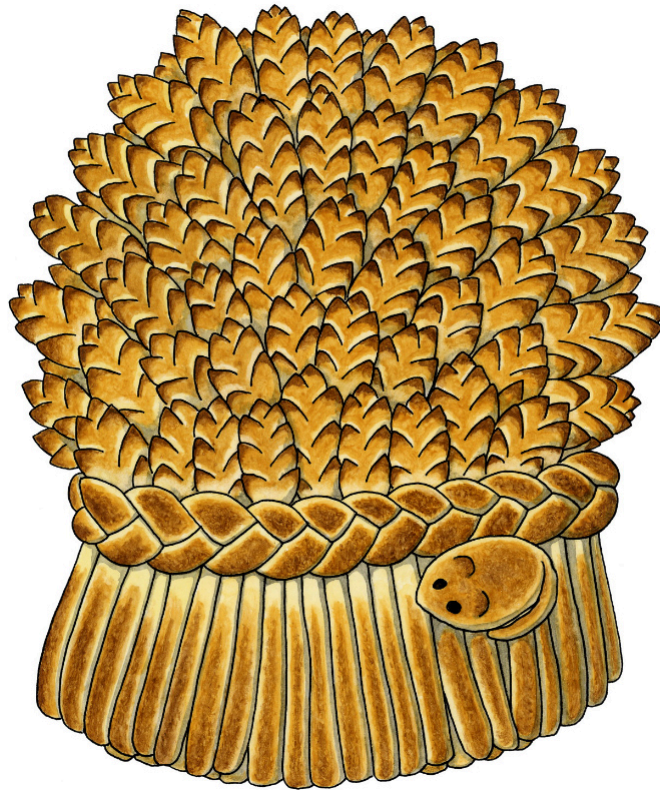


The Church of England  
in Central Windsor

# SUNG EUCCHARIST

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2024

HARVEST  
THANKSGIVING



**A warm welcome to Holy Trinity Church.**

On most Sundays we offer Sunday Club during the service. Children aged 3-11 are welcome to gather at the back of the church after the Collect on page 4.

Please don't feel embarrassed if babies and small children cry or make a noise.

*Please stand for:*

## **THE GREETING**

*The priest says*

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

*All*      **Amen.**

*The priest greets the people*

The Lord be with you

*All*      **and also with you.**

*Please sit for:*

**WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANY NOTICES**

*Please stand for:*

## **OPENING HYMN**

**We plough the fields, and scatter  
the good seed on the land,  
but it is fed and watered  
by God's almighty hand;  
he sends the snow in winter,  
the warmth to swell the grain,  
the breezes and the sunshine,  
and soft refreshing rain.**

***Refrain:***

***All good gifts around us  
are sent from heaven above,  
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord  
for all his love.***

**He only is the Maker  
of all things near and far;  
he paints the wayside flower,  
he lights the evening star;  
the winds and waves obey him,  
by him the birds are fed;  
much more to us, his children,  
he gives our daily bread.**

***Refrain:***

**We thank thee, then, O Father,  
for all things bright and good,  
the seed time and the harvest,  
our life, our health, and food;  
accept gifts have we offer,  
for all thy love imparts,  
and, what thou most desirest,  
our humble, thankful hearts.**

***Refrain:***

*Please remain standing for:*

## **PRAYERS OF PENITENCE**

Let us confess our forgetfulness of the needs of the poor and  
repent of the ways in which we waste the resources of the world.

We confess to you our lack of care  
for the world you have given us  
Lord have mercy,

*All* **Lord have mercy**

We confess to you our selfishness  
In not sharing the earth's bounty fairly  
Christ have mercy,

*All* **Christ have mercy**

We confess to you our failure  
To protect resources for others  
Lord have mercy,

*All* **Lord have mercy**

*The Kyrie Eleison is sung:*

*All* **Lord, have mercy, Lord have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy, Christ have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy, Lord have mercy.**

## **ABSOLUTION**

*The priest 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 GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

*All*      **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**

## THE COLLECT

*The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words:*

Let us pray  
*Silence is kept.*

Creator God,  
you made the goodness of the land,  
the riches of the sea  
and the rhythm of the seasons;  
as we thank you for the harvest,  
may we cherish and respect  
this planet and its peoples,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All*      **Amen**

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Please sit for :*

## First READING

### Joel 2.21–27

<sup>21</sup> Do not fear, O soil;

be glad and rejoice,

for the Lord has done great things!

