



Holy Communion with Baptism

Twelfth Sunday after Trinity
22 August 2021

We continue to observe **social distancing rules** in our church.

Please use the **hand sanitiser** stations when you arrive, before and after communion, and when you leave.

Remain in the seat the steward directed you to. At the distribution of communion and at the end of the service please wait there until the steward directs you to move.

Face masks are mandatory when you are moving around in church. You may remove your mask whilst sitting in your pew, and also for a brief period when receiving communion.

Please take this service sheet home with you.

Sadly, there will be no gathering afterwards.

Personal photographs you take in our church, with children other than your own in them, are not to be published on social media sites (Instagram, Facebook etc.)

HYMN

- 1 Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult
of our life's wild restless sea,
day by day his voice is sounding,
saying, 'Christian, follow me;'
- 2 As of old, apostles heard it
by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and kindred,
leaving all for his dear sake.
- 3 Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, 'Christian, love me more.'
- 4 In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
'Christian, love me more than these.'

5 Jesus calls us! By thy mercies,
Saviour, may we hear thy call,
give our hearts to thine obedience,
serve and love thee best of all.

Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895) HymnQuest ID: 56033

GREETING

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

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all,
and also with you.

Words of welcome may be said.

Our Lord Jesus Christ has told us
that to enter the kingdom of heaven
we must be born again of water and the Spirit,
and has given us baptism as the sign and seal of this new birth.

Here we are washed by the Holy Spirit and made clean.
Here we are clothed with Christ,
dying to sin that we may live his risen life.

As children of God, we have a new dignity,
and God calls us to fullness of life.

CONFESSION

The gospel calls us to turn away from sin
and be faithful to Christ.
As we offer ourselves to him in penitence and faith,
we renew our confidence and trust in his mercy.

We confess to you our selfishness and lack of love:
fill us with your Spirit. Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our faith:
fill us with your Spirit. Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust:
fill us with your Spirit. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

COLLECT

Heavenly Father,
by the power of your Holy Spirit
you give to your faithful people
new life in the water of baptism.

Guide and strengthen us by the same Spirit,
that we who are born again may serve you in faith and love,
and grow into the full stature of your Son Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

Amen.

READING Ephesians 6.10-20

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery

of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

At the end the reader may say:

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

Silence may be kept.

GOSPEL READING John 6.56-69

The Lord be with you,
and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the crowd: 'Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.' He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.'

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'

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

SERMON

After the Sermon silence may be kept.

PRESENTATION OF THE BAPTISM CANDIDATE

Moving to the font the minister is joined by the baptism candidate, parents and godparents. The congregation turn to face the font.

Faith is the gift of God to his people.

In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling.

We thank God for *Hannah* who has come to be baptised today.

Christ loves her and welcomes her into his Church.

So I ask you all:

Will you support *Hannah* as she begins his journey of faith?

We will.

Will you help her to live and grow within God's family?

We will.

The minister asks the parents and godparents:

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

Parents and godparents, you speak for *Hannah* today.

Will you pray for her, and help her to follow Christ?

Parents and godparents reply:

We will.

Will you support her on his journey of faith?

We will.

THE DECISION

The minister says to parents and godparents:

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 you parents and godparents:

Do you turn away from sin?

Parents and godparents reply:

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.

SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

The minister makes the sign of the cross using the oil of Chrism on the forehead of the candidate, saying:

Hannah, Christ claims you for his own.

Receive the sign of his cross.

Do not be ashamed of Christ crucified.

You are his forever.

**Stand bravely with him against all powers of evil,
and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**

May almighty God

deliver you from the powers of darkness,

restore in you the image of his glory,

and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE WATER

We praise you, loving Father,

for the gift of the your Son Jesus.

He was baptised in the River Jordan,

where your Spirit came upon him

and revealed him as the Son you love.

He sent his followers to baptise all who turn to him.

Now, Father, we ask you to bless this water,

that those who are baptised 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.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Let us affirm,
together with *Hannah* who is being baptised,
our common faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?
I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?
I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?
I 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.**

BAPTISM

The minister pours water on the candidate, saying:

Hannah Belle Naa Afi,

I baptise you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

WELCOME AND PEACE

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism.
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 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.

GIVING OF A LIGHTED CANDLE

The minister gives the baptised a candle lit from the Paschal (Easter) candle, saying:

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness
and has given us a place with the saints in light.

Hannah,
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.**

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Look upon us in mercy not in judgement;
draw us from hatred to love;
make the frailty of our praise
a dwelling place for your glory.
Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC 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.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.
When we turned away you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.

**You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends
he took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:

Take, eat;
this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:

Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death
and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit,
that this bread and this wine
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the highest.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

(Or) Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

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, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.

GIVING OF COMMUNION

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.
Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

WORDS OF DISTRIBUTION said to all here

The body of Christ keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

Please wait to be directed forward to receive communion in one kind only.

