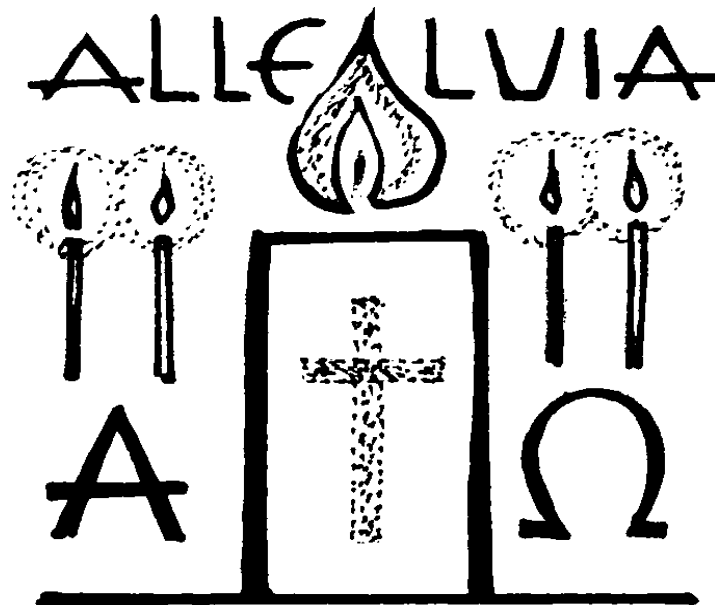




Parish Eucharist with Holy Baptism

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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,

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

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

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

Bernadette Farrell (b. 1957)

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.**

Alleluia, Christ is risen. **He is risen indeed, alleluia!**

Welcome and introduction.

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 provided. Collection plates are at the back of church if you would like to donate before the service begins, instead of waiting for the collection.

♪ Glory to God, Glory in the highest. Peace to his people, peace on earth.
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Lord God, Heav'nly King, Almighty God and Father,

Glory to God, Glory in the highest.

Peace to his people, peace on earth.

We worship you, **Glory in the highest.**

Give you thanks, **Glory in the highest.**

Praise you for your glory.

Glory to God, Glory in the highest.

Peace to his people, peace 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; **have mercy on us.**

You are seated at the right hand of the Father:

receive our prayer. **Receive our prayer.**

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

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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 glory of God, the Father.

Glory to God, Glory in the highest.

Peace to his people, peace on earth.

Amen. Amen.

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

God our redeemer,

you have delivered us from the power of darkness

and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:

grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,

so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading: Acts 10.44-48

While Peter was speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

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

Gospel: John 15.9-17

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.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.'

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

*We sit for the **Sermon**, then we keep silence together.*

The Liturgy of Baptism

Joshua, 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 Joshua 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.
Parents and godparents, you speak for Joshua today.
Will you pray for him and help him to follow Christ? **We will.**

The priest addresses Joshua'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 Joshua'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,

**Behold, behold I make all things new,
beginning with you and starting from today.
Behold, behold I make all things new,
my promise is true for I am Christ the way.**

The Prayer over the Water

The congregation faces the font.

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.**

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 Joshua saying

Joshua Isaiah Leman, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

After Joshua has been baptized, we sing,

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

The priest leads us in prayer.

Father, by the victory of your Son, **give light to the world.**

We welcome Joshua

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism: Joshua, 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

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia. The peace of the risen Christ be always with you; **and also with you. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

The deacon says: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We exchange a sign of peace and return to our places as we sing. The plate and card reader is available for contactless and cash donations.

***A new commandment I give unto you:
that you love one another as I have loved you
that you love one another as I have loved you.***

1. By this shall all know
that you are my disciples
if you have love
one for another.
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that you are my disciples
if you have love
one for another.
2. You are my friends
if you do what I command you.
Without my help
you can do nothing.
You are my friends
if you do what I command you.
Without my help
you can do nothing.
3. I am the true vine,
my Father is the gardener.
Abide in me: I will be with you.
I am the true vine,
my Father is the gardener.
Abide in me: I will be with you.
4. True love is patient,
not arrogant or boastful;
love bears all things,
love is eternal.
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*The priest takes the bread and wine and says the prayers of preparation: we respond to each part of the prayer: **Blessed be God forever.***

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 might acts, ending,
... 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, 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, then the Deacon says,

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

The Prayer continues and at the end we sing,

♪ **Amen, amen, amen.**

As our Saviour taught, 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.**

The priest breaks the bread, saying,

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.
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.**

The priest invites us to communion,

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 a blessing. Gluten free wafers are available. Communion will be brought to those seated in the south aisle.

Please come to the front and form a queue. Communion will be offered in both kinds, on the hand and from the chalice (optional). Please do not intinct (dip) the wafer in the chalice.

**1. There is a redeemer,
Jesus, God's own Son,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Holy One.**

***Thank you, O my Father,
for giving us your Son,
and leaving your Spirit,
till the work on earth is
done.***

**2. Jesus, my Redeemer,
name above all names,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
O, for sinners slain.**

**3. When I stand in glory,
I will see his face,
and there I'll serve
my King forever,
in that Holy Place.**

Keith Green (1953-1982)

The choir sings Sacerdotes Domini by William Byrd (1543-1623)

Then did priests make offering of incense and loaves to God: and therefore shall they be holy to their Lord and shall not defile his most holy name.

Post-communion Prayer

Silence is kept. Then the priest says,

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

Notices are given. We sing the final hymn. Joshua is given a lighted candle.

**God is love, let heaven adore him;
God is love, let earth rejoice;
let creation sing before him
and exalt him with one voice.
God who laid the earth's foundation,
God who spread the heav'ns above,
God who breathes through all creation:
God is love, eternal love.**

**God is love; and love enfolds us,
all the world in one embrace;
with unfailing grasp God holds us,
every child of every race.
And when human hearts are breaking
under sorrow's iron rod,
then we find that selfsame aching
deep within the heart of God.**

God is love; and though with blindness
sin afflicts all human life,
God's eternal loving-kindness
guides us through our earthly strife.
Sin and death and hell shall never
o'er us final triumph gain:
God is love, so love forever
o'er the universe must reign.

Timothy Rees (1874-1939)

The Blessing

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

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

Alleluia, Christ is risen. **He is risen indeed, alleluia!**

God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us the victory, give you joy and peace in your 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.

Joshua, 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. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Please remain standing until the ministers have left.

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