

**The Church of England  
in Central Windsor**

**St Stephen & St Agnes Church**

**Eucharist of the Commemoration  
of the Faithful Departed**

**Fauré Requiem Mass**

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024**

*I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of  
heaven from God... He will wipe every tear from their eyes*  
*Revelation 21*

**May they rest in peace  
and rise in glory**

Welcome to St Stephen & St Agnes Church, the former established in 1871 and founded on the work of Canon T. T. Carter and the Community of St John Baptist (The Clewer Sisters).

Our Christian faith teaches us to believe that those who have died in the faith live on with Christ in heavenly glory. When we celebrate this Communion we affirm the doctrine of the “Communion of Saints” that is, we believe that as we gather around the altar we are joined by **“innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous already made perfect...”**

*Hebrews 12:22-23*

We are “in communion” with the angels and with the saints as we experience this ancient ritual meal, Holy Communion, the Eucharist or Mass, which takes us both back to that “last supper” celebrated by Jesus and his disciples and forward to the consummation of all things in the “heavenly banquet” we are called to share at the end of time.

The Eucharist we celebrate tonight has as its special “intention” or focus, all the souls who have gone before us, and all the company of heaven, in eternal praise to the Lord God Almighty. We are helped to do this by the Requiem Mass musical setting which tonight is by Gabriel Fauré.

**Be still and know that I am God.** *Psalm 46.10*

## PRAYER OF PREPARATION

*You may wish to use this prayer before the service begins*

*All*      **Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

*All stand as the Choir and Clergy enter in procession and we sing:*

The King of love my shepherd is,  
whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his,  
and he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow,  
my ransomed soul he leadeth,  
and where the verdant pastures grow,  
with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
but yet in love He sought me,  
and on his shoulder gently laid,  
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill  
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;  
thy unction grace bestoweth;  
and O what transport of delight  
from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days  
thy goodness faileth never:  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
within thy house for ever.

#### **THE GATHERING**

In the name of the Father†, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

*All*      **Amen**

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

## PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

*A minister says*

God has shone in our hearts  
to give the light of the knowledge of his glory  
in the face of Christ.

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels  
to show that the transcendent power belongs to God  
and not to us.

As we acknowledge our human frailty,  
we call to mind our sins of word, deed and omission,  
and confess them before God our Father.

*All* **Father eternal, giver of light and grace,  
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,  
in what we have thought,  
in what we have said and done,  
through ignorance, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We have wounded your love,  
and marred your image in us.  
We are sorry and ashamed,  
and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and lead us out from darkness  
to walk as children of light.  
Amen.**

## INTROIT AND KYRIE

*Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine,  
et lux perpetua luceat eis.  
Te decet hymnus, Deus, in Sion,  
et tibi reddetur votum in Jerusalem.  
Exaudi orationem meam;  
ad te omnis caro veniet.*

*Kyrie eleison.  
Christe eleison.  
Kyrie eleison.*

Rest eternal grant them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine on them.  
To thee praise is due, O God, in Zion,  
and to thee vows are recited in  
Jerusalem. Hear my prayer;  
unto thee all flesh shall come.

Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy

## **ABSOLUTION**

*The president says*

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All*      **Amen.**

## **THE COLLECT**

*The president says*

Eternal God, our maker and redeemer,  
grant us, with all the faithful departed,  
the sure benefits of your Son's saving passion  
and glorious resurrection that, in the last day,  
when you gather up all things in Christ,  
we may with them enjoy the fullness of your promises;  
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.

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

*Please sit for :*

### **First READING**

#### **Lamentations 3:17-26**

<sup>3</sup> <sup>17</sup> My soul is bereft of peace;  
I have forgotten what happiness is;  
<sup>18</sup> so I say, 'Gone is my glory,  
and all that I had hoped for from the Lord.'  
<sup>19</sup> The thought of my affliction and my homelessness  
is wormwood and gall!  
<sup>20</sup> My soul continually thinks of it  
and is bowed down within me.  
<sup>21</sup> But this I call to mind,  
and therefore I have hope:  
<sup>22</sup> The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,  
his mercies never come to an end;  
<sup>23</sup> they are new every morning;  
great is your faithfulness.

<sup>24</sup> 'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul,  
'therefore I will hope in him.'

