



Parish Eucharist with Holy Baptism Baptism of Christ

Shaynan Samuel Loyal Ketter

12th January 2025



We gather in worship

Please join in all parts of the service printed in bold type. The ♪ sign indicates that this part is sung by everyone. Please stand where indicated only if you wish. When the bell rings, we stand to sing;

- 1. Hail to the Lord's Anointed,
great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free,
to take away transgression,
and rule in equity.**
- 2. He comes, with succour speedy,
to those who suffer wrong;
to help the poor and needy,
and bid the weak be strong;
to give them songs for sighing,
their darkness turn to light,
whose souls,
condemned and dying,
were precious in his sight.**
- 3. He shall come down like showers
upon the fruitful earth;
that love, joy, hope, like flowers,
spring in his path to birth;
before him, on the mountains,
shall peace the herald go;
and righteousness, in fountains,
from hill to valley flow.**
- 4. Kings shall bow down
before him,
and gold and incense bring;
all nations shall adore him,
his praise all people sing;
to him shall prayer unceasing
and daily vows ascend,
his kingdom still increasing,
a kingdom without end.**
- 5. O'er every foe victorious,
he on his throne shall rest;
from age to age more glorious,
all-blessing and all-blest.
The tide of time shall never
his covenant remove;
his name shall stand for ever,
his changeless name of Love.**

*James Montgomery
(1771-1854)*

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The Greeting

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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

Welcome and Introduction

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo. Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.

♪ ***Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo. Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.***

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.

♪ ***Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo. Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.***

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.

♪ ***Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo. Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.***

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.

♪ ***Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo. Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.***

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The priest invites us to pray in silence, then says the prayer set for today,

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water
and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted
children; 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.**

First Reading: Isaiah 43.1-7

Now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you, and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, 'Give them up', and to the south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.'

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Gospel: Luke 3.15-17, 21, 22

We stand, facing the gospel.

♪ Alleluia..., **alleluia...**

This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased. **Alleluia...**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit

descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*We sit for the **Sermon**, then we pray together.*

The Liturgy of Baptism

Shaynan, his parents and godparents 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 Shaynan 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 his parents and godparents,

God knows each of us by name and we are his.

Samuel, Nicky, Sally, Natasha and Aaron, you speak for Shaynan today.

Will you pray for him and help him to follow Christ? **We will.**

The priest addresses Shaynan'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.**

The priest assures us of God's forgiveness.

Signing with the Cross

The priest makes the sign of the cross on Shaynan's forehead, saying,

Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of his cross.

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 Psalm 42

As the deer longs for the water brooks, so longs my soul for you, O God. My soul is athirst for God, even for the living God; when shall I come before the presence of God? My tears have been my bread day and night, while all day long they say to me, 'Where is now your God?' Now when I think on these things, I pour out my soul: how I went with the multitude and led the procession to the house of God, with the voice of praise and thanksgiving, among those who kept holy day.

Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul, and why are you so disquieted within me? O put your trust in God; for I will yet give him thanks, who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

The 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.**

Let us affirm, with all the baptized, our common faith in Jesus Christ.

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.

The priest baptizes Shaynan saying

Shaynan Samuel Loyal, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

After Shaynan has been baptized, we sing,

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

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism: Shaynan, 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 celebrate and receive Jesus in Bread and Wine

The Peace

God has made us one in Christ. He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come, has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.

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.

We offer one another a sign of peace with a handshake, warm smile, nod, or bow, and the words, 'Peace be with you.'

The Offering

We stand to sing this hymn as a collection is taken. Please indicate if you wish to make an offering, cash or contactless.

