

THE PARISH OF
WITNEY



St Mary
the Virgin



Trinity 9
The Eucharist

Sunday 01 August 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 all sing with masks on** the first hymn*

We sing a love that sets all people free,
that blows like wind, that burns like scorching flame,
enfolds the earth, springs up like water clear:
come, living love, live in our hearts today.

We sing a love, unflinching, unafraid
to be itself, despite another's wrath,
a love that stands alone and undismayed:
come, caring love, live in our hearts today.

We sing a love that seeks another's good,
that longs to serve and not to count the cost,
a love that, yielding, finds itself made new:
come, strengthening love, live in our hearts today.

We sing a love that, wandering, will not rest
until it finds its way, its home, its source,
through joy and sadness pressing on refreshed:
come, pilgrim love, live in our hearts today.

We sing the Holy Spirit, full of love,
who seeks out scars of ancient bitterness,
brings to our wounds the healing grace of Christ:
come, radiant love, live in our hearts today.

Words June Boyce-Tillman
Music: WOODLANDS, Walter Greatorex 1877-1949

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.

Praise and glory to you creator Spirit of God;
you make our bread Christ's body
to heal and reconcile
and to make us the body of Christ.
You make our wine Christ's living sacrificial blood
to redeem the world.

You are truth.

You come like the wind of heaven, unseen, unbidden.

Like the dawn you illuminate the world around us;
you grant us a new beginning every day.

You warm and comfort us.

You give us courage and strength beyond our every day resources.

Be with us Holy Spirit in all we say or think,
in all we do this and every day.

Amen.

The Penitential Rite

As we prepare to celebrate the mystery of God's love,
revealed in Word and Sacrament,
let us call to mind our sins:

Like as the hart longs for flowing streams,
so longs my soul for you, O God:

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

O send out your light and your truth,
that they may lead me:

Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

May we come to your altar, O God,
the God of our salvation:

Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, 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

The Choir sings 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:

Lord, giver of lasting life,
Satisfy our hunger through Christ, the Bread of life,
And quench our thirst with your gift of belief,
That we may no longer work for the food that perishes,
But believe in the One whom you have sent.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
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, 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

O breath of life, come sweeping through us,
Revive Thy church with life and power;
O Breath of life, come, cleanse, renew us,
And fit Thy church to meet this hour.

O wind of God, come bend us, break us,
Till humbly we confess our need;
Then in Thy tenderness remake us,
Revive, restore, for this we plead.

O breath of love, come breathe within us,
Renewing thought and will and heart;
Come, Love of Christ, afresh to win us,
Revive Thy church in every part.

O heart of Christ, once broken for us,
'Tis there we find our strength and rest;
Our broken, contrite hearts now solace,
And let Thy waiting church be blest.

Revive us, Lord! Is zeal abating
While harvest fields are vast and white?
Revive, us Lord, the world is waiting,
Equip Thy church to spread the light.

Words: Bessie Head, 1920

Music: SPIRITUS VITAE, Mary Hammond 1914

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 as the Choir sings the Alleluia which heralds the Gospel, and we repeat:

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

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

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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 Affirmation of Faith

Let us affirm our faith in the living God:

**We believe in God, all-loving, Creator of the heavens and earth;
Creator of all people who are made in God's likeness.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, God's Son, our Lord God made
flesh for all humanity; God made flesh in love and grace for
all creation.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit through whom the living Christ makes his presence known to all peoples and gives power to become a new creation, sharing in the gifts of God.

We believe in the Church which must be a sign of God's love and the coming of God's reign.

We believe in the reign of God when all creation will bear the fruits of God's love, and all people will sing the harmony of heaven.

And because we believe we commit ourselves to love, to dream, to pray, to reach out, to build, until the day when that hope becomes a reality. Amen.

El Salvadorian Affirmation adapted from Justo Gonzalez

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 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.

Here we sing our great thanksgiving,
Tell again God's tale of love:
Sin undone, for Christ's self-giving
Breathes forgiveness from above,
Here we make our humble offering:
All we have, yet more we owe;
So the heavenly celebration
Finds an echo here below.

Here we take the bread from heaven,
Broken, torn, the crumbs we share;
Here we drink the living fountain,
Quench our thirst, our souls repair.
Here recall Christ's loving passion,
Arms spread wide, he bore our pain;
Suffering servant, scorned Messiah,
God's own loss has bought our gain.

Here Christ's love is shared among us,
All are welcomed, none left out.
Here God's reconciling Spirit
Brings an end to fear and doubt.
Let our hands be made for healing,
May our tongues speak words of peace;
Let God's justice rule for ever,
And his righteousness increase.

