

University Church

Sung Eucharist

The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 26 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. This leaflet will guide you through the service. The Revd Donald Reece, Honorary Chaplain, is presiding as he celebrates 60 years as a priest. The Vicar is preaching. 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 Hamish Fraser.

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.

SUPPORTING OUR MINISTRY

If you would like to support the ministry of the University Church, you may wish to make a cash donation at the door or via the contactless card machine by the High Street entrance. You can also make a donation online (please use the QR code) 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. Thank you!



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.

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.



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 VOLUNTARIES Wer nun den lieben Gott läßt walten (BWV 642)
Es ist das Heil uns kommen her (BWV 638) - J S Bach (1685-1750)

THE GATHERING

INTROIT HYMN

Please stand



Ye that know the Lord is gracious,
ye for whom a Corner stone
stands, of God elect and precious,
laid that ye may build thereon;
see that on that sure foundation
ye a living temple raise,
towers that may tell forth salvation,
walls that may re-echo praise.

Living stones, by God appointed
each to his allotted place,
kings and priests, by God anointed,
shall ye not declare his grace?
Ye, a royal generation,
tell the tidings of your birth,
tidings of a new creation
to an old and weary earth.

Tell the praise of him who called you
out of darkness into light,
broke the fetters that enthralled you,
gave you freedom, peace and sight:
tell the tale of sins forgiven,
strength renewed and hope restored,
till the earth, in tune with heaven,
praise and magnify the Lord!

Words: Cyril Alington (1872-1955) © Sir Richard Mynors
Tune: HYFRYDOL, Richard Huw Pritchard (1811-1887) (NEH 271)

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 Dear friends, as we prepare to celebrate these holy mysteries in word and sacrament, let us call to mind our sins.

Please sit or kneel

All **Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry 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 grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

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 - mighty 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 Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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.

All Amen.

Please sit

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

James 5.13-20

A reading from the Letter of St James.

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore

confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Reader For the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

Please stand



Blest are the pure in heart,
for they shall see our God:
the secret of the Lord is theirs;
their soul is Christ's abode.

The Lord who left the heavens
our life and peace to bring,
to dwell on earth in lowliness,
our pattern and our king.

Still to the lowly soul
he doth himself impart,
and for his dwelling and his throne
chooses the pure in heart.

Lord, we your presence seek,
a vision of your face;
give us a pure and lowly heart,
a temple of your grace.

Words: John Keble (1792-1866) and William John Hall (1793-1861)
Tune: FRANCONIA, William Havergal (1793-1870) (NEH 341)

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please remain standing

President Alleluia, alleluia. Your word, O Lord, is truth; sanctify us in the truth.

All Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL

Mark 9.38-50

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

John said to him, 'Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.' But Jesus said, 'Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterwards to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. 'If any of you put a stumbling-block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. 'For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.'

President This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON The Revd Dr William Lamb

Please sit

THE NICENE CREED

Please stand

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

**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.

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.

Lord, in your mercy: *or* Lord, hear us.

All **hear our prayer.** **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Merciful Father,

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

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Please stand

President God has destined us for salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.
Therefore encourage one another, and build up each other,
and be at peace among yourselves.

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



Just as I am, without one plea
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidst me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings within and fears without,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve:
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am (thy love unknown
has broken every barrier down),
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, of that free love
the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,
here for a season, then above,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Words: Charlotte Elliot (1789-1871)

Tune: SAFFRON WALDEN, Arthur Henry Brown (1830-1926) (NEH 294)

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

President Blessed be God, by whose grace creation is renewed,
by whose love heaven is opened,
by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.

All Blessed be God for ever.

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 Father, you made the world and love your creation.
You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.
His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death.
By your Holy Spirit you make us your friends.
And so we gladly thank you,
with saints and angels praising you, and saying:

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 We praise and bless you, loving Father
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts that broken bread and wine out-poured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.
On the night before he died he had supper with his friends,
and taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, shared it with them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.
When supper was ended he took a cup of wine.
Again he gave you thanks, shared it 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.
So, Father, as we remember all that Jesus did,
we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.
Great is the mystery of faith.

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

President Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day
when your justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth,
and your kingdom comes.
Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with St Mary the Virgin and all the saints
to be with you for ever at your table in heaven.
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever.

