

UNIVERSITY
CHURCH

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sung Eucharist

Sunday 12 July 2026

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 Order of Service will guide you through the Eucharist. Please join in singing the hymns, as well as in saying together the words printed in bold type. Invitations to sit, stand, or kneel are only suggestions; please worship in whatever posture is best for you. If you need holy communion in your seat, please inform a Steward. The service is live-streamed, and the central nave area may be visible on camera. To avoid appearing on camera, please sit in the Gallery.

The Revd Hannah Cartwright, Associate Vicar, is presiding and the Revd Canon Dr William Lamb, Vicar, is preaching.

The Mass Setting is by Geoffrey Webber (b.1959) and is sung by the congregation. The organ is played by David Bannister.

CHILDREN AT ST MARY'S

We are delighted to have children worshipping with us and you are welcome to breastfeed and bottle-feed in church. A selection of toys and books are available in the Newman Room (behind the glass brick wall) next to the baby change. Saplings takes place on the first and third Sundays of the month in the Old Library for children aged 3-10 years and their families.

INFORMATION ABOUT ST MARY'S

For over 1,000 years, this church has served the city of Oxford as a place of inspiration, worship, and Christian witness. The University of Oxford began within the precincts of this building. Today it is the home of a vibrant and diverse community, and offers a particular welcome to those who feel on the edges of faith or society. We hope that you will enjoy being here with us today and that we will see you again very soon. 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. Toilets, including accessible and baby change facilities, are situated at the back of Church behind the glass brick wall.



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ORGAN VOLUNTARY

THE GATHERING

INTROIT HYMN

Please stand



**Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
And publish abroad his wonderful name:
The name all-victorious of Jesus extol:
His kingdom is glorious, and rules over all.**

**God ruleth on high, almighty to save;
And still he is nigh, his presence we have:
The great congregation his triumph shall sing,
Ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.**

**Salvation to God who sits on the throne!
Let all cry aloud, and honour the Son:
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
Fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.**

**Then let us adore, and give him his right:
All glory and power, all wisdom and might,
All honour and blessing, with angels above,
And thanks never-ceasing, and infinite love.**

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Tune: PADERBORN *Paderborn Gesangbuch* 1765 NEH 476

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.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

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

Deacon As we prepare to celebrate the presence of Christ in word and sacrament, let us call to mind and confess 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.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Please stand

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



THE COLLECT

President Let us pray.

We remain standing as we pray in silence

President Merciful God,

you have prepared for those who love you
 such good things as pass our understanding:
 pour into our hearts such love toward you
 that we, loving you in all things and above all things,
 may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire;
 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

Isaiah 55.10-13

A reading from the prophecy of Isaiah.

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Reader For the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Please stand

GRADUAL HYMN



**Rise and hear! The Lord is speaking,
as the gospel words unfold;
we, in all our agelong seeking,
find no firmer truth to hold.**

**Word of goodness, truth, and beauty,
heard by simple folk and wise,
word of freedom, word of duty,
word of life beyond our eyes.**

**Word of God's forgiveness granted
to the wild or guilty soul,
word of love that works undaunted,
changes, heals, and makes us whole.**

**Speak to us, O Lord, believing,
as we hear, the sower sows;
may our hearts, your word receiving,
be the good ground where it grows.**

Words: Howard Charles Adie Gaunt (1902-1983)

Tune: SUSSEX. English Trad melody adapt. R.V.W. (1872-1958). A&M 387

Please turn to face the Gospel

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Deacon Alleluia! Alleluia! Speak Lord for your servant is listening,
you have the words of eternal life.

All Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 13.1-9,18-23

Deacon Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!'

'Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

Deacon This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON The Revd Canon Dr William Lamb

Please sit

THE NICENE CREED

Please stand

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

President In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ,
let us pray to the Father.

Please kneel or sit

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 We are all one in Christ Jesus.
We belong to him through faith,
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

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

Deacon Let us offer one another a sign of Christ's peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace by saying 'Peace be with you!'