<sup>22</sup> Do not fear, you animals of the field,

for the pastures of the wilderness are green;

the tree bears its fruit,

the fig tree and vine give their full yield.

<sup>23</sup> O children of Zion, be glad

and rejoice in the Lord your God;

for he has given the early rain for your vindication,

he has poured down for you abundant rain,

the early and the later rain, as before.

<sup>24</sup> The threshing-floors shall be full of grain,

the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

<sup>25</sup> I will repay you for the years

that the swarming locust has eaten,

the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,

my great army, which I sent against you.

<sup>26</sup> You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,

and praise the name of the Lord your God,

who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

<sup>27</sup> You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,

and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other.

And my people shall never again

be put to shame.

At the end the reader says:

This is the word of the Lord.

*All*      **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 67

*The congregation is invited to join in with the Response*

***Let the peoples praise you, O God, let all the peoples praise you***

God be gracious to us and bless us and  
make his face to / shine upon us,  
that your way may be / known upon earth,  
your saving power a / mong all nations.  
Let the peoples praise / you, O God;  
let all the / peoples praise you. ***Response***

O let the nations rejoice / and be glad,  
for you will judge the peoples righteously  
and govern the nations / upon earth.  
Let the peoples praise / you, O God;  
let all the / peoples praise you. ***Response***

Then shall the earth bring / forth her increase,  
and God, our own / God, will bless us.  
God / will bless us,  
and all the ends of the / earth shall fear him. ***Response***

## SECOND READING

### 1 Timothy 6.6–10

6 <sup>6</sup>There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; <sup>7</sup>for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; <sup>8</sup>but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. <sup>9</sup>But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup>For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

At the end the reader says:

This is the word of the Lord.

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

*Please stand for :*

## GRADUAL HYMN

We see the fruitful harvest  
our gracious God provides  
and how, in his abundance,  
our needs are satisfied.  
He sends the yearly seasons,  
and feeds with joy and care;  
pure light and living water  
poured out for all to share.

*Lord of all the harvest,  
creation brings you praise,  
so we will join the joyful song,  
of everything you've made.*

This world of revelation  
unfolds before our eyes.  
The birds sing out God's glories,  
his wisdom fills the skies.  
The seeds are sown to teach us,  
of death that leads to life.  
The fruitful trees remind us,  
to live each day in Christ.

*Lord of all the harvest,*

There is another harvest,  
the workers are so few.  
We'll tend the seeds he's planted,  
and see his word bear fruit.  
Creation groans in longing,  
for earth to be restored.  
That day of celebration:  
the harvest of the Lord.

*Lord of all the harvest,*

*Please remain standing for:*

## **GOSPEL READING**

*When the Gospel is announced the reader says or sings:*

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

### **Matthew 6.25–33**

6<sup>25</sup> Jesus said to his disciples, ‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup>Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? <sup>27</sup>And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? <sup>28</sup>And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup>yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. <sup>30</sup>But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? <sup>31</sup>Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” <sup>32</sup>For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. <sup>33</sup>But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.’

At the end the reader says:

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

*Please sit for:*

## **SERMON**

### **THE APOSTLES CREED**

*Let us declare before God the faith of the church in which, we pray, we may all find grace to grow.*

*All* **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,  
his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**



On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
**Amen**

*Please sit or kneel for:*

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*These responses may be used*

*All* Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

*All* Lord hear us  
**Lord graciously hear us**

*And at the end*

*All* Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

## **THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT**

*Please stand for:*

### **THE PEACE**

The harvest of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,  
patience, kindness, goodness,  
faithfulness, gentleness and self-control

*All* The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**  
Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*You are invited to exchange a sign of peace with your neighbour.*

*The offertory collection will be brought to the altar to be blessed.  
It will be used for the ministry, mission and outreach of the church.  
Please consider using the Gift Aid envelopes if you are able to do so.*

