

UNIVERSITY
CHURCH

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sung Eucharist

Sunday 23 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 Canon Dr Alvyn Pettersen, Honorary Chaplain, is presiding and the Revd Canon Dr Judith Maltby, Honorary Chaplain, is preaching.

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

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

INTROIT HYMN

Please stand



**Praise to the Lord, the almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for his is thy health and salvation:
come ye who hear, brothers and sisters draw near,
praise him in glad adoration.**

**Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth:
hast thou not seen all that is needful hath been
granted in what he ordaineth?**

**Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work, and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
ponder anew all the almighty can do,
he who with love doth befriend thee.**

**Praise to the Lord, who, when tempests their warfare are waging,
who, when the elements madly around thee are raging,
biddeth them cease, turneth their fury to peace,
whirlwinds and waters assuaging.**

**Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen sound from his people again:
gladly for ay we adore him.**

Words: Joachim Neander (1650-1680), trans Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)

Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN, 17th century German melody. NEH 440

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.**

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 Let us pray.

We remain standing as we pray in silence

President Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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

Romans 12.1-8

A reading from St Paul's Letter to the Romans.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Reader For the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

Please stand



**Thou art the Christ, O Lord, the Son of God most high:
For ever be adored that name in earth and sky,
In which, though mortal strength may fail,
The saints of God at last prevail.**

**O surely he was blest with blessedness unpriced,
Who, taught of God, confessed the Godhead in the Christ;
For of thy Church, Lord, thou didst own
Thy saint a true foundation-stone.**

**Thrice fallen, thrice restored, the bitter lesson learnt,
That heart for thee, O Lord, with triple ardour burnt.
The cross he took he laid not down
Until he grasped the martyr's crown.**

**O bright triumphant faith, O courage void of fears,
O love most strong in death, O penitential tears!
By these, Lord, keep us lest we fall,
And make us go where thou shalt call.**

Words: William Walsham How (1823-1897)

Tune: LOVE UNKNOWN, John Ireland (1879-1962) CP236

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 16.13-20

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Deacon This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

**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.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All 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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**O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray
that all thy Church might be for ever one,
grant us at every Eucharist to say
with longing heart and soul, 'Thy will be done:'
O may we all one bread, one body be,
one through this sacrament of unity.**

**For all thy Church, O Lord, we intercede;
make thou our sad divisions soon to cease;
draw us the nearer each to each, we plead,
by drawing all to thee, O Prince of peace:
thus may we all one bread, one body be,
one through this sacrament of unity.**

**We pray thee too for wanderers from thy fold;
O bring them back, good Shepherd of the sheep,
back to the faith which saints believed of old,
back to the Church which still that faith doth keep;
soon may we all one bread, one body be,
one through this sacrament of unity.**

**So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease,
may we be one with all thy Church above,
one with thy saints in one unbroken peace,
one with thy saints in one unbounded love:
more blessed still, in peace and love to be
one with the Trinity in Unity.**

Words: William H Turton (1856-1938)

