

UNIVERSITY
CHURCH

THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sung Eucharist

Sunday 2 August 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 John Record, Honorary Chaplain, is presiding and the Revd Dr Laura Biron-Scott, Chaplain, Balliol College, is preaching.

The Mass Setting is by Geoffrey Webber (b.1959) and is sung by the congregation. The Organist is James Brown.

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 resumes in September and 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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THE GATHERING

Please stand

INTROIT HYMN



O worship the King all glorious above;
 O gratefully sing his power and his love;
 our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
 pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
 whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
 his chariots of wrath the deep thunder clouds form,
 and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

This earth, with its store of wonders untold
 Almighty, thy power hath founded of old:
 hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
 and round it hath cast like a mantle the sea.

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
 it breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
 it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
 and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust and feeble as frail,
 in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
 thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end!
 our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.

O measureless might, ineffable love,
 while angels delight to hymn thee above,
 thy humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
 with true adoration shall sing to thy praise.

Words: Robert Grant (1779-1838) Tune: HANOVER, William Croft (1678-1727) NEH 433

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 Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit
 to be the life and light of your Church:
 open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
 that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
 in love and joy and peace;
 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 55.1-5

A reading from the prophecy of Isaiah.

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Reader For the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

Please stand



**Breathe on me, Breath of God
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure;
until with thee I will one will,
to do and to endure.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
till I am wholly thine;
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God:
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.**

Words: Edwin Hatch (1835-1889)

Tune: CARLISLE, Charles Lockhart (1745-1815). NEH 178

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please turn to face the Gospel

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

All Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 14.13-21

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick.

When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Deacon This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON The Revd Dr Laura Biron-Scott

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.
To donate electronically, please see page 15.*



Jerusalem the golden, with milk and honey blest,
Beneath thy contemplation sink heart and voice opprest.
I know not, O I know not, what social joys are there,
What radiancy of glory, what light beyond compare.

They stand, those halls of Sion, conjubilant with song,
And bright with many an angel, and all the martyr throng;
The Prince is ever in them, the daylight is serene,
The pastures of the blessèd are decked in glorious sheen.

There is the throne of David, and there, from care released,
The song of them that triumph, the shout of them that feast;
And they who, with their Leader, have conquered in the fight,
For ever and for ever are clad in robes of white.

O sweet and blessèd country, shall I e'er see thy face?
O sweet and blessed country, shall I e'er win thy grace?
Exult, O dust and ashes! The Lord shall be thy part:
His only, his for ever, thou shalt be, and thou art!

Words: Bernard of Cluny, tr. J.M. Neale (1818-66)
Tune: EWING, Alexander Ewing (1830-1895) NEH 381

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:

The musical score is written for two parts: Organ and All. The Organ part is in the treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The All part is in the treble clef with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are written below the notes.

Organ: 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 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.**

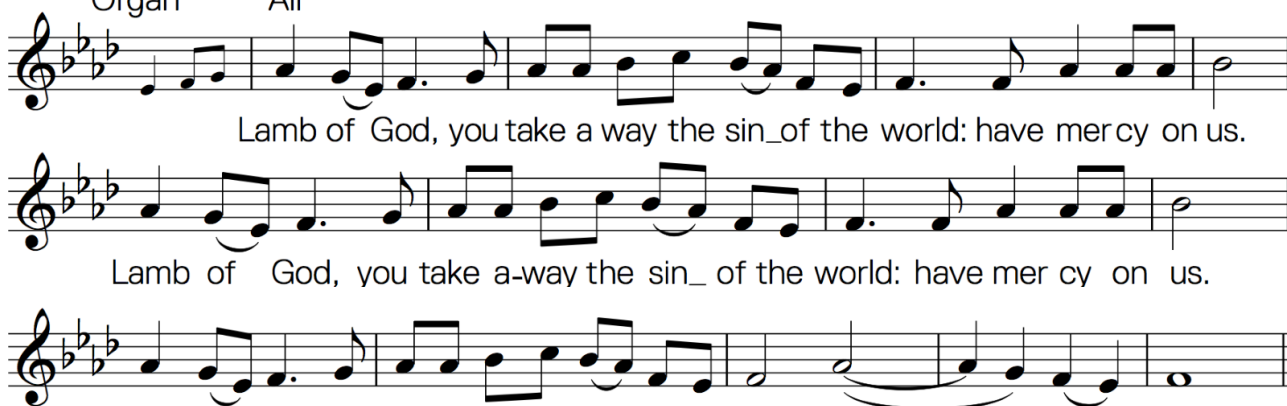
GIVING OF COMMUNION

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 Holy Father,
who gathered us here around the table of your Son
to share this meal with the whole household of God:
In that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace,
gather people of every race and language
to share in the eternal banquet 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.**

Please stand

POST-COMMUNION HYMN



**Guide me, O thou great redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
hold me with thy powerful hand:
bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore.**

**Open now the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises
I will ever give to thee.**

Words: William Williams (1717-1791), trans. Peter Williams et al
Tune: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes (1873-1932) NEH 368

THE DISMISSAL

THE NOTICES

Please be seated

THE BLESSING

Please stand

President Christ, who has nourished us with himself the living bread,
make you one in praise and love,
and raise you up at the last day;
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

Tuba Tune - CS Lang (1891-1971)

**Please join us for refreshments
in the De Brome Chapel after the service**

Announcements

DROP IN ARTS AND CRAFTS MORNINGS | 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.

THURSDAY LUNCHTIME RECITAL SERIES | 6 August | 1.00pm | Nave

Enjoy a free recital during the lunch hour. On 6th August we are delighted that the recital will be given by Julia Hollander and Pete McMullin. They will perform a programme: *To an Isle in the Water: Irish songs in musical settings from the first half of the 20th century*. All are very welcome to attend.

'CODEBREAKERS' CHILDREN'S TRAIL | Summer | The University Church

Discover more about the features and history of the Church by breaking our crafty code! Pick up a free trail sheet and pencil from the Welcome Desk during the summer holidays.

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'.

PARISH TRIP: ZURBARÁN | 11 August | 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.

COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS | 9 September | 11.15am | Adam De Brome Chapel

There will be a special pop-up summer 'coffee and doughnuts' to break up the long vacation. All are welcome to join us for coffee, conversation and (of course) doughnuts!

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

If you would like to join our friendly team of stewards, servers, readers, intercessors, or chalice bearers, who assist with a variety of services, we would love to hear from you. Full training is given. To find out more, do chat to a member of the team or email: hannah.cartwright@universitychurch.ox.ac.uk

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>
	15.30	Choral Evensong	<i>Chancel</i>
Monday	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>Oswald, 642</i>	9.00	Morning Prayer	<i>Chancel</i>
	12.15	Eucharist	<i>Chancel</i>
Thursday <i>The Transfiguration</i>	9.00	Morning Prayer	<i>Chancel</i>
	12.15	Eucharist	<i>Chancel</i>
	13.00	Lunchtime Recital (Free)	<i>Nave</i>
Friday	9.00	Morning Prayer	<i>Chancel</i>
	12.15	Eucharist	<i>Chancel</i>
	17.00	Rehearsal	<i>Nave</i>
Saturday <i>Dominic, 1221</i>	16.30	Marriage Blessing	<i>Nave</i>

Next Sunday

Sunday 9 August The Tenth 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 Canon Dr Alvyn Pettersen</i>	
15.30	Choral Evensong	<i>Chancel</i>

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