



## **A Celebration of the Eucharist with Baptisms and Confirmation**

January 14th 2024  
*The Second Sunday of Epiphany*  
*President and Preacher: Bishop Jonathan Meyrick*  
**WELCOME TO HOLY TRINITY**

A very warm welcome to all who join us for worship, particularly the candidates for baptism and confirmation and those who have come to support them today.

Each one of us here is at a different stage on our pilgrim journey, but some have reached a special moment in their lives; now is the time for them to make a decision and an act of commitment. All of this is celebrated in the context of the Eucharist where the Risen Christ renews us through Word and Sacrament so that we might witness to God's love in the world. This service is led by Bishop Jonathan, who is an Assistant Bishop in this diocese (having recently retired as Bishop of Lynn) to remind us that we belong to the one universal Church which goes beyond local parish boundaries.

We welcome Christians from other churches to receive the bread and wine at Communion. If you are not yet confirmed, or a full communicant member of the church, please come forward with everyone else, but bring this order of service with you to indicate to the minister that you wish to receive a blessing. There will be a common cup at the high altar; those wishing to receive by intinction (where the bread is dipped in the wine instead of drinking from the cup) please go to the distribution point at the back of the church by the font. If you prefer to sit quietly in your seat, then please feel free to do so. If you are interested in learning more about the Christian way of life or may be considering Confirmation for yourself, then please speak with a minister after the service. Our next Soul Space workshop begins on February 5th and you can find out more and register to attend by holding the camera on a smart phone over the code below (or speak to a member of the clergy):



### **A prayer for the candidates before the service begins**

God of all grace and power,  
we ask your blessing on those who have reached  
a crucial stage in their pilgrim journey.  
May your Holy Spirit so work in their hearts and minds  
that they may fully commit themselves to Jesus Christ  
and acknowledge him as Lord;  
and grant that they may continue steadfast in the faith and fellowship of the Church  
until their lives' end.  
Amen.

**Cover:** The Holy Spirit descending, represented by a dove, from the St. George window in the South West corner of the church. *Photo: John Cheal*

## **VOLUNTARY**

*During which you may wish to use the following prayer:*

Draw your Church together, O God,  
into one great company of disciples,  
together following our teacher Jesus Christ  
into every walk of life,  
together serving in Christ's mission to the world,  
and together witnessing to your love  
wherever you will send us;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## **THE GATHERING**

*The Vicar, the Rev'd Patrick Taylor informally welcomes the candidates, their families and friends, the congregation and those watching online.*

### **HYMN**

NEH 436

Praise, My Soul

1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;  
to his feet thy tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
who like me his praise should sing?  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise the everlasting King!

2 Praise him for His grace and favour  
to our fathers in distress;  
praise him still the same for ever,  
slow to chide, and swift to bless.  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Glorious in his faithfulness.

3 Angels, help us to adore him;  
ye behold him face to face;

sun and moon bow down before him,  
dwellers all in time and space.  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise with us the God of grace!

## THE GREETING

*Bishop* Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
*All* **Blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*All* There is one body and one spirit.  
**There is one hope to which we were called;**

*All* one Lord, one faith, one baptism,  
**one God and Father of all.**

*All* Peace be with you.  
**And also with you.**

*Bishop* Please be seated.

*The Bishop introduces the service.*

## THE COLLECT

*Bishop* Let us pray.

Almighty God,  
in Christ you make all things new:  
transform the poverty of our nature  
by the riches of your grace,  
and in the renewal of our lives  
make known your heavenly glory;  
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**

1 Samuel 3.1-10 (*Read by Liesl Bolin*)

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

*Reader*                This is the word of the Lord.

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

***Please stand as the organ plays***

## **ALLELUIA**

The English Gradual

*Choir*                *Alleluia, alleluia.*

**All**                    **Alleluia, alleluia.**

*Send forth your Spirit and all things shall be created anew;  
and you shall renew the face of the earth.*

**All**                    **Alleluia, alleluia.**

## **GOSPEL READING**

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

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

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.' (John 1.43-end)

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

***Please sit***

**SERMON**        *Bishop Jonathan*

## **THE LITURGY OF INITIATION**

### **PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES**

*The Bishop asks those who are candidates for Baptism to stand (in their pew) and says to them:*

Do you wish to be baptised?  
**I do.**

*The Bishop asks the candidates for Confirmation who have been baptised to stand (in their pew) and says to them:*

Have you been baptised in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit?

