



# Holy Communion with Baptism

Third Sunday after Epiphany  
23 January 2022

*A warm welcome to our worship this morning. Whether a regular or a visitor, it is good to have you here.*

*At All Hallows we continue to take precautions to keep everyone as safe as possible as we worship.*

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

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

*Please wear a **face mask**. You may remove your mask for a brief period when receiving communion. We continue to take **communion** in one kind only.*

*Please take this service sheet home with you.*

***Personal photographs** you take in our church, with children other than your own in them, are not to be published on social media sites (Instagram, Facebook etc.)*

*We stand as the bell sounds to mark the beginning of our worship. The ministers process into the church.*

## GREETING

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

All **Amen.**

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

All **And also with you.**

*Words of welcome may be said.*

## HYMN

1 Christ is the King! O friends rejoice;  
brothers and sisters with one voice

tell all the world he is your choice.

*Alleluia.*

2 O magnify the Lord, and raise  
anthems of joy and holy praise  
for Christ's brave saints of ancient days.

*Alleluia.*

3 They with a faith for ever new  
followed the King, and round him drew  
thousands of faithful hearts and true.

*Alleluia.*

4 O Christian women, Christian men,  
all the world over, seek again  
the Way disciples followed then.

*Alleluia.*

5 Christ through all ages is the same:  
place the same hope in his great name,  
with the same faith his word proclaim.

*Alleluia.*

6 Let love's unconquerable might  
your scattered companies unite  
in service to the Lord of light.

*Alleluia.*

7 So shall God's will on earth be done,  
new lamps be lit, new tasks begun,  
and the whole church at last be one.

*Alleluia.*

*George Kennedy Allen Bell (1883–1958)*

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## INTRODUCTION

Minister 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

Minister 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.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

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

**All Christ, have mercy.**

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

**All Lord, have mercy.**

## ABSOLUTION

Minister 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.

**All 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.

**All Amen.**

## READING 1 Corinthians 12.12-31a

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body - Jews or Greeks, slaves or free - and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,' that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,' that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you,' nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

*At the end the reader may say*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All**           **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence may be kept.*

## HYMN

1           God has spoken — by his prophets,  
          spoken his unchanging word;  
          each from age to age proclaiming  
          God the one, the righteous Lord;  
          in the world's despair and turmoil

one firm anchor holds us fast:  
God eternal reigns for ever,  
God the first and God the last.

2 God has spoken — by Christ Jesus,  
Christ, the everlasting Son;  
brightness of the Father's glory,  
with the Father ever one:  
spoken by the Word incarnate,  
Life, before all time began,  
Light of Light, to earth descending,  
God, revealed as Son of Man.

3 God is speaking — by his Spirit  
speaking to our hearts again;  
in the ageless Word declaring  
God's own message, now as then.  
Through the rise and fall of nations  
one sure faith is holding fast:  
God abides, his word unchanging,  
God the first and God the last.

*George Wallace Briggs (1875–1959)*

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## **GOSPEL READING** Luke 4.14-21

**All Alleluia, alleluia!**

Minister Christ was revealed in flesh,  
proclaimed among the nations,  
and believed in throughout the world.

**All Alleluia!**

Minister Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All** 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.*

Minister 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 Elijah  
who has come to be baptised today.  
Christ loves him and welcomes him into his Church.

So I ask you all:

Will you support Elijah as he begins his journey of faith?

**All** We will.

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

**All** We will.

*The minister asks the parents and godparents:*

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

Parents and godparents, you speak for Elijah today.  
Will you pray for him, and help him to follow Christ?

*Parents and godparents reply:*

**We will.**

Minister Will you support him on his journey of faith?

**We will.**

## THE DECISION

*The minister says to parents and godparents:*

Minister 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.**

Minister Do you reject evil?  
**I do.**

Minister Do you turn to Christ as saviour?  
**I do.**

Minister 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:*

Minister Elijah, Christ claims you for his own.  
Receive the sign of his cross.  
Do not be ashamed of Christ crucified. You are his forever.

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

Minister 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.

**All Amen.**

## PRAYER OVER THE WATER

Minister 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.

**All**      **Amen.**

## **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

Minister    Let us affirm,  
              together with Elijah 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?

**All**      **I believe and trust in him.**

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

**All**      **I believe and trust in him.**

Minister    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?

**All**      **I believe and trust in him.**

Minister    This is the faith of the Church.

**All**      **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:*

Minister    Elijah Desmond James,  
              I baptise you in the name of the Father,  
              and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All**      **Amen.**

## **WELCOME AND PEACE**

Minister    There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism.  
              By one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.



**All** We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;  
we are children of the same heavenly Father;  
we welcome you.

Minister 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,  
**All** and also with you.

## **GIVING OF A LIGHTED CANDLE**

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

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

Elijah,  
you have received the light of Christ;  
walk in this light all the days of your life.

**All** Shine as a light in the world  
to the glory of God the Father.

## **ENROLMENT OF A JUNIOR CHORISTER**

### **PREPARATION OF THE TABLE**

*During the hymn the gifts of the people may be gathered.*

### **HYMN**

- 1 I come with joy, a child of God,  
forgiven, loved and free,  
the life of Jesus to recall,  
in love laid down for me.
- 2 I come with Christians far and near  
to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love  
in Christ's communion bread.
- 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,  
each proud division ends.  
The love that made us, makes us one,  
and strangers now are friends.

