



St Mary
the Virgin



Corpus Christi
The Eucharist
with Holy Baptism
Sunday June 7th 2026
10.45am

**Welcome to Saint Mary's Church
in the Parish of Witney.**

**A particular welcome to all joining us as we celebrate the
Baptisms of William and Millie.**

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.

If you are interested in becoming a part of what is happening through the church please speak to one of the welcomers afterwards. We also have Welcome Packs available with more information – please ask!

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As the sacristy bell sounds all stand

The Procession

Living Word of God eternal,
Laying claim to every age,
Jesus, speak through all our speaking,
Bring to life the Bible's page;
Let your Gospel, heard and heeded,
Set our course of pilgrimage.

Loving Saviour, whose embraces
Our true selves alone unmask,
In this fellowship's small compass
Train us for our common task:
By our love to grow more like you
And to dare what you will ask.

Living Bread come down from heaven,
Broken, shared, distributed,
Feed us, gathered at this table,
With your grace unlimited,
And as servants then employ us
Till this hungry world is fed.

Loving Spirit, praying in us,
Giving voice to all our sighs,
Show the wideness of your mercy
To deaf ears and blinded eyes;
Free our tongues to come before you
With our neighbours' joys and cries.

May your Word among us spoken,
May the loving which we dare,
May your Bread among us broken,
May the prayers in which we share

Daily make us faithful people,
Living signs, Lord, of your care.

Words: Jeffery Rowthorn, 1983
Tune: Regent Square

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.

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 children,
and called out to proclaim the wonders of him
who called us out of darkness and into his marvellous light.

Gloria in Excelsis

We sing together:

**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

Lord Jesus Christ,
we thank you that in this wonderful sacrament
you have given us the memorial of your passion:
grant us so to reverence the sacred mysteries
of your body and blood
that we may know within ourselves
and show forth in our lives
the fruits of your redemption;
for you are alive and reign with the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All Amen

The Liturgy of the Word

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians (*1 Cor.*
11.23-26)

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the
Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of

bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

The Gradual Hymn

Guide me, O my great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but you are mighty;
hold me with your powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.

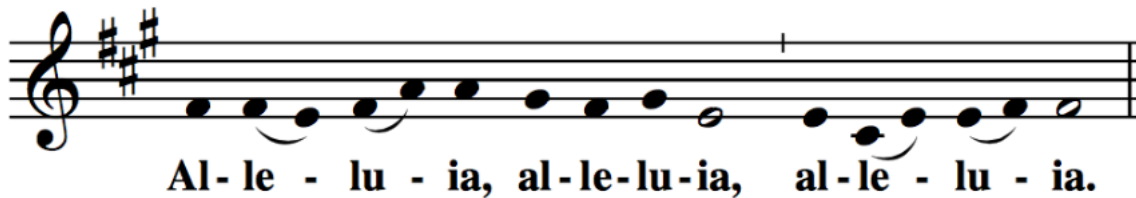
Open now the crystal fountain,
where the healing waters flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
ever be my strength and shield,
ever be my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's Destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever sing to you,
I will ever sing to you.

Words: William Williams 1717–1791
Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

The Gospel

We stand for the Gospel Alleluia:



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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.

Jesus said: 'I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' So Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.'

John 6.51-58

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

We sit

The Sermon

The Liturgy of Baptism

As the altar party moves to the font, all stand.

The priest addresses the 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 these children and uphold them in their new life in Christ?

All With the help of God, we will.

The priest then says to the parents and godparents

Parents and godparents, the Church receives these children with joy. Today we are trusting God for their growth in faith. Will you pray for them, draw them by your example into the community of faith and walk with them in the way of Christ?

All With the help of God, we will.

In baptism these children begin their journey in faith. You speak for them today. Will you care for them, and help them to take their place within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

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:

Do you turn to Christ?

All I turn to Christ.

Do you repent of your sins?

All I repent of my sins.

Do you renounce evil?

All I renounce evil.

The priest makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of each candidate, 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.

Prayer over the Water

Praise God who made heaven and earth.

All Who keeps his promise for ever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give him 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 Amen.

