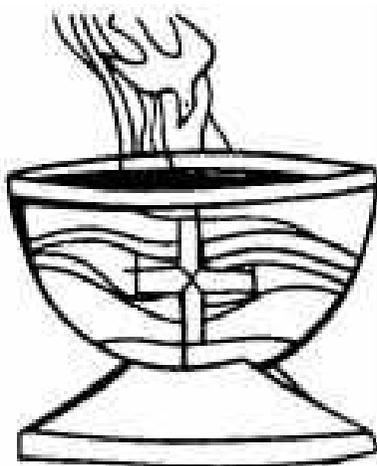




Parish Eucharist with Holy Baptism

Sunday 25 September 2022

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A collection to support the work of this church will be taken during the Offertory Hymn.
If you are a UK taxpayer please use the yellow gift aid envelopes. A card reader is available.

We gather in God's name

The notices are given.

*Please join in with all parts of the service printed in **bold** type. Please stand where indicated only if you wish.*

We stand and sing,

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the ancient of days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**

**Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.**

**Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.**

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, glory to God,
glory to God in the highest,
peace to his people on earth,
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.**

**Glory, glory to God,
glory to God in the highest,
peace to his people on earth,
peace to his people on earth.**

**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, receive our prayer, receive our prayer.**

**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,
the glory, the glory of God the Father.
Amen (x6)**

The priest says the Collect, the special prayer for the day,

Lord God,
defend your Church from all false teaching
and give to your people knowledge of your truth,
that we may enjoy eternal life
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

We hear God's Word

We sit for the **First Reading**

I Timothy 6.6-19

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time – he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life. This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Luke 16.19-31

We stand and turn to face the reader

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 Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus told this parable to those among the Pharisees who loved money: 'There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames."

But Abraham said, "Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us." The man who had been rich said, "Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house - for I have five brothers - that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment." Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them." He said, "No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." Abraham said to him, "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit for the Sermon

The Liturgy of Baptism

Presentation of the Candidates

The deacon lights the Paschal Candle. Elliott, Nakai, their parents, 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 Elliott and Nakai who have come to be baptized today.

Christ loves them and welcomes them into his Church.

Will you support them on their journey of faith?

We will.

Will you help them 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 Elliott and Nakai today.
Will you pray for them and help them to follow Christ?
We will.

The Decision

The priest addresses Elliott and Nakai'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 Elliott and Nakai with the sign of the cross using holy oil, saying,

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

When Elliott and Nakai have 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 baptism parties make their way to the font and 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 Elliott and Nakai have been baptized we sing
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The priest then leads us in prayer.

We welcome Elliott and Nakai

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:
Elliott and Nakai, 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 parties and ministers return to their places.

We celebrate Jesus in Bread and Wine

We sing this hymn, during which a collection will be taken.

**1. Word of God, renew your people,
make us now your living sign.
Recreate us for your purpose
in this place and in this time.**

**2. Word of hope and Word of healing,
make us now your living sign.
Recreate us for your purpose
in this place and in this time.**

**3. Word of peace and Word of justice,
make us now your living sign.
Recreate us for your purpose
in this place and in this time.**

**4. God alone the power we trust in,
make us now your living sign.
Recreate us for your purpose
in this place and in this time.**

**5. To the waters lead your people,
make us now your living sign.
Recreate us for your purpose
in this place and in this time.**

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

Blessed be God for ever.

Please remain standing during the Eucharistic Prayer if it is comfortable for you.

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 God of might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he, blessed is he,

blessed is he who comes in the name,

he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

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.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

*The priest continues, ending ... for ever and ever. **Amen.** (x6)*

We sit or kneel

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

We sing

**Jesus, Lamb of God, Jesus, Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, Jesus, Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, Jesus, Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world;
grant us your peace, grant us your peace.**

We share in Communion

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

Please come to the front and form a queue. Please be mindful of the safety of others and remain distanced. Communion will be administered in both kinds, on the hand and from the chalice (optional). Please do not intinct (dip) the wafer in the chalice.

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

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 choir sings the anthem, Behold the tabernacle of God – W H Harris

We sing

**Jesus, good above all other,
gentle child of gentle mother,
in a stable born our brother,
give us grace to persevere.**

**Jesus, cradled in a manger,
for us facing every danger,
living as a homeless stranger,
make we thee our King most dear.**

**Jesus, for thy people dying,
risen master, death defying,
Lord in heaven, thy grace supplying.
keep us to thy presence near.**

**Jesus, who our sorrows bearest,
all our thoughts and hopes thou sharest,
thou to us the truth declarest;
help us all thy truth to hear.**

**Lord, in all our doings guide us;
pride and hate shall ne'er divide us;
we'll go on with thee beside us,
and with joy we'll persevere.**

Silence is kept

The priest says this prayer,

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy;
and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall,
keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful,
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Sending Out

We stand and sing the concluding hymn. Elliott are Nakai are given lighted candles.

**Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy,
we there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.**

**Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.**

**Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.**

**Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.**

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.
Eliott and Nakai, 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.**

Please stay for refreshments