



## Parish Eucharist with Holy Baptism

Feast of James the Apostle  
Sunday 25 July 2021

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### *We gather in God's name*

*The notices are given.*

*Please join in with all parts of the service printed in **bold** type.*

*When the bell rings, we stand as the choir and ministers enter, then we sing*

**For all the saints who from their labours rest,  
who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
thy name, O Jesu, be for ever blest.  
Alleluia!**

**O blest communion, fellowship divine!  
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine:  
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
Alleluia!**

**But lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day;  
the saints triumphant rise in bright array:  
the King of glory passes on his way.  
Alleluia!**

**From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia!**

### *The Greeting*

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

### *Welcome and Introduction*

#### *The Gloria*

*We sing this song of praise.*

**Glory to God in the Highest,  
And peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, Heav'nly 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 sin 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 priest says the Collect, the special prayer for the day,*

Merciful God,  
whose holy apostle Saint James,  
leaving his father and all that he had,  
was obedient to the calling of your Son Jesus Christ  
and followed him even to death:  
help us, forsaking the false attractions of the world,  
to be ready at all times to answer your call without delay;  
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.  
**Amen.**

## *We hear God's Word*

*We sit for the Reading*

*Acts 11.27-12.2*

At that time prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. One of them named Agabus stood up and predicted by the Spirit that there would be a severe famine over all the world; and this took place during the reign of Claudius. The disciples determined that according to their ability, each would send relief to the believers living in Judea; this they did, sending it to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **The Gospel**

**Matthew 20.20-28**

*We stand and sing,*

Alleluia ...

**Alleluia ....**

I am the light of the world, says the Lord.

Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness  
but will have the light of life.

**Alleluia ...**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The mother of the sons of Zebedee came to him with her sons, and kneeling before him, she asked a favour of him. And he said to her, 'What do you want?' She said to him, 'Declare that these two sons of mine will sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom.' But Jesus answered, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?' They said to him, 'We are able.' He said to them, 'You will indeed drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left, this is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father.'

When the ten heard it, they were angry with the two brothers. But Jesus called them to him and said, 'You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*We sit for the Sermon*

## *The Liturgy of Baptism*

*Presentation of the Candidate*

*The deacon lights the Paschal Candle. Arthur, his parents, godparents and sponsor come to the front. The congregation remains seated.*

*The priest addresses the whole congregation,*

Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me. Do not stop them'.  
We thank God for Arthur who has come to be baptized today.  
Christ loves him and welcomes him into his Church.

Will you support him on his journey of faith?  
**We will.**

Will you help him to live and grow within God's family?  
**We will.**

*The priest then asks the parents and godparents*

God knows each of us by name and we are his.  
Parents and godparents, you speak for Arthur today.  
Will you pray for him and help him to follow Christ?  
**We will.**

*The Decision*

*The priest addresses Arthur's parents and godparents. We all join in the responses*

We all wander far from God and lose our way:  
Christ comes to find us and welcomes us home.  
In baptism we respond to his call.  
Therefore I ask:  
Do you turn away from sin?  
**I do.**  
Do you reject evil?  
**I do.**  
Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?  
**I do.**  
Do you trust in him as Lord?  
**I do.**

*We are assured of God's forgiving love.*

*Signing with the Cross*

*The priest marks Arthur with the sign of the cross using holy oil, saying,  
Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of his cross.*

*When Arthur has been signed with the cross, the priest says,*

Do not be ashamed of Christ.  
You are his for ever.  
**Stand bravely with him  
against all the powers of evil,  
and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness,  
and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.  
**Amen.**

*The ministers and baptism party go to the font as the choir sings As the deer  
pants—Nyström. The congregation faces the font.*

*Prayer over the Water*

Praise God who made heaven and earth,  
**who keeps his promise for ever.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

We praise you, loving Father,  
for the gift of your Son Jesus.  
He was baptized in the River Jordan,  
where your Spirit came upon him  
and revealed him as the Son you love.  
He sent his followers  
to baptize all who turn to him.  
Now, Father, we ask you to bless this water,  
that those who are baptized in it  
may be cleansed in the water of life,  
and, filled with your Spirit,  
may know that they are loved as your children,  
safe in Christ for ever.  
**Amen.**

*We affirm our faith.*

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, who made all things?  
**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ,  
who redeemed the world?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in his Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God?