All 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

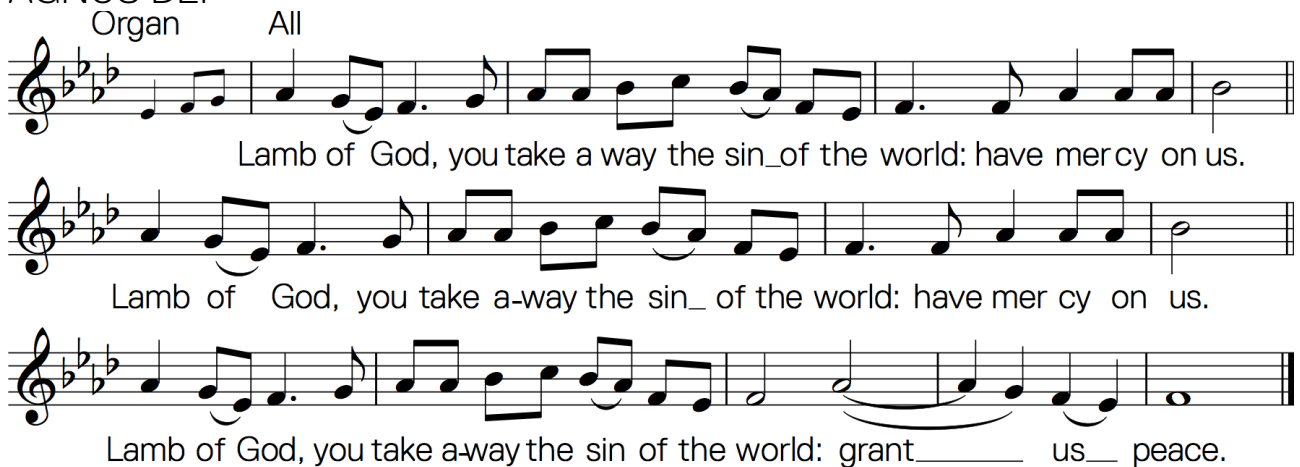
The President breaks the consecrated bread, saying:

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

If ye love me, Thomas Tallis (1505-85)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

President Lord, we pray that your grace
may always precede and follow us,
and make us continually to be given to all good works;
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.**

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

Please stand



Let all the world in every corner sing: my God and King!
 The heavens are not too high,
 his praise may thither fly;
 the earth is not too low,
 his praises there may grow.
 Let all the world in every corner sing: my God and King!
 Let all the world in every corner sing: my God and King!
 The church with psalms must shout,
 no door can keep them out;
 but above all, the heart
 must bear the longest part.
 Let all the world in every corner sing: my God and King!

Words: George Herbert (1593-1633)

Tune: LUCKINGTON, Basil Harwood (1859-1949) © The Harwood Trust*

THE DISMISSAL

NOTICES

Please sit

THE BLESSING

Please stand

President The peace of God, which passes all understanding,
 keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,
 and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; 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 Prelude in D minor, Op 37 No 3 (i) – Felix Mendelssohn

Announcements

THE REVD DONALD REECE

Today we celebrate the 60th anniversary of Donald's ordination to the priesthood. Please join us for cake in the De Brome Chapel after the service.

FLOWER ROTA

We are very grateful to those who have assisted with the flowers in the course of the last 18 months, but we would like to expand the team. If you are interested in helping, or would like to find out more about what is involved, please have a word with Victoria Mort or 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.

GARDENING DAY: HOLYWELL CEMETERY

There will be another gardening day at Holywell Cemetery on Saturday 9 October from 10am – 1pm. You do not need to be an experienced gardener. If you have secateurs and other tools, feel free to bring them, but please make sure that you have some suitable clothing. Gloves are also a good idea!

THE REVD HANNAH CARTWRIGHT

Next Sunday we welcome Hannah Cartwright as the new Assistant Priest at the University Church. She will be licensed by the Archdeacon of Oxford in the course of the service. There will be refreshments in the De Brome Chapel immediately after the service. Please remember Hannah and her family in your prayers as she begins this new ministry among us.

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.

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This Week

Sunday	8.30	Holy Eucharist	<i>Chancel</i>
	10.30	Sung Eucharist	<i>Nave</i>
Monday <i>Vincent de Paul, 1660</i>	9.00	Morning Prayer	<i>Chancel</i>
	12.15	Holy Eucharist	<i>Chancel</i>
Tuesday	9.00	Morning Prayer	<i>Chancel</i>
	12.15	Holy Eucharist	<i>Chancel</i>
	18.30	Parochial Church Council	<i>Zoom</i>
Wednesday <i>Michael & All Angels</i>	9.00	Morning Prayer	<i>Chancel</i>
	12.15	Holy Eucharist	<i>Chancel</i>
	18.30	Concert	<i>Nave</i>
Thursday <i>Jerome</i>	9.00	Morning Prayer	<i>Chancel</i>
	12.15	Holy Eucharist	<i>Chancel</i>
Friday <i>Remigius, 533</i>	9.00	Morning Prayer	<i>Chancel</i>
	12.15	Holy Eucharist	<i>Chancel</i>
Saturday	18.30	Concert	<i>Nave</i>

Next Sunday

Sunday 3 October The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

8.30	Holy Eucharist	<i>Chancel</i>
	<i>Preacher:</i> The Revd Dr William Lamb	
10.30	Choral Eucharist	<i>Nave</i>
	<i>Preacher:</i> The Ven Jonathan Chaffey	
15.30	German Lutheran Service	<i>Chancel</i>

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