

**THE PARISH OF
WITNEY**



**St Mary
the Virgin**



Trinity 10
**The Eucharist with
Baptism**

Sunday 04 August 2024
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 six 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 for the first hymn

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,
 ☩ first begotten from the dead,
you alone, our strong defender,
you lift up your people's head.
Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus, true and living bread!

Though the lowliest form now veils you,
 ☩ as of old in Bethlehem,
here as there your angels hail you,
branch and flower of Jesse's stem.
Alleluia, alleluia! We in worship join with them;

Paschal Lamb, your offering, finished
once for all when you were slain,
 ☩ In its fullness undiminished
shall forevermore remain,
Alleluia, alleluia! ☩ Cleansing souls from every stain;

Life imparting heavenly manna,
stricken rock with streaming side,
heaven and earth with loud hosanna
worship you, the Lamb who died,
Alleluia, alleluia! ☩ Risen, ascended, glorified!

GH Bourne 1840-1925
ST HELEN George Martin 1844-1916

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.

The Penitential Rite

Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess we have failed you as did your first disciples.
We ask for your mercy and your help.

Our selfishness betrays you:

Lord, forgive us.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

We fail to share the pain of your suffering:

Lord, forgive us.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

We run away from those who abuse you:

Lord, forgive us.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

We are afraid of being known to belong to you:

Lord, forgive us.

All **Christ, 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:

Let your merciful ears, O Lord,
be open to the prayers of your humble servants;
and that they may obtain their petitions
make them to ask such things as shall please you;
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, Exodus 16.2-4, 9-15. At the end

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn

We stand to sing

Hail redeemer, King Divine!
Priest and Lamb, the throne is thine,
King whose reign shall never cease,
Prince of everlasting peace.

*Angels, saints and nations sing:
'Praised be Jesus Christ our King;
Lord of life, earth, sky and sea,
King of love on Calvary.*

King whose name creation thrills,
rule our minds, our hearts, our wills
till in peace each nation rings
with thy praises, King of kings. *Refrain*

Shepherd-King, o'er mountain steep,
homeward bring the wandering sheep,
shelter in one royal fold
states and kingdoms, new and old. *Refrain*

Crimson streams, O King of grace,
drenched thy thorn-crowned head and face,
floods of love's redeeming tide,
tore thy hands, thy feet, thy side. *Refrain*

Eucharistic King, what love
draws thee daily from above.
clad in signs of bread and wine;
feed us, lead us, keep us thine.

*Sing all tongues, let none be dumb:
'Sacred Heart thy Kingdom come.'
To the King of ages then
honour, glory, love. Amen.*

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Laudate 320*

We remain seated for the second reading, Ephesians 4.1-16. At the end

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

The Gospel Reading
We stand to sing the Alleluia which heralds the Gospel (sing twice):



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.

John 6.24-35

The Sermon

We sit for the sermon

The Liturgy of Initiation

The Baptism

The Altar party moves to the Font and a Priest introduces the Baptism. The Candidate for Baptism Noah, is introduced

At our Lord's baptism in the river Jordan
God showed himself to all who have eyes to see and ears to hear.
The Father spoke from heaven, the Spirit descended as a dove

and Jesus was anointed with power from on high.
Here is the door of faith,
through which we enter the kingdom of heaven.
As children of God, we are adopted as his sons and
daughters,
and called out to proclaim the wonders of him
who called us out of darkness and into his marvellous light.

The Priest addresses the whole congregation

Faith is the gift of God to his people.
In baptism the Lord is adding to our number
those whom he is calling.
People of God, will you welcome *Noah*
and uphold *him* in his new life in Christ?

All With the help of God, we will.

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous
light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life
with him. Therefore I ask the parents and Godparents of *Noah* to
affirm with all those who are baptised:

Do you turn to Christ?

I turn to Christ.

Do you repent of your sins?

I repent of my sins.

Do you renounce evil?

I renounce evil.

May almighty God who has given you the desire to follow Christ give
you strength to continue in the way.

Signing with the Cross

*The sign of the cross is made on the forehead of each candidate
with the Oil of Catechumens, saying*

Christ claims you for his own.
Receive the sign of his cross.

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.
All: **Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ
against sin, the world and the devil
and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**

May almighty God deliver you
from the powers of darkness,
restore in you the image of his glory,
and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.
All: **Amen.**

The Prayer over the Water

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

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

Father, we give you thanks and praise
for your gift of water in creation;
for your Spirit, sweeping over the waters,
bringing light and life;
for your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
baptized in the river Jordan.
We bless you for your new creation,
brought to birth by water and the Spirit,
and for your grace bestowed upon us your children,
washing away our sins.
May your holy and life-giving Spirit
move upon these waters.
Restore through them the beauty of your creation,
and bring those who are baptized
to new birth in the family of your Church.
Drown sin in the waters of judgement,
anoint your children with power from on high,
and make them one with Christ
in the freedom of your kingdom.

For all might, majesty, dominion and power are yours,
now and for ever.