*If you give regularly via the collection when you attend Sunday worship in one of our churches, but are not with us every week, have you considered giving through the Parish Giving Scheme? It is very easy to do. Details are in the weekly Keeping Us in Touch leaflet or speak to any of our churchwardens*

## OFFERTORY HYMN

**Come, ye thankful people, come,  
raise the song of harvest home;  
all be safely gathered in,  
ere the winter storms begin;  
God our Maker doth provide  
for our wants to be supplied;  
come to God's own temple, come,  
raise the song of harvest-home!**

**All the world is God's own field,  
fruit unto his praise to yield;  
wheat and tares together sown  
unto joy or sorrow grown;  
first the blade and then the ear,  
then the full corn shall appear;  
grant O harvest Lord that we  
wholesome grain and pure may be.**

**For the Lord our God shall come,  
and shall take his harvest home;  
from his field shall purge away  
all that doth offend, that day,  
give his angels charge at last  
in the fire the tares to cast;  
but the fruitful ears to store  
in his garner evermore.**

**Then, thou Church Triumphant come,  
raise the song of harvest-home;  
all be safely gathered in,  
free from sorrow, free from sin,  
there, forever to purified,  
in God's garner to abide;  
come, ten thousand angels come,  
raise the glorious harvest home.**

## PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

*The altar is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.  
The priest takes the bread and wine.*

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,  
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;  
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

*All* **All things come from you,  
and of your own do we give you.**

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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

*All* Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

*All* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**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:

*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  
**Christ has died:**  
**Christ is risen:**  
**Christ will come again.**

All

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 the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
St John the Baptist, St Stephen, St Agnes, 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

*Please feel free to use either the traditional or the contemporary version as we pray together*

*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.**

*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.**

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The priest 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

*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.**

## GIVING OF COMMUNION

Draw near with faith.  
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ  
which he gave for you,  
and his blood which he shed for you.  
Eat and drink  
in remembrance that he died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts  
by faith with thanksgiving.

*All*      **Amen.**

*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 morning. 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.*

*During the administration of communion the following will be sung*

**For the fruits of his creation,  
thanks be to God  
for his gifts to every nation,  
thanks be to God  
for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safekeeping,  
thanks be to God.**

**In the just reward of labour,  
God's will is done;  
in the help we give our neighbour,  
God's will is done  
in our worldwide task of caring  
for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing,  
God's will be done.**

**For the harvests of his Spirit,  
thanks be to God  
for the good we all inherit,  
thanks be to God  
for the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all that love has found us,  
thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM:** Thou visitest the earth (*Greene*)

## **PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION**

Lord of the harvest,  
with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation  
and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom:  
by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us  
and make us generous and wise stewards  
of the good things we enjoy;  
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**

*Members of Sunday Club are invited to show their work to the  
congregation*

## **THE DISMISSAL**

*The priest says*

### **THE BLESSING**

May God our creator,  
who clothes the lilies and feeds the birds of the air,  
bestow on you his care  
and increase the harvest of your righteousness,  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father†, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

*All* **Amen.**

### **FINAL HYMN**

**You shall go out with joy  
and be led forth with peace,  
and the mountains and the hills  
shall break forth before you.  
There'll be shouts of joy  
and the trees of the field  
shall clap, shall clap their hands.**

***And the trees of the field shall clap their hands,  
and the trees of the field shall clap their hands,  
and the trees of the field shall clap their hands,  
and you'll go out with joy.***

*The priest says*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

*The ministers and people depart.*

**Please stay for special refreshments  
which will be served after the service.**

**Please join us for Choral Evensong for Harvest Thanksgiving  
this afternoon at All Saints' Church at 5:30pm  
(tea and cake served from 4:45pm).**

This afternoon will also be Adrian and Veronica Stabbins's last service with us. After a lifetime's example of service to the church and whole community in Windsor and indeed in many parts of the world, not least through their work with Mercy Ships and Polio eradication, Adrian & Veronica are moving to be near their daughter in Winchester.  
Please do come along to say goodbye and wish them well.

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 today's 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)**

**Team Website**  
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