OFFERTORY HYMN

*During the hymn a cash collection is taken, and the altar is prepared.
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**At the Lamb's high feast we sing
praise to our victorious King,
who hath washed us in the tide
flowing from his piercèd side;
praise we him, whose love divine
gives the guests his blood for wine,
gives his body for the feast,
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.**

**Where the paschal blood is poured,
death's dark angel sheathes his sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go
through the wave that drowns the foe.
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,
paschal victim, paschal bread;
with sincerity and love eat we manna from above.**

**Mighty victim from on high,
powers of hell beneath thee lie;
death is broken in the fight,
thou has brought us life and light.
Now thy banner thou dost wave,
conquering Satan and the grave.
See the prince of darkness quelled;
heaven's bright gates are open held.**

**Paschal triumph, Paschal joy,
only sin can this destroy;
from sin's death do thou set free
souls re-born, dear Lord, in thee.
Hymns of glory, songs of praise,
Father, unto thee we raise;
risen Lord, all praise to thee,
ever with the Spirit be.**

Please remain standing

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

President Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation, through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made, it will become for us the bread of life.

All Blessed be God forever.

President Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation, through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become for us the cup of salvation.

All Blessed be God forever.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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, 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:





President 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.

Deacon Great is the mystery of faith.

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

President 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
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.

Please sit or kneel

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

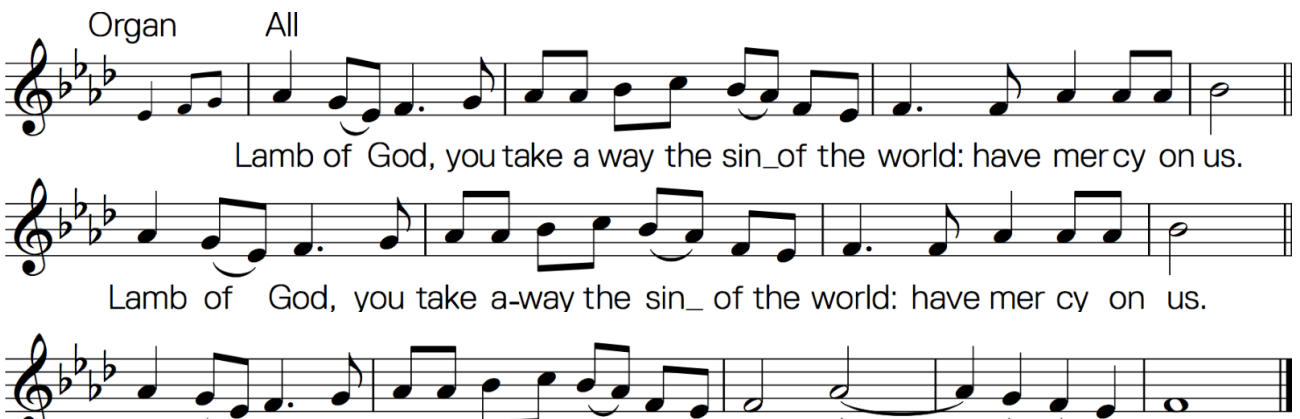
GIVING OF COMMUNION

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.**

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.

All who seek to follow Christ are invited to receive Holy Communion. When directed by the stewards, please go forward. The priest will place the sacrament into your hands with the words 'the Body of Christ'. You should consume the Host immediately and then you will be offered the Chalice with the words 'the Blood of Christ'. To each you respond 'Amen'. Please do not intinct (dip) the Host in the Chalice. If you need to receive a gluten-free wafer (20 parts per million gluten), please tell the priest at the Nave Altar. To receive a prayer of blessing, please fold your arms across your chest.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

President God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water:
refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

**All Father of all, we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

Please stand



**Sweet Sacrament divine,
hid in thine earthly home,
lo, round thy lowly shrine,
with suppliant hearts we come;
Jesus, to thee our voice we raise
in songs of love and heartfelt praise:
sweet Sacrament divine.**

**Sweet Sacrament of peace,
dear home for every heart,
where restless yearnings cease
and sorrows all depart;
there in thine ear all trustfully
we tell our tale of misery:
sweet Sacrament of peace.**

**Sweet Sacrament of rest,
ark from the ocean's roar,
within thy shelter blest
soon may we reach the shore;
save us, for still the tempest raves,
save, lest we sink beneath the waves:
sweet Sacrament of rest.**

**Sweet Sacrament divine,
earth's light and jubilee,
in thy far depths doth shine
thy Godhead's majesty;
sweet light, so shine on us, we pray,
that earthly joys may fade away:
sweet Sacrament divine.**

Words: Francis Stanfield (1835-1914)

Tune: DIVINE MYSTERIES, P. Stanfield (1835-1924) NEH 307

THE DISMISSAL

Please be seated

THE NOTICES

Please stand

THE BLESSING

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.