Profession of Faith

Let us affirm,
together with these who are being baptized,
our common faith in Jesus Christ.

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 him.

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 him.

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 him.

This is the faith of the Church.

**All This is our faith.
We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

The Baptism

The priest pours water over the head of each candidate, saying

William David James, I baptize you
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

Millie Lesley Gemma, I baptize you
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

The priest anoints each candidate with the Oil of Chrism, saying

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.

All Amen.

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 Giving of a Lighted 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.**

All sit or kneel

Intercessions

The Intercessor may use the response

Lord in your mercy

All Hear our prayer.

And at the end:

Merciful Father,

**All Accept these prayers
For the sake of your Son
Our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

All stand

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.

The peace of the risen Christ 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.

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There is also a card reader by the North Door,

All that we bring to the altar is a gift from God, and our offering back to God is a sign of the offering of our lives in the Lord's service.

Now, my tongue, the mystery telling
of the glorious body sing,
and the blood, all price excelling,
which the Gentiles' Lord and King,
in a Virgin's womb once dwelling,
shed for this world's ransoming.

Given for us, and condescending
to be born for us below,
he, with us in converse blending,
dwelt the seed of truth to sow,

till he closed with wondrous ending
his most patient life of woe.

That last night, at supper lying,
'mid the Twelve, his chosen band,
Jesus, with the law complying,
keeps the feast its rites demand;
then, more precious food supplying,
gives himself with his own hand.

Word-made-flesh, true bread he maketh
by his word his flesh to be,
wine his blood; which whoso taketh
must from carnal thoughts be free:
faith alone, though sight forsaketh,
shows true hearts the mystery.

Glory let us give and blessing
to the Father and the Son,
honour, might, and praise addressing,
while eternal ages run;
ever too his love confessing,
who, from both, with both is One. Amen.

Words: St. Thomas Aquinas, 1227–1274
Music: GRAFTON (Tantum Ergo)

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
All And also with you
Lift up your hearts
All We lift them to the Lord
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
All It is right to give thanks and praise

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.

Great is the mystery of faith
All 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,

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

Rejoicing in God's new creation, as our Saviour taught us, so
we pray:

**All 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

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.**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*All who are used to receiving Communion are welcome to do so here
– please make your way to the altar as directed by the Sidesperson.*

*If you do not wish to receive Communion, you are warmly invited to
come forward for a blessing – please approach the president carrying
this booklet. Gluten free wafers are available on request.*

The Communion Hymn

Around the table of the Lord
we meet, his love to share;
in broken bread and wine outpoured,
with penitence and prayer.

We learn again what Jesus said,
by faith his voice is heard;
and claim as ours the blood he shed,
in sacrament and word.

That body nailed upon the cross
in broken bread I see;
to save me from eternal loss
my Saviour died for me.

We here remember how he died
in bitter grief and pain;
until, in triumph glorified,
the Lord shall come again.

One church in thankfulness and love,
redeemed, restored, forgiven,
we taste on earth, with friends above,
the bread and wine of heaven.

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith
Music: STOCKTON

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray:

All praise to you, our God and Father,
for you have fed us with the bread of heaven
and quenched our thirst from the true vine:
hear our prayer that, being grafted into Christ,
we may grow together in unity
and feast with him in his kingdom;
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.

We sit for the notices

The Notices

The Blessing

Please stand for the Blessing

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,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

The Recessional Hymn

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your
health and salvation!

All you who hear, now to his temple draw near,
join in profound adoration.

Praise to the Lord, above all things
so mightily reigning.
Keeping us safe at his side, and so
gently sustaining.
Have you not seen
all you have needed has been
met by God's gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who will
prosper our work and defend us:
surely God's goodness and mercy
here daily attend us;
ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
who with his love will befriend us.

Praise to the Lord, O let all that
is in us adore him!
All that has life and breath,
come now in praises before him.
Let the Amen sound from
God's people again,
now as we worship before him.

Words: based on Joachim Neander 1650-1680
Music: LOBE DEN HERREN from Praxis Pietatis Melica,
German 17th Cent.

Let us bless the Lord
All Thanks be to God.

Everyone is welcome to stay for coffee after the Eucharist.



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