**I have.**

*The Bishop asks all the candidates:*

Are you ready with your own mouth and from your own heart to affirm your faith in Jesus Christ?

**I am.**

*The Bishop addresses the whole congregation:*

Faith is the gift of God to his people.

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

People of God, will you welcome these candidates and uphold them in their life in Christ?

**All**

**With the help of God, we will.**

## **THE DECISION**

*The Bishop addresses all the candidates.*

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?

**I reject them.**

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

**I renounce them.**

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

**I repent of them.**

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

**I turn to Christ.**

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

**I submit to Christ.**

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

**I come to Christ.**

## **SIGNING WITH THE CROSS**

*The candidates for baptism come to the front and the Bishop makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of each, saying:*

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.**

## **PRAYER OVER THE WATER**

*The bishop announces that the candidates for baptism and confirmation will gather at the baptismal font as the following song is sung:*

### **SONG**

HON 752

Kelvingrove

1 Will you come and follow me

if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know,

and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown,

will you let my name be known,

will you let my life be grown

in you, and you in me?

2 Will you leave yourself behind

if I but call your name?



Will you care for cruel and kind,  
and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare  
should your life attract or scare,  
will you let me answer prayer  
in you, and you in me?

3 Lord, your summons echoes true  
when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you,  
and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go  
where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow  
in you, and you in me.

*The Bishop invites the congregation to turn to face the font.*

*Bishop*  
**All**

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

**All**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Father, we give you thanks and praise  
for your gift of water in creation;  
for your Spirit, sweeping over the waters,  
bringing light and life;

for your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
baptised in the river Jordan.

We bless you for your new creation,  
brought to birth by water and the Spirit,  
and for your grace bestowed upon us your children,  
washing away our sins.

May your holy and life-giving Spirit  
move upon these waters.

Restore through them the beauty of your creation,  
and bring those who are baptised  
to new birth in the family of your Church.

Drown sin in the waters of judgement,  
anoint your children with power from on high,  
and make them one with Christ  
in the freedom of your kingdom.  
For all might, majesty, dominion and power are yours,  
now and for ever.

**All Alleluia. Amen.**

## **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

*The Bishop addresses the candidates and congregation:*

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.  
We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**All Amen.**

## **Baptism**

*The Bishop addresses each candidate for baptism by name:*

*Candidate*      *N*, is this your faith?  
**This is my faith.**

*All*                *N*, I baptise you  
in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

*The Bishop addresses all those who have been baptised:*

*All*                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.  
**Amen.**

*The candidates who have previously been baptised come forward to the font and the Bishop sprinkles them with water.*

*Bishop:*        Almighty God,  
we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith  
with all who have been baptised 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.**

## **CONFIRMATION**

*During the song the Bishop returns to the altar  
and the candidates to their seats.*

**SONG**

A&M 249

1 Holy Spirit, living breath of God,  
breathe new life into my willing soul.  
Bring the presence of the risen Lord  
to renew my heart and make me whole.  
Cause your word to come alive in me;  
give me faith for what I cannot see;  
give me passion for your purity;  
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

2 Holy Spirit, come abide within,  
may your joy be seen in all I do.  
Love enough to cover every sin  
in each thought and deed and attitude:  
kindness to the greatest and the least,  
gentleness that sows the path of peace.  
Turn my strivings into works of grace;  
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

3 Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,  
giving life to all that God has made,  
show your power once again on earth,  
cause your church to hunger for your ways.  
May the fragrance of our prayers arise;  
lead us on the road of sacrifice,  
that in unity the face of Christ  
may be clear for all the world to see.