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| 1. Bright the vision that delighted
once the sight of Judah's seer;
sweet the countless
tongues united
to entrance the prophet's ear. | 4. Heaven is still with glory ringing,
earth takes up the angels' cry,
'Holy, holy, holy,' singing,
'Lord of hosts,
the Lord most high.' |
| 2. Round the Lord in glory seated
cherubim and seraphim
filled his temple, and repeated
each to each the alternate hymn: | 5. With his seraph train before him,
with his holy church below,
thus unite we to adore him,
bid we thus our anthem flow: |
| 3. 'Lord, thy glory fills the heaven;
earth is with its fullness stored;
unto thee be glory given,
holy, holy, holy, Lord.' | 6. 'Lord, thy glory fills the heaven;
earth is with its fullness stored;
unto thee be glory given,
holy, holy, holy, Lord.' |

Richard Mant (1776-1848)

The priest takes the bread and wine and says the prayer of preparation:

Open the heavens, Lord our God, and send your transforming Spirit on us and on these gifts. May we who are baptized into Christ be ready to share his cup of suffering and strengthened to serve him for ever.

Blessed be God for ever.

Please remain standing for the Eucharistic Prayer if it's comfortable for you.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here; **God's 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.**

*The priest praises God for his mighty acts, ending,
... forever praising you and singing:*

♪ Holy, holy, holy, Holy, holy, holy.
God of power and might. God of power and might.
Your glory fills all heaven and earth.
Your glory fills all heaven and earth.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.
Holy, Holy Lord.

The priest continues, recalling the Last Supper, then the Deacon says,

Great is the mystery of faith:

♪ Christ has died; **Christ has died**; Christ is risen; **Christ is risen**;
Christ will come again. **Christ will come again.**

The Prayer continues and at the end we sing,

♪ **Amen, amen, amen.**

Believing the promises of God, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**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 for ever. Amen.**

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.

♪ Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, miserere nobis.

Miserere nobis (*have mercy on us*). (*repeat*)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, Dona nobis pacem.

Dona nobis pacem (*give us peace*)

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

We share in Communion

The people receive communion. Those who do not wish to receive are warmly invited to come forward for a blessing. Gluten free wafers are available.

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

**Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded,
for, with blessing in his hand,
Christ our God
to earth descendeth,
our full homage to demand.**

**King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture –
in the body and the blood –
he will give to all the faithful
his own self for heavenly food.**

**Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of light descendeth
from the realms of endless day,
that the powers of hell
may vanish
as the darkness clears away.**

**At his feet the six-winged seraph,
cherubim with sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the Presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry,
"Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, Lord Most High!"**

The Divine Liturgy of St. James (c. 6th Century)

Tr. Gerard Moultrie (1829-1885)

The choir sings the anthem,

Sicut Cervus, by Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1526-1594)

Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum, ita desiderat anima mea ad Te, Deus.

As the deer longs for the water brooks, so longs my soul for you, O God.

Post-communion Prayer

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Notices are given.

We go into the world to share God's love

We sing the final hymn. Shaynan is given a lighted candle.

**We have a gospel to proclaim,
good news for all
throughout the earth,
the gospel of a Saviour's name:
We sing his glory, tell his worth.**

**Tell of his birth at Bethlehem,
not in a royal house or hall,
but in a stable dark and dim:
the Word made flesh,
a light for all.**

**Tell of his death at Calvary,
hated by those he came to save,
in lonely suffering on the cross:
for all he loved, his life he gave.**

**Tell of that glorious Easter morn,
empty the tomb, for he was free:
he broke the power
of death and hell
that we might share his victory.**

**Tell of his reign at God's right hand,
by all creation glorified:
he sends his Spirit on his Church,
to live for him, the Lamb who died.**

**Now we rejoice to name him King:
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
This gospel message
we proclaim;
we sing his glory, tell his worth.**

Edward Joseph Burns (b 1938)

The Blessing

We bow our heads and pray for God's blessing:

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

May God the Father, who led the wise men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also in your pilgrimage to find the Lord. **Amen.**

May God the Son, who turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts. **Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit, who came upon the beloved Son at his baptism in the river Jordan, pour out his gifts on you who have come to the waters of new birth. **Amen.**

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.

Shaynan, 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 deacon says

Go in the light and peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Please remain standing until the ministers have left.

Please take this Service Sheet home with you.