<sup>25</sup> The Lord is good to those who wait for him,  
to the soul that seeks him.

<sup>26</sup> It is good that one should wait quietly  
for the salvation of the Lord.

*At the end the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

*All*      **Thanks be to God**

*Please stand for :*

### **Gradual Hymn**

**Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.  
Leave to thy God to order and provide;  
in every change, He faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend  
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.**

**Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake  
to guide the future, as He has the past.  
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;  
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know  
His voice Who ruled them while He dwelt below.**

**Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart,  
and all is darkened in the vale of tears,  
then shalt thou better know His love, His heart,  
who comes to soothe thy sorrow and thy fears.  
Be still, my soul: thy Jesus can repay  
from His own fullness all He takes away.**

**Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on  
when we shall be forever with the Lord.  
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,  
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.  
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past  
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.**

*When the Gospel is announced the reader says*

Alleluia, alleluia

'It is the will of him who sent me,' says the Lord, 'that I should lose none of all that he has given me, but raise them up on the last day.'

*All* **Alleluia, alleluia**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to John.

*All* **Glory to you, O Lord**

### **John 5:19-25**

5<sup>19</sup> Jesus said to the Jews, 'Very truly, I tell you, the Son can do nothing on his own, but only what he sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, the Son does likewise. <sup>20</sup>The Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing; and he will show him greater works than these, so that you will be astonished. <sup>21</sup>Indeed, just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whomsoever he wishes. <sup>22</sup>The Father judges no one but has given all judgement to the Son, <sup>23</sup>so that all may honour the Son just as they honour the Father. Anyone who does not honour the Son does not honour the Father who sent him. <sup>24</sup>Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and does not come under judgement, but has passed from death to life. <sup>25</sup> 'Very truly, I tell you, the hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*All* **Praise to you, O Christ**

### **THE SERMON**

### **INTERCESSIONS**

*Please sit or kneel*

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**

# LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

*All stand*

## THE PEACE

Jesus said: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.  
Not as the world gives do I give you.  
Do not let your hearts be troubled,  
neither let them be afraid.

*All*

The peace of the risen Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

## PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR

*The altar is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.  
Please sit for:*

*Domine Jesu Christe, Rex gloriae,  
libera animas defunctorum  
de poenis inferni,  
et de profundo lacu.  
Libera eas de ore leonis,  
ne absorbeat eas tartarus,  
ne cadant in obscurum.  
Hostias et preces tibi,  
Domine, laudis offerimus.  
Tu suscipe pro animabus illis  
quarum hodie memoriam facimus.  
Fac eas, Domine,  
de morte transire ad vitam,  
quam olim Abrahae promisisti,  
et semini eius.*

Lord Jesus Christ, King of glory,  
deliver the souls of the dead  
from punishment in the inferno,  
and from the infernal lake.  
Deliver them from the mouth of the lion,  
lest the abyss swallow them up,  
lest they fall into the darkness.  
Sacrifices and prayers to thee,  
O Lord, we offer with praise.  
O receive them for the souls of those  
whom today we commemorate. Make  
them, O Lord,  
to pass from death to life,  
as thou of old hast promised Abraham  
and his seed.

*Please stand for:*

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

*The president says*

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**



Father, we give you thanks and praise  
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,  
through whom you have created all things;  
who was sent by you in your great goodness  
to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;  
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,  
he lived on earth and went about among us;  
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;  
he put an end to death by dying for us;  
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;  
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.  
Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and singing:

And now we give you thanks  
because through him you have given us  
the hope of a glorious resurrection;  
so that, although death comes to us all,  
yet we rejoice in the promise of eternal life;  
for to your faithful people life is changed, not taken away;  
and when our mortal flesh is laid aside  
an everlasting dwelling place is made ready for us in heaven.

*Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus,  
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.  
Pleni sunt coeli et terra  
gloria tua.  
Hosanna in excelsis*

Holy, holy, holy,  
Lord God of hosts.  
The heavens and earth are filled  
with thy glory.  
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 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**

*Pie Jesu Domine, dona eis  
requiem, requiem sempiternam*

Merciful Lord Jesus, grant them  
rest, rest everlasting.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Uniting our prayers with the whole company of heaven let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

*All*      **Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen**

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

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,  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
dona eis requiem,*

Lamb of God,  
who taketh away the sins of the world,  
Grant them rest,

*Lux aeterna luceat eis, Domine, cum  
sanctis tuis in aeternum,  
quia pius es.*

Let light eternal shine on them, O Lord,  
with thy saints forever,  
for thou art merciful.