Tune: SONG I, Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625) NEH 302

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.**

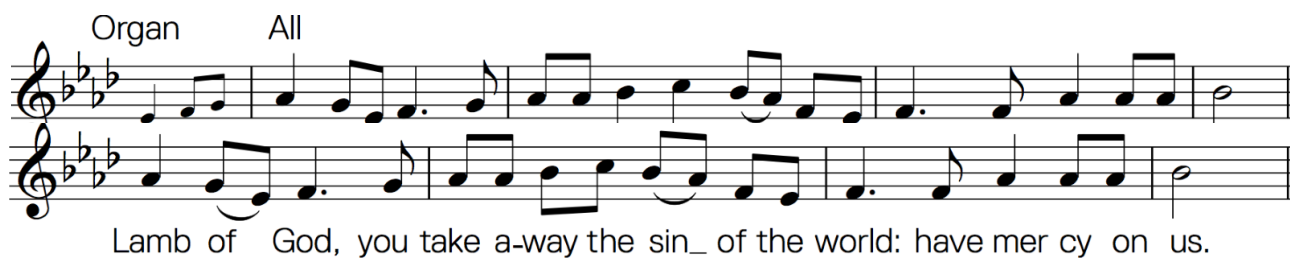
GIVING OF COMMUNION

President Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

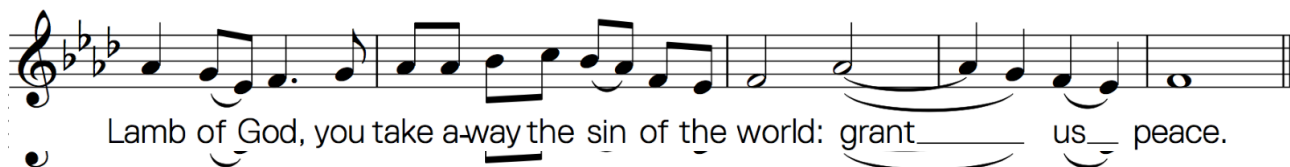
**All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

AGNUS DEI

Organ All



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin_ of the world: have mer cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: grant_____ us_ peace.

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 all mercy,
in this eucharist you have set aside our sins
and given us your healing:
grant that we who are made whole in Christ
may bring that healing to this broken world,
in the name of 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



**Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast,
Body of Christ, be thou my saving guest,
Blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide.
Wash me with water flowing from thy side.**

**Strength and protection may thy passion be,
O blessed Jesu, hear and answer me;
Deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me,
So shall I never, never part from thee.**

**Guard and defend me from the foe malign,
In death's dread moments make me only thine;
Call me and bid me come to thee on high
Where I may praise thee with thy saints for ay.**

Words: Latin, 14th century, anon.

Tune: ANIMA CHRISTI, William Maher (1823 – 1877) NEH 305

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 *Fugue on a theme of Legrenzi BWV 574, - J S Bach*

Announcements

CHORAL EVENSONG | 23 August | 3.30pm | Nave

This afternoon, Choral Evensong will be sung by a visiting choir from the Netherlands, Vespera Lux, part of the Koorhuys Choral Community. There will be refreshments following the service. Please come and support them.

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!

OPEN DOORS WEEKEND | 12-13 September | University Church

This coming September, we're delighted to be participating in both Oxford Open Doors, as well as the Ride and Stride weekend. Visit us on Saturday 12th or Sunday 13th September, for: Tours of the church and Holywell Cemetery, our Equally Oxford Exhibition and children's activities. There will also be a special Evensong at St Cross Church, Holywell at 5pm on Sunday 13 September.

LECTURE BY THE ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH | 17 September | 5.00pm | Nave

On Thursday 17 September, his All Holiness Bartholomew I, Archbishop of Constantinople and Ecumenical Patriarch, will be giving a lecture at the University Church: *Religious Liberty in Contested Ecosystems: Law, Religion and Foreign Policy in a New International Order*. This lecture is open to members of the public, who should sign up on Eventbrite in order to attend.

'CODEBREAKERS' CHILDREN'S TRAIL | Summer | 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 | 8 September | 6.30pm | Old Library

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'.

THURSDAY LUNCHTIME RECITAL SERIES | Thursdays | 1.00pm | Nave

Enjoy a free recital by musicians from the Royal Academy of Music & other artists.

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 <i>Bartholomew, Apostle</i>	9.00	Morning Prayer	<i>Chancel</i>
	12.15	Eucharist	<i>Chancel</i>
	14.00	Wedding	<i>Nave</i>
Tuesday	9.00	Morning Prayer	<i>Chancel</i>
	12.15	Eucharist	<i>Chancel</i>
Wednesday	9.00	Morning Prayer	<i>Chancel</i>
	12.15	Eucharist	<i>Chancel</i>
Thursday <i>Monica, 387</i>	9.00	Morning Prayer	<i>Chancel</i>
	12.15	Eucharist	<i>Chancel</i>
	13.00	Lunchtime Recital (Free)	<i>Nave</i>
Friday <i>Augustine, 430</i>	9.00	Morning Prayer	<i>Chancel</i>
	12.15	Eucharist	<i>Chancel</i>

Next Sunday

Sunday 30 August The Thirteenth 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 Hannah Cartwright</i>	<i>Nave</i>
15.30	Evening Prayer (said)	<i>Chancel</i>

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