

**THE PARISH OF  
WITNEY**



**St Mary  
the Virgin**



Trinity 10  
**The Eucharist**

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):*



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 6.24-35*



*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.*

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

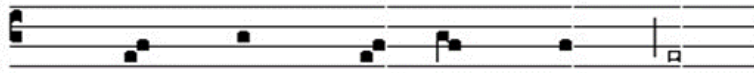
**All Blessed be God for ever.**

## *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.

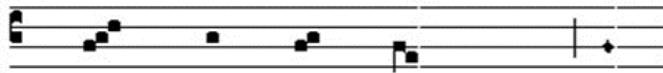
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



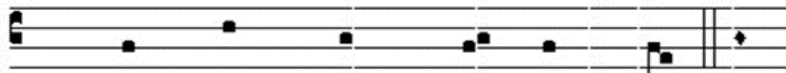
The Lord be with you



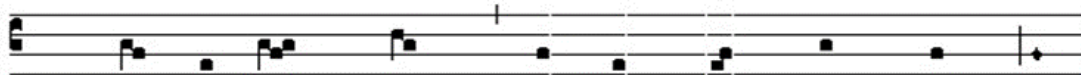
**And al-so with you.**



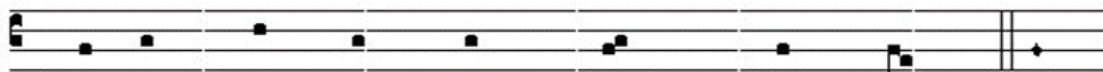
Lift up your hearts.



**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.***

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