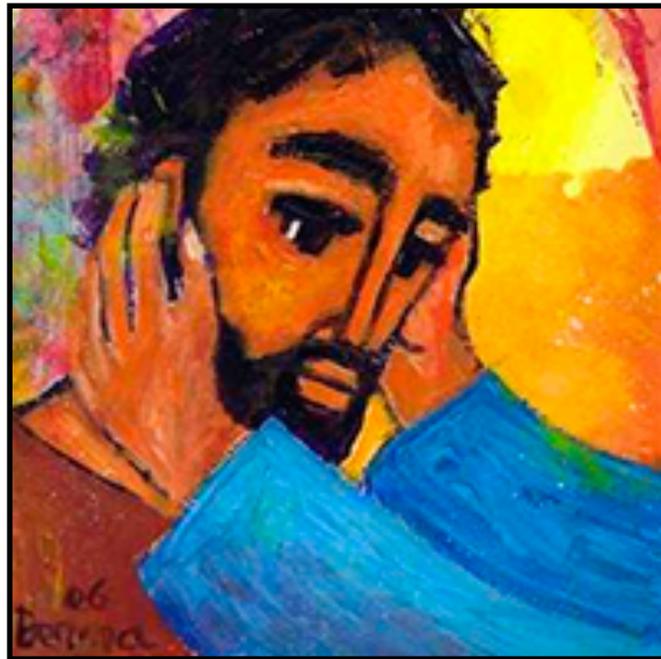


The Benefice of All Saints, Highbrook & St Margaret of Antioch, West Hoathly



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**A Service of Holy Eucharist
for All Ages
with the Baptism of
Charles George Gillespie Vaulkhard**

The 14th Sunday after Trinity

5th September 2021

Welcome to St. Margaret's

Today we join together in our worship, which is recorded in St Margaret's, West Hoathly.

Opening Procession Hymn

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!
Lord, we lift up your name
with hearts full of praise;
be exalted, O Lord, our God!
Hosanna in the highest!

Glory, glory, glory to the King of kings!
Glory, glory, glory to the King of kings!
Lord, we lift up your name
with hearts full of praise;
be exalted, O Lord, our God!
Glory to the King of kings!

(Carl Tuttle)

Opening Words

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

All **Amen.**

The Lord be with you

All **And also with you.**

Gloria in Excelsis Deo

We sing the ancient hymn of praise, which means 'Glory to God in the highest', the words that the angels sang to the shepherds in the Christmas story:

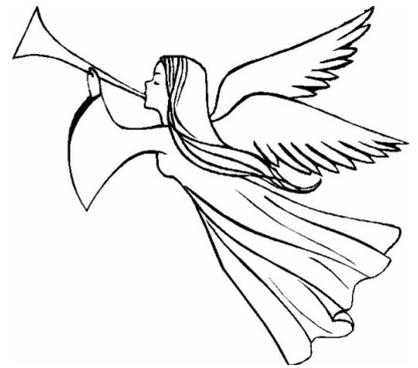
*Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo,
Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo.*

Lord God, heavenly King,
Peace you bring to us;
We worship you, we give you thanks,
We sing our song of praise.

Jesus, Saviour of all,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away our sins, O Lord,
Have mercy on us all.

At the Father's right hand,
Lord, receive our prayer,
For you alone are the Holy One,
And you alone are Lord.

Glory, Father and Son,
Glory, Holy Spirit,
To you we raise our hands up high,
We glorify your name.



Collect

Let us pray:

There is a short moment of silence to help us focus on God.

Merciful God,
your Son came to save us
and bore our sins on the cross:
may we trust in your mercy
and know your love,
rejoicing in the righteousness
that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

We hear the Word of God

First Reading

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Say to people who are afraid and confused,

“Be strong. Don’t be afraid.

Look, your God will come, and he will punish your enemies.

He will make them pay for the wrongs they did.

He will come and save you.”

Then the blind people will see again.

Then the deaf will hear.

Crippled people will jump like deer.

And those who can’t talk now will shout with joy.

Springs of water will flow in the desert.

Streams will flow in the dry land.

The burning desert will have pools of water.

The dry ground will have springs.

Where wild dogs once lived,

grass and water plants will grow.

(Isaiah 35.4-7)

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.



The Gospel Story

Alleluia, alleluia.

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.

You have the words of eternal life.

(1 Samuel 3.9; John 6.68)

All Alleluia.

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus left that place and went to the area around Tyre. He went into a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. But Jesus could not stay hidden. A woman heard that he was there. Her little daughter had an evil spirit in her. So the woman quickly came to Jesus and fell at his feet. She was not Jewish. She was Greek, born in Phoenicia, in Syria. She begged Jesus to force the demon out of her daughter.

Jesus told the woman: “It is not right to take the children’s bread and give it to the dogs. First let the children eat all they want.”

She answered, “That is true, Lord. But the dogs under the table can eat the pieces of food that the children don’t eat.”

Then Jesus said, “That is a very good answer. You may go. The demon has left your daughter.”

The woman went home and found her daughter lying in bed. The demon was gone.

Then Jesus left the area around Tyre. He went through Sidon to Lake Galilee, to the area of the Ten Towns. While he was there, some people brought a man to him. This man was deaf and could not talk. The people begged Jesus to put his hand on the man to heal him.

Jesus led the man away from the crowd, to be alone with him. Jesus put his fingers in the man’s ears. Then Jesus spit and touched the man’s tongue. Jesus looked up to heaven and took a deep breath. He said to the man, “Ephphatha!” (This means, “Be opened.”) When Jesus did this, the man was able to hear. He was also able to use his tongue, and he spoke clearly.

