blessing***

*We stand*

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

May the love of the Holy Family surround us;  
May the joy that was Mary's refresh us;  
May the faithfulness that was Joseph's encourage us;  
May the peace of the Christ Child fill our hearts;  
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***

Father in whom we live,  
in whom we are and move,  
the glory, power, and praise receive  
of thy creating love.  
Let all the angel throng  
give thanks to God on high,  
while earth repeats the joyful song,  
and echoes to the sky.

Incarnate Deity,  
let all the ransomed race  
render in thanks their lives to thee  
for thy redeeming grace.  
The grace to sinners showed  
ye heavenly choirs proclaim,  
and cry: 'Salvation to our God,  
salvation to the Lamb!'

Spirit of holiness,  
let all thy saints adore  
thy sacred energy, and bless  
thine heart-renewing power.  
Not angel tongues can tell  
thy love's ecstatic height,  
the glorious joy unspeakable,  
the beatific sight.

Eternal triune Lord!  
Let all the hosts above,  
let all the sons of men, record  
and dwell upon thy love.  
When heaven and earth are fled  
before thy glorious face,  
sing all the saints thy love hath made  
thine everlasting praise.

Words: Charles Wesley, 1747  
Music: DIADAMATA, GJ Elvey, 1816-1893

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

*Everyone is welcome enjoy coffee after the Eucharist.*

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