Here may we receive our mission,
Here accept your gracious call.
Speak again your great commission:
Show the Way of Life to all.
Send us, Lord, to live your gospel,
Christ's new body let us be.
Then at last around your table,
All may feast eternally.

Words: Ally Barrett
Music: ABBOT'S LEIGH CV Taylor (1907-1991)

Prayer over the Gifts

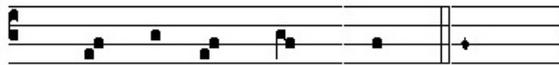
Let us pray:

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 Saviour.

All **Amen.**



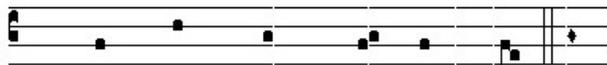
The Lord be with you



And al-so with you.



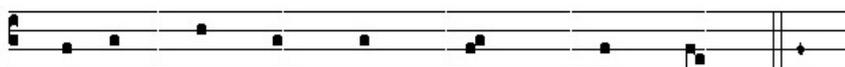
Lift up your hearts.



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

Ground of Being, great I Am,
your breath sweeps through the universe,
bringing life to life;
we praise you for your energy
and your intention for all creation.

In Jesus you displayed your love.
made known your wisdom,
and called us to yourself.

You wait and weep and sorrow
as we prefer self-interest to all that is good
for us, for others and for our world.

Yet reaching out with open arms
you draw us to yourself,
revealing the strength of love
where we see only weakness.

And so with all who,
through time, in our time and for all time
rejoice in your being,
we join our voices in a song of endless praise:

**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.**

Blessed is Jesus, the Bread of Life:
on the night when he was betrayed he took 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.

Blessed is Jesus, the Bread of Life:
Dying you destroyed death;
Rising you restored life;
Come to us, Lord Jesus.

Be with us now,
+ and breathe your Spirit into this bread and wine.
May we take them into our lives,
grow in Christ,
and be the breath of love
in our being and becoming.

Calling us to be like you in Christlike living,
fulfil in us all that you intend,
as in our lives,
and in community with Christ,
we worship you,
source and ground and purpose of our being,
now and throughout all ages.

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.**

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

The Choir sings the refrain and we repeat. The choir sings the verses and we respond with the chorus:

*See this bread; take and eat and live in me.
See this cup; take and drink, remember me.*

I am the living bread, come down from heaven.
All who eat my flesh and drink my blood
will live, will live for ever.

I am the living bread, you shall not hunger.
If you believe in me you shall not thirst,
but live, but live for ever.

I am the living bread risen among you.
If you believe in me though you die,
you will live, you will live for ever.

You are the living bread, life for the world.
O Lord, to whom shall we go? Your words, they live for ever.

Words and Music: David Haas L614

Gather around for the table is spread,
Welcome the food and rest!
Wide is our circle, with Christ as the Head,
He is the honoured guest.
Learn of his love, grow in his grace,
Pray for the peace he gives;
Here at this meal, here in this place,
Know that his Spirit lives!
Once he was known in the breaking of bread,
Shared with a chosen few;
Multitudes gathered and by him were fed,
So will he feed us too.

Text Jean Holloway (b.1939)
Music Trad Scottish Melody

The Post Communion Prayer

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

Mother of tenderness, as we have received the gifts of the Eucharist and been united with all you and all eternity, help us to find our purpose in life revealed, to know your streams springing from the font of your divine compassion deepened within us, and to be reassured forever that you find us worthy of your love. So we offer ourselves to you at all times and in all ways in the holy name of Jesus. Amen.

All **Amen.**

All **God of tenderness,
you fill the hungry with good things
and send the self-satisfied away empty.
In this Eucharist you have filled us
with the word and bread of life
of your Son, Jesus Christ.**

**Make us hunger now for his coming
in the hearts and homes of all.
Fill us with his Spirit of service
and self-forgetting love,
that, through us, he may come near to all people.
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.
Amen.**

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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

Go to the world! Go into all the earth.
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
baptising as the sign of our rebirth.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Go to the world! Go into every place.
Go live the Word of Christ's redeeming grace.
Go seek God's presence in each time and space.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Go to the world! Go struggle, bless and pray;
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.
As servant Church, you follow Christ's own way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
for I am with you 'til the age shall end,
when all the hosts of glory cry 'Amen'
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Words: Sylvia Dunstan (1953-93) © Laudate! 426
Music: SINE NOMINE, R. Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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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