



Sunday 31st May 2026 – Trinity Sunday

Holy Communion

St Mary's Kidlington

Throughout the service the rubrics on sitting, standing etc are invitations and not instructions; Please adopt a posture that you find most helpful.

Children are equally part of our celebrations and we do not worry if they need to stretch their legs or their lungs.

Welcome

Grace, mercy, and peace,
from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you.

And also with you.

This is the day that the Lord has made.

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

You are invited to stand



Hymn AMNS 95 - Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea;
holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Gathering Prayer

Loving God, we have come together to worship you.

**Help us to pray to you in faith,
to sing your praise with gratitude,
to receive your word with eagerness
and to appreciate each other;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**



Penitence and Absolution

There is nothing we have done that is so awful that God cannot forgive us if we are truly sorry.

We are also told to forgive those who ask for our forgiveness..

The priest declares God's promise of forgiveness

We come to God
as one from whom no secrets are hidden
to ask for forgiveness and peace.



We have not always worshipped God, our creator.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

We have not always followed Christ, our Saviour,
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

We have not always trusted in the Spirit, our guide.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

May the God of love and power
forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord.

Amen.

You are invited to stand

The Gloria



Glory to God in the highest
And peace to His people on earth.
Lord God, Heavenly King,
Almighty God and Father,
We worship You, We give You thanks,
We praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sins of the world;
have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father;
Receive our prayer.

**For You alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
With the Holy Spirit,
In the glory of God the Father. Amen**

The Collect

Holy God, faithful and unchanging:
enlarge our minds
with the knowledge of your truth,
and draw us more deeply
into the mystery of your love,
that we may truly worship you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please sit

New Testament Reading 2 Cor 13: 11-end

St Paul writes:

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God



You are invited to stand

During the hymn the Gospel may be carried reverently to the centre of the congregation: God's word is to be at the heart of our community

Hymn AMNS 102 - My God, how wonderful thou art

My God, how wonderful thou art,
thy majesty how bright!
How beautiful thy mercy seat,
in depths of burning light!



How dread are thine eternal years,
O everlasting Lord,
by prostrate spirits day and night
incessantly adored!

How wonderful, how beautiful,
the sight of thee must be,
thine endless wisdom, boundless pow'r,
and awful purity!

O how I fear thee, living God,
with deepest, tend'rest fears,
and worship thee with trembling hope
and penitential tears!

Yet I may love thee too, O Lord,
almighty as thou art,
for thou hast stooped to ask of me
the love of my poor heart.

No earthly father loves like thee,
no mother, e'er so mild,
bears and forbears, as thou hast done
with me, thy sinful child.

Father of Jesus, love's reward,
what rapture will it be,
prostrate before thy throne to lie,
and gaze and gaze on thee!

F. W. Faber (1814-63)

You are invited to remain standing

The Gospel Matthew 28:16-20

Hear the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord



Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you O Christ

Please sit

Sermon

You are invited to stand



Profession of Faith

Brothers and sisters, in this joyful Easter season
I ask you to profess the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting Amen.**

Please sit or kneel

The Intercessions

The response each time may be:

Lord in your mercy,
Receive our prayer



At the end:

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

You are invited to stand

The Peace:

Peace to you from God our heavenly Father.
Peace from his Son Jesus Christ who is our peace.
Peace from the Holy Spirit who gives us life.



The peace of the triune God be always with you.
And also with you.

Let us offer each other a sign of peace:

At the offertory we offer the eucharistic gifts - bread and wine - for God to transform and bless. As these material gifts are carried through the people to the altar, we also offer ourselves, for God to take, bless, and use for his work in our daily lives.

We do not pass around a collection plate but you are warmly invited to contribute to the costs of ministry in this church by using the card reader at the entrance or through a cash donation in the collection plate beside it as you arrive or leave. You can also donate through our website.

Offertory Hymn AMNS 161 - Christ is our cornerstone



Christ is our corner-stone,
on him alone we build;
with his true saints alone
the courts of heaven are filled:
on his great love
our hopes we place
of present grace
and joys above.

O then with hymns of praise
these hallowed courts shall ring;
our voices we will raise
the Three in One to sing;
and thus proclaim
in joyful song
both loud and long
that glorious Name.