*Requiem aeternam, dona eis, Domine,  
et lux perpetua luceat eis*

Rest eternal grant them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine on them.

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper:

*All*      **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

## GIVING OF COMMUNION

*If you are confirmed or a communicant member of the Church of England or any other Christian church, you are welcome to receive communion with us this evening. Otherwise, you are warmly invited to come forward to receive a blessing. Please bring the service booklet with you so we know you wish to receive a blessing.*

*Gluten free wafers are available on request.*

*Libera me, Domine,  
de morte aeterna,  
in die illa tremenda  
quando coeli movendi sunt et terra,  
dum veneris judicare  
saeculum per ignem  
Tremens factus sum ego, et timeo dum  
discussio venerit,  
atque ventura ira.  
Dies illa, dies irae,  
calamitatis et miseriae,  
dies magna et amara valde.  
Requiem aeternam, dona eis, Domine,  
et lux perpetua luceat eis.*

Deliver me, O Lord,  
from eternal death,  
on that fearful day  
when the heavens are moved and the  
earth when thou shalt come to judge  
the world through fire.  
I am made to tremble, and I fear,  
when the desolation shall come,  
and also the coming wrath.  
That day, the day of wrath,  
calamity and misery  
that terrible and exceedingly bitter day.  
Rest eternal grant them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine on them.

## PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

*Silence is kept*

God of love,  
may the death and resurrection of Christ  
which we have celebrated in this eucharist  
bring us, with all the faithful departed,  
into the peace of your eternal home.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ,  
our rock and our salvation,  
to whom be glory for time and for eternity.

*All* **Amen**

*All* **We thank you, Lord,  
that you have fed us in this sacrament,  
united us with Christ,  
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet  
prepared for all peoples  
Amen.**

*In paradisum deducant te angeli,  
in tuo adventu  
suscipiant te martyres,  
et perducant te  
in civitatem sanctam Jerusalem.  
Chorus angelorum te suscipiat,  
et cum Lazaro quondam paupere  
aeternam habeas requiem.*

May the angels lead you into paradise,  
may the martyrs receive you  
in your coming,  
and may they guide you  
into the holy city, Jerusalem.  
May the chorus of angels receive you  
and with Lazarus once poor  
may you have eternal rest.

*A silence is kept*

*We stand and sing the hymn:*

**Angel voices, ever singing,  
round thy throne of light,  
angel harps, for ever ringing,  
rest not day nor night;  
thousands only live to bless Thee  
and confess Thee  
Lord of might.**

**Thou who art beyond the farthest  
mortal eye can scan,  
can it be that thou regardest  
songs of sinful man?  
Can we know that thou art near us  
and wilt hear us?  
Yea we can.**

**Yea, we know that thou rejoicest  
o'er each work of thine;  
thou didst ears and hands and voices  
for thy praise design;  
craftsman's art and music's measure  
for thy pleasure  
all combine.**

**In thy house, great God, we offer  
of thine own to thee;  
and for thine acceptance proffer,  
all unworthily,  
hearts and minds and hands and voices,  
in our choicest  
psalmody.**

Honour, glory, might and merit,  
thine shall ever be,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
blessed Trinity!  
Of the best that thou hast given  
earth and heaven  
render thee. Amen

## BLESSING

May the eternal God  
bless and keep us,  
guard our bodies,  
save our souls  
and bring us safe to the heavenly country,  
our eternal home,  
and the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

*All* **Amen**

Neither death nor life  
can separate us from the love of God  
in Jesus Christ our Lord

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

*Please remain standing as the clergy and choir recess*

If you are visiting today or attending for the first time, we hope that you have felt “at home” here, that you will be refreshed by this evenings service of worship and that you will return in the future.

We shall be delighted if you decide to make our church community your spiritual home.

**You are welcome to take this service sheet away with you for private reflection or to give to a friend.**

**If you would like to know more about the Christian faith, please ask! You can also find out more by following the “Our Faith” link on the Church of England website: [www.churchofengland.org](http://www.churchofengland.org)**

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