

Parish Eucharist with Holy Baptism

Easter 5

3rd May 2026

Dejahnlouren Rawlins

Today we hear that Jesus is our way, our truth, our life,
as Dejahnlouren joins us with Jesus in this life.

Donations can be made using the contactless card reader during the offertory hymn. There is a box by the entrance. Details of online options are in the news sheet and on our website. www.allsaintshighwycombe.org

Organ music before the service: Bergamesca - Frescobaldi

We gather in worship

Before we begin, the priest will welcome everyone and invite us to join in prayer as we prepare ourselves for worship.

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.

After this, please remain quiet until the bell rings and we stand to sing,

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.

built of hopes and dreams and visions,

rock of faith and vault of grace;

here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak

and words are strong and true,

where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.

Here the cross shall stand as witness

and a symbol of God's grace;

here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: *Refrain.*

Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat
a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.

Here the love of God, through Jesus,

is revealed in time and space,

as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: *Refrain.*

Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: *Refrain.*

Marty Haugen (b.1950)

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**

Alleluia, Christ is risen; **he is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

The priest introduces the service.

God raised Jesus Christ from the dead
and sent the Holy Spirit to recall the whole world to himself.
In baptism we die to sin and rise to newness of life in Christ.
Here we find rebirth in the Spirit,
and set our minds on his heavenly gifts.
As children of God, we are continually created anew,
as we walk the path of faith,
and feed on the forgiveness of his healing grace.

♪ **Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest!**
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.
Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest!
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.
Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest!
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.
Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest!

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

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

We listen for God's Word

First Reading: Acts 7:55-60

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him, and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."

Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

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

Gospel Reading: John 14:1-14

We stand, facing the gospel.

Alleluia... ♪ **Alleluia...**

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one; I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore. ♪ **Alleluia...**

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

Alleluia, Christ is risen; **he is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?"

The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

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

*We sit for the **Sermon** then prayers.*

The Liturgy of Baptism

Dejahnlouren, 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 Dejahnlouren who has come to be baptized today. Christ loves him and welcomes him into his Church.

Will you support him on their 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.

You speak for Dejahnlouren today.

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

The priest addresses Dejahnlouren'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 Dejahnlouren'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 we sing,

Canon 1



Canon 2



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Je - su, re - demp - tor om - ni - um, tu
lu - men et splendor Pa - tris, ti - bi sit
glo - ri - a, ti - bi Je - su sit glo - ri - a. glo - ri - a.

**Jesu, redeemptor omnium,
tu lumen et splendor Patris :
tibi sit gloria,
tibi Jesu sit gloria.**

*Jesus, redeemer of the world,
light and splendour of God the Father,
glory and praise to you,
all glory and praise to you.*

Taizé Community

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.

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ was baptized in the river Jordan, we thank you for the gift of water to cleanse us and revive us. Saving God, **give us life.**

We thank you that through the waters of the Red Sea you led your people out of slavery to freedom in the Promised Land.

Saving God, **give us life.**

We thank you that through the deep waters of death you brought your Son, and raised him to life in triumph.

Saving God, **give us life.**

Bless this water, that your servants who are washed in it may be made one with Christ in his death and in his resurrection, to be cleansed and delivered from all sin.

Saving God, **give us life.**

Send your Holy Spirit upon them, bring them to new birth in the household of faith and raise them with Christ to full and eternal life; for all might, majesty, authority and power are yours, now and for ever. Amen. Saving God, **give us life. 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.

Revd Jackie baptises Dejahnlouren. Then we sing,

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

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:

Dejahnlouren, by one Spirit we are all baptised 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

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said 'Peace be with you'. Then they were glad when they saw the Lord. 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 ministers and family return to the altar.

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.

Water of life, cleanse and refresh us;

Raise us to life in Christ Jesus.

***All you who thirst, come to the waters,
and you will never be thirsty again.***

Refrain

***As rain from heaven, so is God's word,
it waters the earth and brings forth life.***

Refrain

**Dying with Christ, so we shall rise with him,
death shall no longer have power over us.** *Refrain*

**Turn to the Lord, cast off your wickedness,
you will find peace in his infinite love.** *Refrain*

Stephen Dean (b. 1948)

The priest takes the bread and wine and says,

Be present, be present, Lord Jesus Christ, our risen high priest;
make yourself known in the breaking of bread. **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

Please remain standing if it is comfortable for you.

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 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.
Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

The priest continues, then the deacon says,

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith

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

The priest continues,

... O loving Father, for ever and ever. ♪ **Amen, amen, amen.**

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 this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

♪ **Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us. (×2)**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
grant us peace.**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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.

**An upper room did our Lord prepare
for those he loved until the end:
and his disciples still gather there
to celebrate their risen friend.**

**A lasting gift Jesus gave his own:
to share his bread, his loving cup.
Whatever burdens may bow us down,
he by his cross shall lift us up.**

**And after supper he washed their feet,
for service, too, is sacrament.
In him our joy shall be made complete –
sent out to serve, as he was sent.**

**No end there is! We depart in peace.
He loves beyond the uttermost:
in every room in our Father's house
Christ will be there, as Lord and Host.**

Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)

The choir sings the anthem

O come, ye servants – Christopher Tye (1500-1573)

We keep silence together.

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:
grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**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.**

Notices may be given. We may hear from the children.

We go into the world to share God's love

During the hymn, Dejahnlouren is given a lighted candle.

**Thy hand, O God, has guided
thy flock from age to age;
the wondrous tale is written,
full clear, on every page;
our fathers owned thy goodness,
and we their deeds record;
and both of this bear witness:
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.**

**Thy heralds brought glad tidings
to greatest, as to least;
they bade men rise and hasten
to share the great King's feast;
and this was all their teaching
in every deed and word,
to all alike proclaiming:
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.**

**And we, shall we be faithless?
Shall hearts fail, hands hang down?
Shall we evade the conflict,
and cast away our crown?
Not so: in God's deep counsels
some better thing is stored;
we will maintain, unflinching,
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.**

**Thy mercy will not fail us,
nor leave thy work undone;
with thy right hand to help us,
the victory shall be won;
and then, by men and angels,
thy name shall be adored,
and this shall be their anthem:
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.**

Edward Hayes Plumptre (1821-1891)

The Blessing

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

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you by his life-giving Spirit to walk with him in the paths of righteousness and peace; 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. Dejahnlouren, 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 peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Please remain standing until the ministers have left.

Please take this Service Sheet home with you. Refreshments are served after the service: please stay and join us.

Organ: Prelude on Nun Danket -Karg Elert