HYMN

- 1 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
holy, holy, holy! – merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!
- 2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
who wast, and art, and evermore shall be.
- 3 Holy, holy, holy! – though the darkness hide thee,
though the sinful human eye thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy, there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.
- 4 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth, and sky, and sea:
holy, holy, holy! – merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

Reginald Heber (1783-1826) HymnQuest ID: 54453

- 1 Holy, holy, holy is the Lord,
holy is the Lord God almighty.
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord,
holy is the Lord God almighty:
who was, and is, and is to come.
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord.
- 2 Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is the Lord,
Jesus is the Lord God almighty:
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is the Lord,
Jesus is the Lord God almighty:
who was, and is, and is to come.
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord.
- 3 Worthy, worthy, worthy is the Lord,
worthy is the Lord God almighty:
worthy, worthy, worthy is the Lord,
worthy is the Lord God almighty:
who was, and is, and is to come.
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord.

4 Glory, glory, glory to the Lord,
 glory to the Lord God almighty:
 glory, glory, glory to the Lord,
 glory to the Lord God almighty:
 who was, and is, and is to come.
 Holy, holy, holy is the Lord.

Anonymous; HymnQuest ID: 54444

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, our beginning and our end,
preserve in your people the new life of baptism;
as Christ receives us on earth,
so may he guide us through the trials of this world,
and enfold us in the joy of heaven,
where you live and reign, one God for ever and ever.

**Faithful God,
in baptism you have adopted us as your children,
made us members of the body of Christ
and chosen us as inheritors of your kingdom:
we thank you that in this Eucharist
you renew your promises within us;
empower us by your Spirit to witness and to serve,
and send us out as disciples of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

NOTICES

HYMN

1 Ye holy angels bright,
 who wait at God's right hand,
 or through the realms of light
 fly at your Lord's command,
 assist our song,
 for else the theme
 too high doth seem
 for mortal tongue.

2 Ye blessed souls at rest,
 who ran this earthly race,
 and now from sin released,
 behold the Saviour's face,

his praises sound,
as in his sight
with sweet delight
ye do abound.

3 Ye saints, who toil below,
adore your heavenly King,
and onward as ye go
some joyful anthem sing;
take what he gives
and praise him still,
through good and ill,
who ever lives.

4 My soul, bear thou thy part,
triumph in God above,
and with a well-tuned heart
sing thou the songs of love;
let all thy days
till life shall end,
whate'er he send,
be filled with praise.

Richard Baxter (1615-1691), John Hampden Gurney (1802-1862), Richard Robert Chope (1830-1928)
HymnQuest ID: 64587

BLESSING

God, who in his Christ gives us
a spring of water welling up to eternal life,
perfect in you the image of his glory;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you, and remain with you always.
Amen.

Go in the light and peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

The people depart, followed by the ministers.

OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

Those who suffer in **body, mind or spirit**, among them Sue P, Richard H, Tim C, Kay G, Oliver D, Veronica D, Fred R, Jonathan, Diane J, Fr Stephen S, Ron W, Wendy S.

The housebound and those in residential homes: Diana B, Cedric G.

Those baptised today: Louisa Tilley-Sanders, Hannah Aryee.

If you would like to add a name to our prayer list, please obtain the consent of the person you wish us to pray for. Then tell Rev Christine whom to pray for and the reason why.

REMEMBER THE DEPARTED

Those whose anniversaries fall on this week: William Denny, Reginald Gordon Smeaton, Edward Smart, Edward Francis Murray Samson, Geoffrey Hole, William John Everden, Edith Sadler, Dorothy Coles, May Tuplin, Helen Hubbard.

NOTICES

All Hallows' Flower Fund afternoon tea at 16 Cherry Avenue, Wed 25 Aug, 14:30-16:30. Please bring a chair. Tickets £5 from Ann Harrison (01933 673933).

Roger Poolman's funeral takes place at All Saints on Wed 25 Aug at 10:00. You are welcome to attend. If you stay for refreshments afterwards, please tell Rev Christine in advance. You can read Roger's funeral notice on this website: <https://www.dignityfunerals.co.uk/funeral-notices/28-07-2021-roger-graham-poolman>

Joint Benefice Service

Sunday 29 August 10am, All Saints' Church

When there is a **fifth Sunday in the month**, our two congregations will gather in one place, **alternating between our two church buildings**, and worship together at a **joint service starting at 10am**. On these Sundays there will be no other services in the benefice, apart from Compline online.

The first such Sunday is 29 August, and on this occasion All Saints will be our host. ***Please come and join us.***

DIARY

Tues 24 Aug	Bartholomew the Apostle	
8:30 - 9:00	Zoom	Morning Prayer
Wed 25 Aug		
10:00 - 11:00	All Saints	funeral – RIP Roger Poolman
10:30 - 12:15	All Hallows	open to the public
12:15 - 13:00	All Hallows	Midweek Eucharist
17:30 - 18:00	Zoom	Evening Prayer
Thurs 26 Aug		
8:30 - 9:00	Zoom	Morning Prayer
10:00 - 10:30	All Saints	Holy Communion
Sat 28 Aug	Monica	
10:30 - 12:15	All Hallows	open to the public
Sun 29 August	Trinity 13	
10:00 – 11:00	All Saints	Joint Benefice Service
18:00 - 18:30	Zoom	Compline

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