

THE PARISH OF
WITNEY



St Mary
the Virgin



Trinity 19
The Eucharist
Safeguarding Sunday
Sunday 10 October 2021
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 for a fanfare as the procession moves into place and we sing the first hymn

Come, let us praise the Lord,
with joy our God acclaim,
his greatness tell abroad
and bless his living Name.
Lift high your songs
before his throne
to whom alone
all praise belongs.

Our God of matchless worth,
our King beyond compare,
the deepest bounds of earth,
the hills, are in his care.
He all decrees,
who by his hand
prepared the land
and formed the sea.

In worship bow the knee,
our glorious God confess;
the great Creator, he,
the Lord of Righteousness.
He reigns unseen:
his flock he feeds
and gently leads
in pastures green.

Come, hear his voice today,
receive what love imparts;
his holy will obey
and harden not your hearts.
His ways are best;
and lead at last,
all troubles past,
to perfect rest.

Voice of Faith 15 (Venite)
Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith
Tune: CHRISTCHURCH

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 Commissioning of an Ordinand

Today we welcome a new ordinand on placement with us in the parish. Katie van Santen is undertaking priestly formation at Ripon College, Cuddesdon. Please pray for her as she begins her time among us. Members of the congregation are invited forward to lay on hands and pray for her.

As you continue your priestly formation, we welcome you as you come among us to serve. You come to lead God's people in praise and proclamation. You are to set the example of the Good Shepherd always before you and to sustain the community of the faithful by your ministry and by word and sacrament. We pray for you as you join us, that we may be a blessing to you, and that you may be a blessing to us.

(silence)

All **May you be an isle in the sea,
may you be a star in the darkness,
may you be a staff to the weak;
may the love Christ Jesus gave fill every heart for you;
may the love Christ Jesus gave fill you for every one.
Amen.**

(from the Celtic tradition)

The ordinand is anointed:

I anoint you for your new ministry here. May God so strengthen you that you may bear pain and give life in your ministry here and in the years to come.

All **Amen.**

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 almighty God:

All **Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy, forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,**

and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

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:

God of wisdom,
whose word probes the motives of our hearts,
with you all things are possible.
let worldly treasure not keep us from Jesus,
who looks on us with love.
Free us to leave all things and follow him,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

We sit for the first reading, Amos 5.6-7,10-15. At the end

This is the word of the Lord.

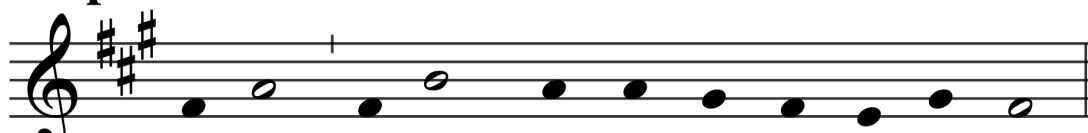
All **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Psalm

We remain seated as the choir sings a Gradual Psalm

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 22: 8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24



My God, my God, why have you a-bandoned me?

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We remain seated for the second reading, Hebrews 4.12-end .

At the end

This is the word of the Lord.

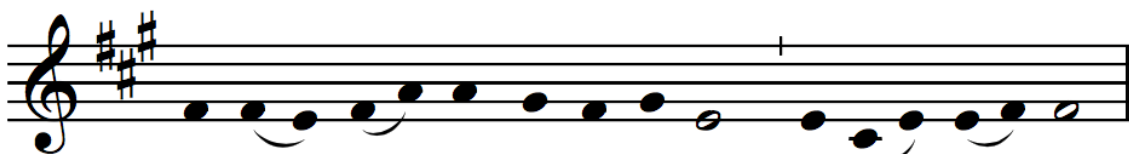
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The Gospel Reading

We stand as the Choir sings the Alleluia which heralds the Gospel,

Alleluia

Tone II



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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Mark 10.17-31

The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

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

At the end

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

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

To crown all things there must be love,
to bind all together and complete the whole.

Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts. *Colossians 3.14-15*

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.

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 veil 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!

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Prayer over the Gifts

Let us pray:

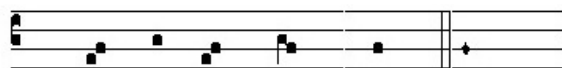
O Lord Jesus,
gentle and humble of heart,
full of compassion and maker of peace,
you lived in poverty and suffered persecution
for the cause of justice.
You chose the Cross as the path to glory
to show us the way of salvation.
May we who receive the gift of this sacrament live by your
example as heirs and citizens of your kingdom.

