

University Church

Sung Eucharist for Climate Sunday

The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 19 September 2021

10.30am

Please take this booklet away with you

Welcome to the University Church of St Mary the Virgin, Oxford. We are delighted that you have joined us today as we reflect on the gift of creation and pray for COP26 meeting in Glasgow this autumn. The Revd Dr William Lamb, the Vicar, is presiding and the Revd Charlotte Bannister-Parker, Associate Priest, is preaching this morning. The Mass Setting is the *Communion Setting* by Geoffrey Webber, led by the voluntary choir, under the direction of Robert Howarth. The organ music is played by Jonathan White.

PUBLIC HEALTH: SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS

Please note that special arrangements are in place this morning to ensure that the risk of infection by Coronavirus is reduced as much as possible. **Please follow the direction of stewards at all times, using the hand sanitiser provided. While the infection rate remains high in central Oxford, we encourage members of the congregation to continue wearing masks.**

There are no seating restrictions in the nave, but please note that an area in the north aisle is reserved where social distancing remains in place and mask wearing is strongly encouraged. To protect the most vulnerable, there is no sharing of the common cup at this time. Communion is in one kind and should be received in your hands in silence. Refreshments will be available in the garden in Radcliffe Square after the service.

INFORMATION ABOUT ST MARY'S

The University Church is a Christian church within the Church of England and we welcome people of all Christian traditions as well as people of other faiths, and those of little or no faith. If you are new and would like to receive our weekly e-newsletter about events and services at St Mary's, sign up at universitychurch.ox.ac.uk/content/keeping-touch.

Lavatories, including accessible provision, are situated at the West End of the Nave behind the glass brick screen. Entry is on the North Side.

To enable our worship to be uninterrupted, please ensure that all mobile phones and other electronic devices are switched off before and during the service. You are kindly requested to refrain from making any audio or visual recording of any part of this service without the written permission of the Vicar. If you would like to attend any events or find out further information about activities at the University Church, please email: admin@universitychurch.ox.ac.uk.



An induction loop is available in the nave area for those who are hard of hearing. Please turn your hearing aid to the 'T' setting.



Large print copies of this booklet are available. Please ask the stewards

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Largo e spiccato
from Concerto in D minor, BWV 596 - J S Bach (1685-1750)

THE GATHERING

INTROIT HYMN

Please stand



All creatures of our God and King
lift up your voice and with us sing: Alleluia, alleluia.

Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam,

O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
ye clouds that sail in heaven along, O praise him, alleluia.

Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
ye lights of evening, find a voice:

O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All ye who are of tender heart,
forgiving others, take your part, O sing ye alleluia.

Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
praise God and on him cast your care:

O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness; O praise him, alleluia.

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One:

O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

All Amen.

President The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Words of welcome may be offered

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.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

President Let us confess our our failings and our fears,
and ask him to make us free.

Please sit or kneel

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 the environment.
Lord have mercy.

All Lord have mercy.

President 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.

Please stand

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Organ

Glo - ry to_ God in the high - est, and peace
to his people on earth. Lord God, heav'nly King, al - migh ty God and



Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we_ give you thanks, we praise you for your
glo- ry. Lord Je sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the_ sins of the world: have
mer - cy on us: you are sea - ted at the right hand of the_
Fa-ther: re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho ly
Spi - rit in the glo - ry of_ God the_ Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT

President Glorious God, the whole creation proclaims your marvellous work: increase in us a capacity to wonder and delight in it, that heaven's praise may echo in our hearts and our lives be spent as good stewards of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Please sit

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Genesis 1.1-25

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.' And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Reader For the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN

Please stand

For the beauty of the earth,
 for the beauty of the skies,
 for the love which from our birth
 over and around us lies:

*Lord of all, to thee we raise
 this our hymn of thanks and praise.*

For the beauty of each hour
 of the day and of the night,
 hill and vale, and tree and flower,
 sun and moon and stars of light: *Refrain*

For each perfect gift divine
 to our race so freely given,
 joys bestowed by love's design,
 flowers of earth and fruits of heaven: *Refrain*

For thy people, by whose care,
 thy great love is brought to bear;
 in forgiveness, hurt and hope,
 all thy gifts of love we share: *Refrain*

Words: F.S. Pierpoint (1835-1917)

Tune: ENGLAND'S LANE, from a folk song by Geoffrey Shaw (1879-1943) (NEH 285.i)

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please remain standing

President Alleluia, alleluia. You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive
 glory and honour and power, for you created all things.

All **Alleluia!**

THE GOSPEL

John 1.1-5

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

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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

President This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON The Revd Charlotte Bannister-Parker

Please sit

THE NICENE CREED

Please stand

President Let us declare the faith in which we seek to grow.

All **We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.**

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Please sit or kneel

President Let us bring to God the needs of the world, the life of his Church, and the longings of our hearts.

All Lord, in your mercy: *or* Lord, hear us.
hear our prayer. Lord, graciously hear us.

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

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

THE PEACE

Please stand

President You shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you.

President Let us greet each other in the peace of Christ.

All may exchange a sign of peace by saying 'Peace be with you!' Please refrain from any physical contact with people outside your household.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Please remain standing



Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not,
as thou hast been thou for ever wilt be.

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided -
great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.*

Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. *Refrain*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*

*During this hymn the altar is prepared. If you would like to support the ministry of the University Church, you may wish to make a donation by using the contactless card machine by the High Street entrance or by sending a text: Text "SMV X" to **70085** to donate £X. For example "SMV 5" to 70085 will donate £5.00. Texts cost £X plus one standard rate message. If you wish to make a cash donation, please ask a steward for a Gift Aid envelope. Thank you!*

President As the grain once scattered in the fields and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside are now reunited on this table in bread and wine, so Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together from the corners of the earth into your kingdom.

All Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Please stand

President The Lord be with you.

All and also with you.

President Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

President Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

President Blessed are you, Lord God, our light and our salvation; to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all things and all your works echo the silent music of your praise. In the fullness of time you made us in your image, the crown of all creation. You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels and all the powers of heaven we may find a voice to sing your praise:

Organ All

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bles - sed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho -
san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

President How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord. As a mother tenderly gathers her children, you embraced a people as your own. When they turned away and rebelled your love remained steadfast. From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary, to be the living bread, in whom all our hungers are satisfied. He offered his life for sinners, and with a love stronger than death he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died, he came to supper with his friends and, taking bread, he gave you thanks. He broke it and gave it to them, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said:

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.

President Father, we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross; we remember his dying and rising in glory, and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you these gifts of your creation; may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son. As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence, form us in the likeness of Christ, and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Remember, Lord, your Church in every land.

Reveal her unity, guard her faith, and preserve her in peace.

Bring us at the last with St Mary the Virgin and all the saints to the vision of that eternal splendour for which you have created us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whom, with whom, and in whom, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

**All Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Please sit or kneel

President 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, saying:

President 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

Organ 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

President Behold 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.**

President The Body of Christ.

All **Amen.**

President The Blood of Christ.

All **Amen.**

All who seek to follow Christ are invited to receive communion. To protect the most vulnerable, there is no sharing of the common cup at this time. Communion is in one kind.

When directed by the stewards, please go forward to receive communion. There is one station in front of the Nave Altar. Communion will be brought to those in the South Aisle, the Gallery and the De Brome Chapel. Please wash your hands with the sanitiser provided and remove your mask. The priest will place the sacrament on your hands in silence. You should consume the host immediately and replace your mask. If you wish to receive a gluten-free wafer or a blessing, please indicate in silence by pointing at the sign provided.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Ave Verum, W.A. Mozart (1756-91)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

President Father of Light in whom is no change or shadow of turning, you give us every good and perfect gift and have brought us to birth by your word of truth: may we be a living sign of that kingdom, where your whole creation will be made perfect in 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.**

HYMN

Please stand



Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:

Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

In the grave they laid him, Love whom they had slain,
thinking that never he would wake again,
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:

Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain,
quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen:

Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
thy touch can call us back to life again,
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:

Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

Words: John Macleod Campbell Crum (1872-1958) © OUP
Tune: NOËL NOUVELET, Traditional French melody (NEH 115)

THE DISMISSAL

NOTICES

Please sit

THE BLESSING

Please stand

President May God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all goodness and growth, pour his blessing upon all things created, and upon you his children, that you may use his gifts to his glory and the welfare of all peoples; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

President Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Fugue in E flat, BWV 552ii
JS Bach (1685-1750)

Please join us for refreshments immediately after the service.

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Announcements

INVITATION TO SING!

Throughout this month, please come and join our September Choir. We will rehearse at 9.30am before the Sunday service, and then help to lead the worship by singing hymns, responses and an anthem. All singers welcome – if possible, let Rob know that you are planning to come:

robert.howarth@universitychurch.ox.ac.uk

HOPE4CREATION

This weekend we welcome participants in the Hope4Creation Conference meeting at the Cherwell Centre as we mark Climate Sunday and reflect on our care of creation. Thank you for joining us today.

SERVING TEAM

We are very grateful to those who have assisted with serving in the course of the last 18 months, but we would like to expand the team so that we can have three servers at each 10.30am service. If you are interested in serving, or would like to find out more about what is involved, please have a word with one of the clergy.

DAILY EUCHARIST

For the last few months, Morning Prayer (Monday – Friday) has taken place in the Chancel at 9.00am. From Monday 27th September, we plan to resume the weekday Eucharist at 12.15pm. This is an opportunity, particularly for those who are nervous about larger gatherings, to come to St Mary's to pray and to receive the sacrament. Please join us if you are in town.

PIANO RECITAL

There will be a free piano recital at St Mary's on Friday 24 September at 1.00pm. Victor Braojos will be playing music by Bach and Liszt.

NEW TO ST MARY'S?

If you are new to St Mary's and have started coming to services in the last six months or so, we may not have your contact details. If you would like to find out more about what is going on at the University Church, please email admin@universitychurch.ox.ac.uk with your name, address and telephone number and ask for your name to be added to the Parish Directory. This directory is used only by parish staff but it enables us to get in touch with you as the need arises.

This Week

Sunday	8.30	Holy Eucharist	<i>Chancel</i>
	10.30	Sung Eucharist	<i>Nave</i>
	12.15	Holy Baptism	<i>Chancel</i>
Monday <i>John Coleridge Patteson, 1871</i>	9.00	Morning Prayer	<i>Chancel</i>
Tuesday <i>Matthew</i>	9.00	Morning Prayer	<i>Chancel</i>
Wednesday <i>Ember Day</i>	9.00	Morning Prayer	<i>Chancel</i>
	11.30	Encaenia Bell	
Thursday	9.00	Morning Prayer	<i>Chancel</i>
Friday <i>Ember Day</i>	9.00	Morning Prayer	<i>Chancel</i>
	13.00	Piano Recital	<i>Nave</i>
Saturday <i>Lancelot Andrewes, 1626</i>	11.00	Wedding	<i>Nave</i>
	13.00	Wedding	<i>Nave</i>

Next Sunday

Sunday 26 September The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

8.30	Holy Eucharist	<i>Chancel</i>
	<i>Preacher: The Revd Canon Dr Alvyn Pettersen</i>	
10.30	Sung Eucharist	<i>Nave</i>
	<i>Preacher: The Revd Dr William Lamb</i>	

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