**We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God:  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

**Amen.**

### *The Baptism*

*After Arthur has been baptized we sing*

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

*The priest then leads us in prayer.*

### *We welcome Arthur*

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:  
Arthur, by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.

**We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;  
we are children of the same heavenly Father,  
we welcome you.**

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  
**and also with you.**

*The deacon says,*

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All exchange a sign of peace in an appropriate way and the baptism party and  
ministers return to their places.*

### *We celebrate Jesus in Bread and Wine*

*We sing this hymn,*

**O Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end;  
be thou for ever near me,  
my Master and my friend:  
I shall not fear the battle  
if thou art by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway  
if thou wilt be my guide.**

**2. O let me hear thee speaking  
in accents clear and still,  
above the storms of passion,  
the murmurs of self-will;  
O speak to reassure me,  
to hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen,  
thou guardian of my soul.**

**3. O Jesus, thou hast promised  
to all who follow thee,  
that where thou art in glory  
there shall thy servant be;  
and, Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end:  
O give me grace to follow,  
my Master and my friend.**

**4. O let me see thy foot-marks,  
and in them plant mine own;  
my hope to follow duly  
is in thy strength alone:  
O guide me, call me, draw me,  
uphold me to the end;  
and then in heaven receive me,  
my Saviour and my friend.**

*The priest takes the bread and wine and says the prayer of preparation. We respond  
to each part*

**Blessed be God for ever.**

*The Eucharistic Prayer*

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**  
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.**

*The priest praises God for his mighty acts, and we sing*

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

*The priest continues, recalling the Last Supper.*

*The Deacon says,*

Great is the mystery of faith

*We sing*

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

*The priest continues, ending ... for ever and ever*

*We say* **Amen.**

*We say together the Lord's prayer,*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,  
now and forever.  
Amen.**

*The priest breaks the consecrated bread and says,*

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.  
**God here among us, light in the midst of us,  
bring us to light and life.**

*We share in Communion*

*The priest says,*

God's holy gifts  
for God's holy people.  
**Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

*The priest receives the bread and wine, and then invites all to receive saying 'the Body and Blood of Christ'. All in church who intend to receive say, 'Amen'.  
Communion will be administered in one kind on the hand, with no words used. Please come to the front and form a queue. Please be mindful of the safety of others and remain distanced. You are encouraged to keep your mask on to receive.  
Those who do not wish to receive are warmly invited to come forward for an individual blessing. Gluten-free wafers available.*

*Communion will be brought to those seated in the south aisle.*

*During the Communion the choir sings The Lord bless you - Rutter*

*We may sing*

**1. Take my life, and let it be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days,  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**2. Take my hands, and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love.  
Take my feet, and let them be  
swift and beautiful for thee.**

**3. Take my voice, and let me sing  
always, only, for my King;  
take my lips, and let them be  
filled with messages from thee.**

**4. Take my silver and my gold;  
not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my intellect, and use  
eve'y powe'r as thou shalt choose.**

**5. Take my will, and make it thine:  
it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart: it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne.**

**6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure-store.  
Take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.**

*Silence is kept*

*The priest says this prayer,*

Almighty God,  
who on the day of Pentecost  
sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles  
with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame,  
filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel:  
by the power of the same Spirit  
strengthen us to witness to your truth  
and to draw everyone to the fire of your love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### *The Sending Out*

*We sing the concluding hymn. Arthur is given a lighted candle.*

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord:  
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;  
Tender to me the promise of his word;  
In God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name:  
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;  
His holy name, the Lord, the Mighty One.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might:  
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;  
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,  
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.**

**Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word:  
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.  
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
To children's children and for evermore.**

### *The Blessing*

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

The God of all grace,  
who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus,  
establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness  
and has given us a place with the saints in light.  
Arthur, you have received the light of Christ;  
walk in this light all the days of your life.  
**Shine as a light in the world  
to the glory of God the Father.**

### *The Dismissal*

*The deacon says,*

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

*You are warmly invited to stay after the service for refreshments.*

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