

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



'The Baptism of Christ' from Benziger Brothers, Inc. Bible Stories for Little Children

The Baptism of Christ Eucharist

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Welcome to our service which is recorded at St Margaret's, West Hoathly, as we join together to worship God.

Opening Hymn

Come down, O Love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardor glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity
mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weep with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace,
till we become the place,
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

(Text: Bianco da Sien (d.1434), trans Richard F Littledate (1833-90),

Tune: Down Ampney)

Welcome and Introduction

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

All **Amen.**

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the Universe.

All **From the rising of the sun to its setting
your name is proclaimed in all the world.**

The Lord be with you

All **And also with you.**

Gloria in excelsis

All **Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**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;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**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 Father.
Amen.**

The Collect

Let us pray.

Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,
that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

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Isaiah 43.1-7

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, 'Give them up', and to the south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Acts 8.14-17

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn

Psalm 29

Ascribe to God both strength and pow'r

Come worship in God's name.

The universe proclaims our Lord;

Must we not do the same?

God's voice rolls through heav'n and sea,

And thunders o'er the land.

This voice is full of majesty,

More mighty than the wind.

The trees are stripped, the leaves are shred;

God makes the forest bare.

There is no force upon the earth

That can with God compare.

The wilderness is God's domain,

It too shakes at that voice.

Its shifting sand and barren space

Sing praises and rejoice.

God sits enthroned above the flood;

Let all creation sing.

Great strength and peace abide with those

Who worship God as King.

The Lord is sovereign for all time,

Majestic is God's name.

The whole creation sings God's praise;

Must we not be the same?

(Fred R. Anderson, Tune: Kingsfold)

The Gospel

Alleluia, alleluia.

This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.

Matthew 3.17

All Alleluia

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

All Glory to you, O Lord.

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

(Luke 3.15-17, 21-22)

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Profession of Faith

Brothers and sisters,

I ask you to profess together the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

All **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

All **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?

All **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.**

Declaration

I call upon those who are affirming their baptismal faith to renew their commitment to Jesus Christ.

All **I answer the call of God my creator.
I trust in Jesus Christ as my Saviour.
I seek new life from the Holy Spirit.**

Almighty God,
we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith
with all who have been baptized into your name.
Keep us faithful to our baptism, and so make us ready for that day
when the whole creation shall be made perfect in your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

Affirmation of Baptismal Faith

The president extends her hands towards those who seek to affirm their baptismal faith:

God of mercy and love,
in baptism you welcome the sinner
and restore the dead to life.
You create a clean heart in those who repent,
and give your Holy Spirit to those who ask.
Grant that these your servants may grow
into the fullness of the stature of Christ.
Equip them with the gifts of your Holy Spirit,
and fill them with faith in Jesus Christ
and with love for all your people,
in the service of your kingdom.

All **Amen.**

May God renew his life within you
that you may confess his name this day and for ever.

All **Amen.**

All **Defend us, O Lord, your servants, with your heavenly grace,
that we may continue yours for ever,
and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more
until we come to your everlasting kingdom. Amen.**

The Prayers of Intercession

That the Church and all the world may be cleansed and sanctified, let us pray to the Lord.

Fill your Church with the Holy Spirit, that all who respond to your call may be witnesses to your name. Bless those who come to be baptised and those who stand as their godparents or sponsors.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for the Anglican Church in Chile, and for the Chancellor of our Diocese, the Deputy Chancellor, Diocesan Registrar and the Registry Clerk. Lord, in your mercy:

All **Hear our prayer.**

Come with power to the world, to make your name known and honoured in every place. Guide those you have chosen to be your agents in places of authority, that they rule with justice and break down all barriers to the truth. Lord, in your mercy:

All **Hear our prayer.**

Bless our families with your presence, helping us so to live that what we do shall be pleasing to you. Bless all parents in this community, and grant that they may raise their children in faith obedience to your word. Lord, in your mercy:

All **Hear our prayer.**

Have mercy upon all in need, and bring healing to those who are suffering, whether in body, mind or spirit, especially Mary Mays. Lord, in your mercy:

All **Hear our prayer.**

Receive with mercy the souls of those who have died in the faith of Christ, remembering Bob Isted who died recently, and Rob Young and Betty Nickolls, whose year's mind falls this week. Open the Kingdom of Heaven to them that they may enter into eternal life.

Lord, in your mercy:

All **Hear our prayer.**

We offer our prayers through Christ the Son, the Beloved.

Merciful Father,

All **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Peace

God has made us one in Christ.

He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come,
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.

cf 2 Corinthians 1.22

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn

*during which we take the collection (a gift we give in thanks for all that we have received from God)
and the bread and wine are placed upon the altar.*

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, in the day and the night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;
I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord.
thou my great Father, and I thy true heir;
thou in me dwelling and I in thy care.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight.
Be thou my armour, and be thou my might,
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r.
Raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I need not, nor all the world's praise;
thou mine inheritance, through all my days;
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art!

High King of heaven when battle is done
grant heaven's joys to me, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Christ of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

*(Text: Irish (c. 8th century), trans Mary Byrne (1880-1931)
and Eleanor Hull (1860-1935))*

Prayers at the Preparation of the Table

Open the heavens, Lord our God,
and send your transforming Spirit
on us and on these gifts.

May we who are baptized into Christ
be ready to share his cup of suffering
and strengthened to serve him for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

All **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is truly right and just,
our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

You celebrated your new gift of baptism
in signs and wonders at the Jordan.

Your voice was heard from heaven
to awaken faith in the presence among us
of your Word made flesh.

Your Spirit was seen as a dove,
revealing Jesus as your servant,
and anointing him with the oil of gladness
to preach the good news to the poor.

Therefore, as we celebrate the union of earth and heaven,
we rejoice to echo the song of the angels in heaven
for ever praising you and saying:

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.

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

All

Christ has died.

Christ has risen.

Christ will come again.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
St Margaret and all the saints
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Believing the promises of God,
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.

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.**

All **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.**

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

All **Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

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

During distribution the organist will play.

Prayer after Communion

After a short time of silence, we pray together:

Lord of all time and eternity,
you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:
by the power of your Spirit
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth
through the waters of the new creation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

Notices

The Dismissal

The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory
and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom ;
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 peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Breathe on me, breath of God:
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until with thee I have one will
to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, breath of God;
till I am holy thine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, breath of God;
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.

(Text: Edwin Hatch, Tune: Carlisle)