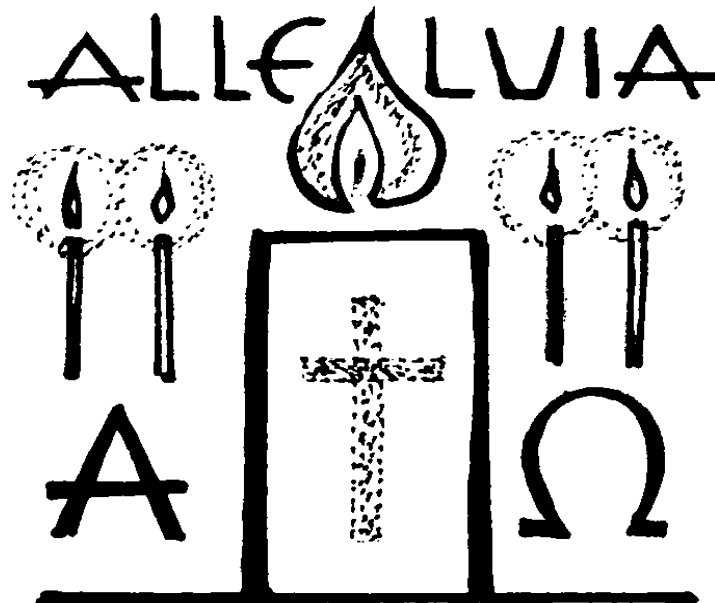




Parish Eucharist with Holy Baptism

Sebastian Arthur Parkes

14 July 2024



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. At the name of Jesus
every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him
king of glory now;
'tis the Father's pleasure
we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning
was the mighty word.**

**2. At his voice creation
sprang at once to sight,
all the angel faces,
all the hosts of light,
thrones and dominations,
stars upon their way,
all the heavenly orders,
in their great array.**

**4. Bore it up triumphant
with its human light,
through all ranks of creatures,
to the central height,
to the throne of Godhead,
to the Father's breast;
filled it with the glory
of that perfect rest.**

**3. Humbled for a season,
to receive a name
from the lips of sinners
unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it
spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious,
when from death he passed:**

**5. Name him, Christians, name him,
with love as strong as death,
but with awe and wonder
and with bated breath:
he is God the Saviour,
he is Christ the Lord,
ever to be worshipped,
trusted, and adored**

Caroline Maria Noel (1817-1877)

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.

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

♪ **Glory! Glory! Glory to God! Glory! Glory! Glory to God!**

Glory to God in the heights of the heavens, peace to God's people,
all people on earth.

Glory! Glory! Glory to God! ...

Son of the Father, all glory and worship; praise and thanksgiving to you,
Lamb of God.

Glory! Glory! Glory to God! ...

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us,

receive our prayer.

Glory! Glory! Glory to God! ...

Seated in pow'r

at the right of the Father, Jesus alone is the Lord, the Most High.

Glory! Glory! Glory to God! ...

And with the Spirit of love everlasting,
reigning in glory for ever, **Amen.**

Glory! Glory! Glory to God! ...

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

Generous God,

you give us gifts and make them grow:

though our faith is small as mustard seed,

make it grow to your glory

and the flourishing of your kingdom;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading: Ephesians 1.3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people to the praise of his glory.

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

Gospel: Mark 6.14-29

We stand, facing the gospel.

♪ Alleluia..., **alleluia...** Strong is your love. Mighty your word. Speak to us now, open our hearts, alleluia. **Alleluia...**

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

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

King Herod heard of the healings and other miracles, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.' But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.'

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.' She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the Baptist.' Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptizer on a platter.' The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

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

Sebastian, 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 Sebastian 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 Sebastian today.

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

The priest addresses Sebastian's parents and godparents. We all respond.

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 Sebastian'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,

***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.**

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

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.

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 Sebastian saying

Sebastian Arthur, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

After Sebastian has been baptized, we sing,

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

The priest leads us in prayer.

We welcome Sebastian

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

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.

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.

From heaven you came, helpless babe,
entered our world, your glory veiled;
not to be served, but to serve,
and give your life that we might live.

*This is our God, the Servant King,
he calls us now to follow him,
to bring our lives as a daily offering
of worship to the Servant King.*

Come see his hands and his feet,
the scars that speak of sacrifice,
hands that flung stars into space
to cruel nails surrendered.

There in the garden of tears,
my heavy load he chose to bear;
his heart with sorrow was torn,
"Yet not my will but yours," he said

So let us learn how to serve,
and in our lives enthrone him;
each other's needs to prefer,
for it is Christ we're serving.

Graham Kendrick (b. 1950)

*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 mighty acts, and we sing

♪ Holy, Holy, Holy Lord. **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord.**

God of power and God of might.

God of power and God of might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. **Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is he who comes... **Blessed is he who comes...**
in the name of the Lord most high.
in the name of the Lord most high.
Hosanna, **Hosanna**, Hosanna, **Hosanna**,
Hosanna in the highest. **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, 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.**

♪ Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, Word made flesh, bearer of our sins:
Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, Bread of Life, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Bread of Life, have mercy on us.

Jesus, Morning star; Jesus, Prince of Peace:
Jesus, Bread of Life, have mercy on us.

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, King of kings; Jesus, Lord of all:
Jesus, Lamb of God, give us your 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 or a blessing. Gluten free is available.

**We turn to Christ anew who hear his call today,
his way to walk, his will pursue, his word obey,
to serve him as our King and of his kingdom learn,
from sin and every evil thing to him we turn.**

**We trust in Christ to save; in him new life begins:
who by his cross a ransom gave from all our sins.
Our spirits' strength and stay who when all flesh is dust
will keep us in that final day, in him we trust.**

**We would be true to him till earthly journeys end,
whose love no passing years can dim, our changeless friend.
Way we who bear his name our faith and love renew,
to follow Christ our single aim, and find him true.**

Timothy Dudley-Smith (b.1926)

The choir sings Brother James' Air – arr. Gordon Jacob (1895-1984)

Silence is kept. Then the priest says,

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life,
ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within
ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we
may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and
reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

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

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us, for we have no help but thee;
yet possessing every blessing, if our God our Father be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us: all our weakness thou dost know;
thou didst tread this earth before us, thou didst feel its keenest woe;
lone and dreary, faint and weary, through the desert thou didst go.

Spirit of our God, descending, fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
love with every passion blending, pleasure that can never cloy:
thus provided, pardoned, guided, nothing can our peace destroy.

James Edmeston (1791-1867)

The Blessing

We bow our heads and pray for God's 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. Sebastian, 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.

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