Jesus commanded the people not to tell anyone about what happened. But the more he commanded them, the more they told about it. They were really amazed. They said, “Jesus does everything well. He makes the deaf hear! And those who can’t talk—Jesus makes them able to speak.”

(Mark 7.24-37)

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

As it unfolds, notice what goes on in your spirit.

The Liturgy of Baptism

Presentation of the Candidates

Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me. Do not stop them'.
We thank God for Charles who has come to be baptized today.
Christ loves him and welcomes him into his Church.

So I ask you all:

Will you support this child as he begins his journey of faith?

All We will.

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

All We will.

The president then addresses the parents and godparents:

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

Parents and godparents, you speak for Charles today.

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

P/GP We will.

The Decision

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

P/GP I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

P/GP I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us
from God and neighbour?

P/GP I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

P/GP I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

P/GP I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

P/GP I come to Christ.

Signing with the Cross

Charles, Christ claims you for his own.

Receive the sign of his cross.

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

**All Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ
against sin, the world and the devil,
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.

All Amen.

The baptism party makes its way to the back of the church, to the font. (We may lose image at this point.)

Prayer over the water

**All Praise God who made heaven and earth,
who keeps his promise for ever.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All 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.

All Amen



Creed

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

All We 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?

All We 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?

All We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

**All This is our faith.
We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**



The Baptism

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

All Amen.

May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church,
pour upon you the riches of his grace,
that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people
you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit,
and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory.

All Amen.

The Welcome

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:
by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

**All Charles George Gillespie Vaulkhard ,
we welcome you into the fellowship of faith;
we are children of the same heavenly Father;
we welcome you.**

The people return to their seats.



Prayers of the People ...in the palm of God's hands

As a royal priesthood, let us pray to the Father through Christ:

Faithful and loving God,
bless those who care for Charlie
and grant them your gifts of love, wisdom and faith.
Pour upon them your healing and reconciling love,
and protect their homes from all evil.
Fill them with the light of your presence
and establish them in the joy of your kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen

Reveal your kingdom among the nations;
may peace abound and justice flourish.
Your name be hallowed.

All Your kingdom come.

Send down upon us the gift of the Spirit
and renew your Church with power from on high.
Your name be hallowed.

All Your kingdom come.

Deliver the oppressed, strengthen the weak,
heal and restore your creation.
Your name be hallowed.

All Your kingdom come.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the Church on earth,
we join our prayers with all the saints in glory.
Your name be hallowed.

All Your kingdom come.

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.

All And also with you.



Offertory Hymn

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here;
come, bow before Him now, with reverence and fear.
In Him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground.
Be still for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.
Be still, for the glory of the Lord, is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire, with splendour He is crowned.
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!
Be still for the glory of the Lord, is shining all around.
Be still, for the power of the Lord, is moving in this place,
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister His grace.
No work too hard for Him, in faith receive from Him;
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

(David J Evans)

The Meal of Holy Eucharist

Eucharist means “thanksgiving.” In this meal we give thanks for all that God has done for us, and we offer ourselves back to God.

The Lord be with you

All And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

Lord of all life,

you created the universe,

where all living things reflect your glory.

You give us this great and beautiful earth,

to discover and to cherish.

And now we give you thanks

because by water and the Holy Spirit

you have made us in him a new people to show forth your glory.

You made us all, each wonderfully different,

to join with the angels and sing your praise:

**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.

We thank you, loving Father,

because, when we turned away,

you sent Jesus, your Son.

He gave his life for us on the cross

and shows us the way to live.

Send your Holy Spirit
that these gifts of bread and wine
may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

On the night before he died,
when darkness had fallen,
Jesus took bread.

He gave thanks, broke it,
and shared it with his disciples, saying:

'This is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine,
gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many,
for the forgiveness of sins.'

So Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.

As you feed us with these gifts,
send your Holy Spirit,
and change us more and more
to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Help us, Father, to love one another,
as we look forward to that day
when suffering is ended,
and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.

And now with the Blessed Virgin Mary,
St Margaret and all your saints
we give you glory,
through Jesus Christ,
in the strength of the Spirit,
today and for ever.

All Amen



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The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

All **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.

The bread is broken, and the bread and wine are held up as gifts for the world.

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

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



The table of bread and wine is now ready.
It is the table of company with Jesus.
So, come to this table, you who have much faith
and you who would like to have more.
You who have been to this meal often
and you who have not been for a long time.
You who have tried to follow Jesus
and you who want to.....come.
It is Jesus who invites you to meet him here.

In this time of dispersion, you are invited to make a Spiritual Communion, using this or a similar prayer:

A prayer for communion in separation

Lord Jesus Christ, life-giver and good physician, here you meet me in our need. In a world marred by corruption and marked by death, draw me into true life. By your selfless sacrifice, help me to live for others and not myself. May I, who cannot now receive you sacramentally, embrace you more fully in my heart, mind and soul. Help me unite myself to you in spirit, so that I may be drawn closer to those from whom I am isolated in body. Through sharing your life given up in death for us all, may we grow together in love into a richer and more profound communion of life.

Communion Music

is provided by the Music Group

Prayer after Communion

After a short time of silence, we pray together:

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Notices

Giving of a Lighted Candle

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

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.**

The Blessing

We listen to these words of blessing.

The Lord be with you.

All 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.

All Amen

Go in the light and peace of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

Final Hymn

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth:
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

*Dance, then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the dance, said he,
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
But they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me;
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;
They came with me and the dance went on:
I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame:
The holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high,
And they left me there on a cross to die:

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone;
But I am the dance, and I still go on:
They cut me down and I leapt up high;
I am the life that'll never, never die.
I'll live in you if you'll live in me:
I am the Lord of the dance, said he.

Sydney Carter (b. 1915)