

**THE PARISH OF
WITNEY**



**St Mary
the Virgin**



Trinity 12
The Eucharist

Sunday 18 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

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 that sits upon the throne,
and to adore the Lamb.

Words: Isaac Watts, b1674
Music: NATIVITY, Henry Lahee 1826-1912

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

Turn back to the Lord, who will have mercy; in silence let us call
to mind our sins:

All **Almighty God,**

long-suffering and of great goodness:

I confess to you,

I confess with my whole heart

my neglect and forgetfulness of your commandments,

my wrong doing, thinking, and speaking;

the hurts I have done to others,

and the good I have left undone.

O God, forgive me, for I have sinned against you;

and raise me to newness of life;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

May the Father of all mercies

cleanse *us* from *our* sins,

and restore *us* in his image

to the praise and glory of his name,

through Jesus 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 and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray
and to give more than either we desire or deserve;
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid
and giving us those things which we are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and mediation of 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, Proverbs 9.1-6. At the end

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

We stand to sing

Sing all creation, sing to God in gladness,
joyously serve him, singing hymns of homage,
chanting his praises, come before his presence:
praise the Almighty!

Know that our God is Lord of all the ages;
he is our maker: we are all his creatures,
people he fashioned, sheep he leads to pastures:
praise the Almighty!

Enter his temple, ringing out his praises;
sing in thanksgiving as you come before him;
blessing his bounty, glorify his greatness:
praise the Almighty!

Great in his goodness is the Lord we worship;
steadfast his kindness, love that knows no ending;
faithful his word is, changeless, everlasting:
praise the Almighty!

Words: James Quinn b. 1919
Psalm 100 Music: Poitiers Antiphoner

We sit for the second reading, Ephesians 5.15-2. 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):



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

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

At the end

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

John 6.51-58

The Sermon

We sit for the sermon

The Creed

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 in the power of the Trinity,
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 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.

Christ is our cornerstone,
on him alone we build;
with his true saints alone
the courts of heav’n are filled.

On his great love our hopes we place
of present grace and joys above.

Here may we gain from heav'n
the grace which we implore,
and may that grace, once giv'n,
be with us evermore
until that day when all the blest
to endless rest are called away.

Oh, then, with hymns of praise
these hallowed courts shall ring;
our voices we will raise
the Three in One to sing
and thus proclaim in joyful song,
both loud and long, that glorious name.

Words: Latin, tr. John Chandler
Music: HAREWOOD, S.S. Wesley 1810–1876

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.

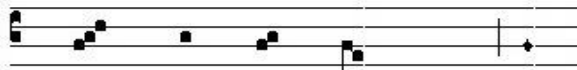
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



The Lord be with you



And al-so with you.



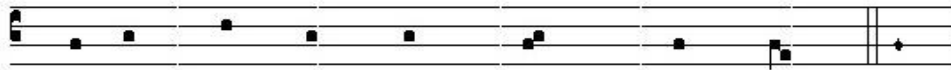
Lift up your hearts.



We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, Lord God,
our light and our salvation;
to you be glory and praise for ever.
From the beginning you have created all things
and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.
In the fullness of time you made us in your image,
the crown of all creation.
You give us breath and speech,
that with angels and archangels
and all the powers of heaven
we may find a voice to sing your praise:

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.**

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,
you embraced a people as your own.
When they turned away and rebelled
your love remained steadfast.
From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary,
to be the living bread,
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners,
and with a love stronger than death
he opened wide his arms on the cross.
On the night before he died,
he came to supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.
He broke it and gave it to them, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
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:

All

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

Father, we plead with confidence
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;
we remember his dying and rising in glory,
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you
these gifts of your creation;
may they be for us ✠ the body and blood of your dear Son.
As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,
form us in the likeness of Christ,
and build us into a living temple to your glory.
Remember, Lord, your Church in every land.
Reveal her unity, guard her faith, and preserve her in peace.

Bring us at the last with Mary the Mother of God,
John the Baptist, John the Evangelist, Kenelm and all the
saints to the vision of that eternal splendour
for which you have created us;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
by whom, with whom, and in whom,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

**All Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Made in God's image, and formed by God's love,
Let us pray in the Spirit as our Saviour taught us:

**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.

So come to this table
You who have much faith
And you would like to have more.
You who have been to this Sacrament often,
And you who have not been for a long time.
You who have followed Jesus.
And you who have failed. Come.

It is Christ who invites you to meet him here.
Wherever you are in your journey of faith,
you are welcome here at the Lord's table.

*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

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 give 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 melody in *Chansons Populaire* 1860

The Post Communion Prayer

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

God of all mercy,
in this eucharist you have set aside our sins
and given us your healing;
grant that we who are made whole in Christ
may bring healing to this broken world,
in the name of 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

Forth in the peace of Christ we go;
Christ to the world with joy we bring;
Christ in our minds Christ on our lips,
Christ in our hearts, the world's true king.

King of our hearts, Christ makes us kings;
kingship with him his servants gain;
with Christ, the Servant-Lord of all,
Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.

Priests of the world, Christ sends us forth
this world of time to consecrate,
this world of sin by grace to heal,
Christ's world in Christ to re-create.

Christ's are our lips, his word we speak;
prophets are we whose deed proclaim
Christ's truth in love, that we may be
Christ in the world, to spread Christ's name.

We are the Church; Christ bids us show
that in his Church all nations find
their hearth and home, where Christ restores,
true peace, true love to humankind.

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Words: James Quinn, SJ, b.1919
Music: AGINCOURT, English c15th Melody

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

Everyone is welcome to stay for coffee after the Eucharist.



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

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