All Alleluia! Amen.

The Profession of Faith

Let us affirm, our common faith, together with *Noah* who *is* being baptized, our common faith in God:

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

All I believe and trust in God the Father.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

All I believe and trust in God the Son.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

All I believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit.

This is the faith of the Church.

All This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith,
that you may be rooted and grounded in love
and bring forth the fruits of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

The Baptism

Noah Brooklyn I baptize you
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Oil of Chrism is smeared as a sign of the outpouring of God's Holy Spirit

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. **Amen.**

Giving of Candle

A candle is lit from the Paschal candle.

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 Welcome

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism: by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.

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

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 a 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. You can give to the work of the Church by signing up to the Parish Giving Scheme, or by using these bank details - Witney PCC, Sort Code 20-97-48, Account Number 00971626. There is also a card reader by the North Door, 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.

Lord of creation, to you be all praise!
Most mighty your working, most wondrous your ways.
Your glory and might are beyond us to tell
and yet in the heart of the humble you dwell

Lord of all power, I give you my will,
in joyful obedience your tasks to fulfil.
Your bondage is freedom, your service is song,
and, held in your keeping, my weakness is strong.

Lord of all wisdom, I give you my mind,
rich truth that surpasses man's knowledge to find.
What eye has not seen and what ear has not heard
is taught by your Spirit and shines from your Word.

Lord of all bounty, I give you my heart;
I praise and adore you for all you impart:
your love to inspire me, your counsel to guide,
your presence to cheer me, whatever betide.

Lord of all being, I give you my all;
if e'er I disown you I stumble and fall;
but, sworn in glad service your word to obey,
I walk in your freedom to the end of the way.

Words: Jack Winslow (1882-1974)

Music: SLANE, Irish Melody

Preparation of the Table

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this bread to set before you,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.

All Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us the cup of salvation

All Blessed be God for ever.

Prayer over the Gifts

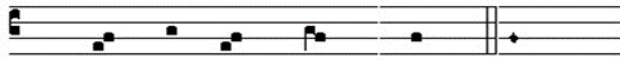
Let us pray:

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

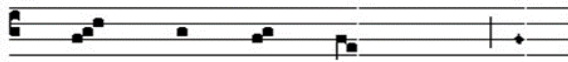
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



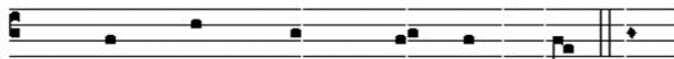
The Lord be with you



And al-so with you.



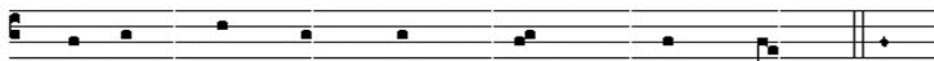
Lift up your hearts.



We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give thanks and praise.

The Eucharistic Prayer

You are worthy of our thanks and praise,
Lord God of truth,
for by the breath of your mouth
you have spoken your word,
and all things have come into being.

You fashioned us in your image
and placed us in the garden of your delight.
Though we chose the path of rebellion
you would not abandon your own.

Again and again you drew us into your covenant of grace.
You gave your people the law and taught us by your prophets
to look for your reign of justice, mercy and peace.

As we watch for the signs of your kingdom on earth,
we echo the song of the angels in heaven,
evermore 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 God, you are the most holy one,
enthroned in splendour and light,
yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ
you reveal the power of your love
made perfect in our human weakness.

Embracing our humanity,
Jesus showed us the way of salvation;
loving us to the end,
he gave himself to death for us;
dying for his own,
he set us free from the bonds of sin,
that we might rise and reign with him in glory.
On the night he gave up himself for us all
he 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.

Therefore we proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross,
we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb,
we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high
and we long for his coming in glory.

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption,
Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation
be to us ✠ the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
form us into the likeness of Christ
and make us a perfect offering in your sight.

Look with favour on your people
and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts...

Bless the earth,
heal the sick,
let the oppressed go free
and fill your Church with power from on high.

Gather your people from the ends of the earth
to feast with Mary, the mother of God,
John the Baptist, John the Evangelist, Kenelm,
and all your saints
at the table in your kingdom,
where the new creation is brought to perfection
in 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

I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved and free,
the life of Jesus to recall,
in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
a new community of love,
in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,
each proud division ends.

The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends.

Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one.

Words: Brian Wren, b1936

Music: ST BOTOLPH, Gordon Slater 1896-1979

The Post Communion Prayer

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

God of our pilgrimage,
you have willed that the gate of mercy
should stand open for those who trust in you:
look upon us with your favour
that we who follow the path of your will
may never wander from the way of life;
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 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.**

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

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.

Words: V. Stuckey Coles 1845–1929
Music: OFFERTORIUM, Michael Haydn 1737–1806

Let us bless the Lord!

All Thanks be to God!

***Everyone is welcome to greet one another and enjoy coffee
outside the church after the Eucharist.***



**Called to be a community
of mercy and kindness**

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