All **Amen.**

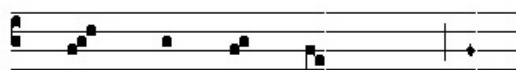
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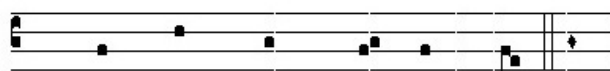
The Lord be with you



And al-so with you.



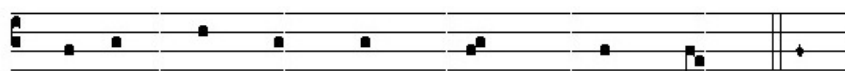
Lift up your hearts.



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.**

Gracious 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, Sigfrid 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

We break this bread to share our unity with creation in Christ
and to share in the creativity of God.

All **Though we are many, we are one creation,
because we all share in the love of the creator.**

**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 Hymn

*A new commandment I give unto you:
that you love one another as I have loved you,
that you love one another as I have loved you.*

By this shall all know that you are my disciples
if you have love one for another. *(Repeat)* *Refrain*

You are my friends if you do what I command you.
Abide in me: I will be with you. *(Repeat)* *Refrain*

True love is patient: not arrogant or boastful:
love bears all things, love is eternal. *(Repeat)* *Refrain*

Text based on John 13

The Post Communion Prayer

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

Grant us, God our Mother and Father,
a vision of your world as your love would have it:
A world where the weak are protected,
and none go hungry or poor;
A world where the riches of creation are shared,
and everyone can enjoy them;

A world where different races and cultures live in harmony and mutual respect;
A world where peace is built with justice,
and justice is guided by love.
Give us the inspiration and courage to build it,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

After Oscar Romero

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.**

The Notices

We sit for the notices

Safeguarding

As we keep Safeguarding Sunday any Safeguarding Leads who are present come forward in front of the Altar as we give thanks for their roles and pray together:

All **Loving Father God,
We come to you in the knowledge
that you hold all your children in unconditional love.
We lift to you those who are vulnerable
and in need of protection, give them your safety,
comfort and peace.
We cry to you for those who are hurting
and whose trust has been broken,**

give them your healing, restoration and justice.
We bring to you those who seek to forgive others who have hurt
them, give them your strength,
courage and hope.
For those who have caused your children to stumble,
lead them to seek your forgiveness
and to enter into true repentance.
Thank you for all who give their time,
knowledge, and skills to make our communities safer, give them
your wisdom, guidance and grace.
For ourselves, we ask you to give us your heart for the vulnerable,
the oppressed, the voiceless and the forgotten. Help us to see
them as you see them;
to value them as you value them,
and to nurture and protect them as you desire.
Help each one of us play our part in creating safer places for all
your people. In your name we pray. Amen.

The Blessing

We stand

The Lord be with you
All and also with you.

May God, who is present
in sunrise and nightfall,
and in the crossing of the sea,
guide your feet as you go.
May God, who is with you when you sit
and when you stand,
encompass you with love
and lead you by the hand.
May God, who knows your path
and the places where you rest,

be with you in your waiting
be your good news for sharing,
and lead you in the way
that is everlasting;
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

God, we praise you! God, we bless you!
God, we name you sovereign Lord!
Mighty King whom angels worship,
Father, by your church adored:
all creation shows your glory,
heaven and earth draw near your throne
singing 'Holy, holy, holy,
Lord of hosts, and God alone!'

True apostles, faithful prophets,
saints who set their world ablaze,
martyrs, once unknown, unheeded,
join one growing song of praise,
while your church on earth confesses
one majestic Trinity:
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
God, our hope eternally.

Jesus Christ, the King of glory,
everlasting Son of God,
humble was your virgin mother,
hard the lonely path you trod:
by your cross is sin defeated,
hell confronted face to face,
heaven opened to believers,
sinners justified by grace.

Christ, at God's right hand victorious,
you will judge the world you made;
Lord, in mercy help your servants
for whose freedom you have paid:
raise us up from dust to glory,
guard us from all sin today;
King enthroned above all praises,
save your people, God, we pray!

Christopher Idle from Te Deum
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Let us bless the Lord!
All **Thanks be to God!**

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



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



All organisations working with children, young people and vulnerable adults should operate and promote good working practice. This will enable workers to run activities safely, develop good relationships and minimise the risk of false or unfounded accusation. It will also help to safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults not only when they are participating in activities run by the organisation but also in their day-to-day lives.

For further details please see

<https://www.witneyparish.org.uk/policies/safeguarding>

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