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Please stay for refreshments in the De Brome Chapel after the service

Announcements

SUNDAY FORUM: 'UKRAINE TODAY' | Today | 12noon | Old Library

Join us to hear from John Bond and Mary Lean who spent the first week of June in Lviv and Kyiv, where they encountered determination, creativity, resilience, and pain.

CHORAL EVENSONG | Today | 3.30pm | Nave

This service draws on the Christian Scriptures and the ancient monastic offices of Vespers and Compline; offering a simple, elegant framework for reflection and prayer.

'WHISKEY AND WOOD' EVENSONG & TALK | 19 July | 3.30pm | Nave

Join us for a festal choral evensong followed by whiskey cocktails and a talk by Director of Music, Robert Howarth, marking the centenary of acclaimed Irish composer Charles Wood (15 June 1866–12 July 1926). Wood not only composed wonderful church music, but his interest in old poets and musical styles, bled into one of his most prolific areas of influence, the Christmas Carol. There will also be opportunity to donate to the Christian Aid Burkina Faso project, supporting some of the world's most vulnerable people.

'80S AND '90S SCHOOL ASSEMBLY FAVOURITES | 21 July | 2.00pm | Nave

Whether you attended a British primary school in the 1970s-90s and hold a deep nostalgia for the school assembly hymns of your childhood, or this is an entirely new experience for you, join us around the piano for an inclusive, all-age singalong. We will be making a joyful noise together! From 0-105, children must be accompanied by an adult.

DROP IN ARTS AND CRAFTS MORNING | 5 August | 10.00am | Chancel

Come and visit the chancel any time from 10.00am - 11.30am on Wednesday 5, 12, 19 August for a drop-in arts and craft activity. For children ages 3-11 with a parent or carer.

EQUALLY OXFORD MEAL & MEETING | 11 August | 6.30pm | Littlemore Church

If you would like to be part of a small community seeking to make a big difference in the city through prayer and practical action, join us for our next meal and meeting as we seek to explore what it means to be more 'equally Oxford'. NB: there is no July meeting.

PARISH TRIP: ZURBARÁN | 11 Aug | 2.00pm | The National Gallery

Join us on this exciting trip to the National Gallery in London as we explore the works of the Spanish painter Francisco de Zurbarán (1598–1664). One of the most prominent names in the world of Baroque art, Zurbarán is renowned for his moving depictions of religious figures and saints. In this exhibition, we will explore his career through a series of major works from galleries across Europe and the US. To register your interest, email admin@universitychurch.ox.ac.uk. Cost: £20 per person. Spaces limited.

THURSDAY LUNCHTIME RECITAL SERIES | Thursdays | 1.00pm | Nave

Enjoy a free recital during the lunch hour by musicians from the Royal Academy of Music.

CHARITABLE GIFTS AND DONATIONS



The University Church donates 10% of the cash and direct debits given by worshippers at this service to charity. If you are unable to make a cash donation, please consider using the contactless card machines by the door. Alternatively, you can donate online by using the QR code. Thank you for your generosity.

This Week

Sunday	8.30	Holy Eucharist	<i>Chancel</i>
	10.30	Sung Eucharist	<i>Nave</i>
	12.00	Sunday Forum	<i>Old Library</i>
	15.30	Choral Evensong	<i>Chancel</i>
Monday <i>John Keble, 1866</i>	9.00	Morning Prayer	<i>Chancel</i>
	12.15	Eucharist	<i>Chancel</i>
Tuesday	9.00	Morning Prayer	<i>Chancel</i>
	12.15	Eucharist	<i>Chancel</i>
Wednesday <i>Swithun, c.862,</i>	9.00	Morning Prayer	<i>Chancel</i>
	12.15	Eucharist	<i>Chancel</i>
Thursday	9.00	Morning Prayer	<i>Chancel</i>
	12.15	Eucharist	<i>Chancel</i>
	13.00	Lunchtime Recital (Free)	<i>Nave</i>
	16.00	Origins of the University Tour	<i>Nave</i>
Friday	9.00	Morning Prayer	<i>Chancel</i>
	12.15	Eucharist	<i>Chancel</i>

Next Sunday

Sunday 19 July	The Seventh Sunday after Trinity	
8.30	Holy Eucharist <i>Preacher: The Revd Hannah Cartwright</i>	<i>Chancel</i>
10.30	Sung Eucharist <i>Preacher: The Revd Lee Chantler</i>	<i>Nave</i>
15.30	'Whiskey and Wood' Choral Evensong	<i>Nave</i>

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