4 The Spirit of the risen Christ,  
unseen, but ever near,  
is in such friendship better known,  
alive among us here.

5 Together met, together bound  
by all that God has done,  
we'll go with joy, to give the world  
the love that makes us one.

*Brian Wren (b. 1936) Words: © 1971, 1995, Stainer & Bell Ltd, London, England www.stainer.co.uk*

## TABLE PRAYER

Minister Blessed be God,  
by whose grace creation is renewed,  
by whose love heaven is opened,  
by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.

**All Blessed be God for ever.**

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Minister The Lord be with you

**All and also with you.**

Minister Lift up your hearts.

**All We lift them to the Lord.**

Minister Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Minister 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.

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

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

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

Minister 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.

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

Minister 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.

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

Minister 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.

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

Minister 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.

**All 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**

Minister 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.*

Minister We break the bread of life,  
and that life is the light of the world.

All God here among us,  
light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.

## **GIVING OF COMMUNION**

Minister Christ is the true bread which has come down from heaven.

All Lord, give us this bread always.

*Please wait to be directed forward to receive communion.*

**ANTHEM** Cesar Franck: Panis Angelicus

## **HYMN**

1 Jesus, Lord, we look to thee,  
let us in thy name agree:  
show thyself the Prince of peace;  
bid all strife for ever cease.

2 Make us of one heart and mind,  
courteous, pitiful, and kind,  
lowly, meek in thought and word,  
altogether like our Lord.

3 Let us for each other care,  
each the other's burden bear;

to thy church the pattern give,  
show how true believers live.

- 4 Free from anger and from pride,  
let us thus in God abide;  
all the depths of love express,  
all the heights of holiness.

*Charles Wesley (1707-1788)*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Minister 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.

All Amen.

All 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 O for a thousand tongues to sing  
my dear Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King,  
the triumphs of his grace!
- 2 Jesus! the name that charms our fears,  
that bids our sorrows cease;  
'tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'tis life and health and peace.
- 3 He breaks the power of cancelled sin,  
he sets the prisoner free:

his blood can make the foulest clean;  
his blood availed for me.

4 He speaks; and, listening to his voice,  
new life the dead receive,  
the mournful broken hearts rejoice,  
the humble poor believe.

5 Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,  
your loosened tongues employ;  
ye blind, behold your Saviour come;  
and leap, ye lame, for joy!

6 My gracious Master and my God,  
assist me to proclaim  
and spread through all the earth abroad  
the honours of thy name.

*Charles Wesley (1707–1788)*

## **BLESSING**

Minister 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.

All Amen.

## **DISMISSAL**

Minister Go in the light and peace of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

*The people and ministers depart.*

**ORGAN VOLUNTARY** Leon Boellmann: Toccata in C minor

## OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

Those who suffer in **body, mind or spirit**, among them Richard H, Tim C, Kay G, Fred R, Jonathan, Diane J, Fr Stephen S, Ron W, Wendy S, Julie V, Margaret C, Kath T, Leslie, Sue P, June M, Anne H, Marion D.

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

**Those baptised today:** Elijah Desmond James Collins, Rebecca Brenda Peachey.

*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 fell on this past week:** Kathleen Estelle Mallows, Paul Andrew Wells, Alan George Mitchell, Walter Armstrong, Albert Charles Liley, Winifred (Trudi) Freeman, Caroline Deaton, David John Paradine, Carl Montague Ralph Howard, Greta Banham, Rita Edmonds, Dorothy Heath, John Newcombe, Bernard Richards, Alan Palmer, Margaret Anne Rivers Morris, Mary Houston, Neil Campbell, Ray Quartermain, Chris Webb.

## NOTICES

**Our Discussion Group on the Parables** meets via Zoom on Thursday 19:00-20:30. Please email or ring Agnes if you would like to join in.

**30 January** is the fifth Sunday of the month, and also Candlemas. There will be a joint benefice service at 10am, and a Choral Evensong at 5pm, both at All Hallows. We will have no other services that day.

## DIARY

<b>Tues 25 Jan</b>	<b>Conversion of Paul</b>	
8:30 - 9:00	Zoom	Morning Prayer
<b>Wed 26 Jan</b>	<b>Timothy and Titus</b>	
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
<b>Thurs 27 Jan</b>		
8:30 - 9:00	Zoom	Morning Prayer
10:00 - 10:30	All Saints	Holy Communion
19:00 - 20:30	Zoom	Discussion Group on the Parables
<b>Fri 28 Jan</b>	<b>Thomas Aquinas</b>	
19:00 - 20:00	All Hallows	choir practice
19:30 - 20:00	All Saints	choir practice
<b>Sat 29 Jan</b>		
10:30 - 12:30	All Hallows	open to the public
<b>Sun 30 Jan</b>	<b>Candlemas</b>	
10:00 - 11:00	All Hallows	Eucharist
17:00 - 18:00	All Hallows	Choral Evensong

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