Here, gracious Lord, do thou
for evermore draw nigh;
accept each faithful vow,
and mark each suppliant sigh:
in copious shower
on all who pray,
each holy day
thy blessings pour.

Here may we gain from heaven
the grace which we implore;
and may that grace, once given,
be with us evermore,
until that day
when all the blest
to endless rest
are called away.

John Chandler (1806-1876)

The Liturgy of the Eucharist/Holy Communion

The altar is God's table. God is the host and we are his guests.

The nourishment we are offered is Jesus himself.

At the centre of our faith is a person—Jesus.

At the centre of our worship is a meal—the Eucharist.

Our healing is around this table, together.



The Lord is here
His spirit is with us

Lift up your hearts
We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
It is right to give thanks and praise

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:

**Holy, Holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the Highest!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest!**



You are invited to sit

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.

Jesus Christ is Lord:
**Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

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.

Bring us at the last with 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:

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

As our Saviour taught us so we pray:

**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.**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Draw near with faith.
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.
Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith,
with thanksgiving. **Amen**

The Distribution of Communion

Agnus Dei - sung to a setting by Thomas Morley
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.

Anthem - Almighty and everlasting God – Gibbons
Sung by the Quartet

Around Christ's table, everyone is welcome.

If it is your custom to receive communion in any Christian church you are welcome to receive it this morning, but if you would prefer to receive a blessing please do feel free to come forward and keep your head bowed. You may wish to receive the bread (wafer) and wine together by priest's intinction, or separately by eating the wafer first, then taking a sip of wine from the common cup:

A prayer team is available to pray with you simply and privately about anything that is on your mind.

If you would like them to pray with / for you please go to the Lady Chapel - if there is a queue just sit quietly on the chairs provided

After communion

Almighty and eternal God,
you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
and live and reign in the perfect unity of love:
hold us firm in this faith,
that we may know you in all your ways
and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory,
who are three Persons yet one God,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

**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**

Notices

The Blessing

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love,
defend you on every side,
and guide you in truth and peace;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be with you and those whom you love,
this day and always. **Amen.**

You are invited to stand

Hymn AMNS 472 - How shall I sing that majesty?

How shall I sing that majesty
which angels do admire?
Let dust in dust and silence lie;
sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.
Thousands of thousands stand around
thy throne, O God most high;
ten thousand times ten thousand sound
thy praise; but who am I?



Thy brightness unto them appears,
whilst I thy footsteps trace;
a sound of God comes to my ears,
but they behold thy face.
They sing, because thou art their Sun;
Lord, send a beam on me;
for where heaven is but once begun
there alleluias be.

How great a being, Lord, is thine,
which doth all beings keep!
Thy knowledge is the only line
to sound so vast a deep.
Thou art a sea without a shore,
a sun without a sphere;
thy time is now and evermore,
thy place is everywhere.

The service ends with us being sent out into the world. Christian life and faith does not start and stop at the church door: the way we choose to live can make the world a better (or worse!) place...

Dismissal

Go in the light and peace of Christ
Thanks be to God

Organ Voluntary



Please stay for tea / coffee. If you are visiting us please come and say hello and let us have your contact details. We would love to get to know you. This is your church. The building is open every day, and everyone is welcome all through the year, for services, baptisms, weddings, and funerals, or just for a chat.

Prayer Ministry Team

If you would like someone to pray personally and simply with you, for yourself or a loved one, please go to the Lady Chapel after the service. Two members of the Prayer Ministry Team will be ready to listen and pray (name-badges on blue lanyards).

If someone is already being prayed with, please wait outside the Lady Chapel on the seating provided and you will be attended to as soon as possible.

You are also welcome to ask other members of the Prayer Ministry Team to pray with you.

Please note: The usual rules of confidentiality apply.

Safeguarding

If you, or someone you know, has been impacted by abuse or has concerns, please speak to the Safeguarding Officer for our parish, Yo Davies 07865 664451; safeguarding@kidhp.org.uk or the Diocesan Safeguarding Team 01865 208295; safeguardingreferrals@oxford.anglican.org

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