*The congregation sit*

**All**

Our help is in the name of the Lord  
**who has made heaven and earth.**

**All**

Blessed be the name of the Lord  
**now and for ever. Amen.**

*The Bishop extends his hands towards those to be confirmed and prays*

Almighty and ever-living God,  
you have given these your servants new birth  
in baptism by water and the Spirit,  
and have forgiven them all their sins.  
Let your Holy Spirit rest upon them:  
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding;  
the Spirit of counsel and inward strength;  
the Spirit of knowledge and true godliness;  
and let their delight be in the fear of the Lord.

**All**            **Amen.**

*Sponsors present those to be confirmed, saying, "Bishop, this is N"*

*The Bishop makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of each candidate with the Oil of Chrism. The oil contains perfume which symbolises our calling to spread the Good News or 'fragrance' of Christ.*

*The Bishop addresses each candidate by name, saying  
N, God has called you by name and made you his own.*

*He then lays his hands on the head of each, saying  
Confirm, O Lord, your servant with your Holy Spirit.*

**All**            **Amen.**

*The Bishop invites the congregation to pray for all those  
on whom hands have been laid*

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

*The congregation greets with applause  
the newly baptised and confirmed.*

**THE PEACE**

*Bishop* If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.  
The old has passed away; the new has come.

*All* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

*Deacon* Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## **THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

### **PREPARATION OF THE TABLE**

#### **OFFERTORY HYMN**

Crüger

NEH 55

1 Hail to the Lord's anointed!  
Great David's greater Son;  
Hail, in the time appointed,  
His reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression,  
To set the captive free;  
To take away transgression,  
And rule in equity.

2 He comes with succour speedy  
To those who suffer wrong;  
To help the poor and needy,  
and bid the weak be strong;  
To give them songs for sighing,  
Their darkness turn to light,  
Whose souls, condemned and dying,  
Were precious in his sight.

3 He shall come down like showers  
Upon the fruitful earth,  
And love, joy, hope, like flowers,  
Spring in his path to birth:  
Before him, on the mountains  
Shall peace the herald go;

And righteousness in fountains  
From hill to valley flow.

4 Kings shall fall down before him,  
And gold and incense bring;  
All nations shall adore him,  
His praise all people sing;  
To him shall prayer unceasing  
And daily vows ascend;  
His kingdom still increasing,  
A kingdom without end.

5 O'er every foe victorious,  
He on his throne shall rest,  
From age to age more glorious,  
All-blessing and all-blessed:  
The tide of time shall never  
His covenant remove;  
His name shall stand for ever;  
That name to us is Love.

*Following the hymn, prayers for the sick and departed are offered,  
concluding with the Prayer of Preparation of the Table:*

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** Amen.

## **THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

*President* The Lord be with you.

**All** And also with you.

*President* Lift up your hearts.

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

*President* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is indeed right,

our duty and our joy,  
at all times and in all places  
to give you thanks and praise,  
holy Father, heavenly King,  
almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

And now we give you thanks  
because by water and the Holy Spirit  
you have made us a holy people in Jesus Christ our Lord;  
you raise us to new life in him  
and renew in us the image of your glory.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
I have a praising you and singing:

## **SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS**

Slane

**Holy, most holy, all holy the Lord,  
in power and wisdom for ever adored.  
The earth and the heavens are full of your love;  
our joyful hosannas re-echo above.**

**Blessed, most blessed, all blessed is he  
whose life makes us whole,  
and whose death sets us free:  
who comes in the name of the Father of light,  
let endless hosannas resound in the height.**

***Please sit or kneel***

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and as we follow his example and obey his command,  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us his body and his blood;



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.

Therefore, heavenly Father,  
we remember his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross;  
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;  
we look for the coming of your kingdom,  
and with this bread and this cup  
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**All**

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,  
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,  
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts  
in the presence of your divine majesty,  
renew us by your Spirit,  
inspire us with your love  
and unite us in the body of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty,  
in songs of everlasting praise:

**All**                    **Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

*We acknowledge the presence of Christ in our midst as the consecrated  
bread and wine are elevated and the bell is rung 3 times.*

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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.**

## **BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*The Bishop breaks the consecrated bread.*

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 INVITATION**

*The Bishop invites the people to receive Holy Communion*

Jesus is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**All**            **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

**AGNUS DEI**

Ar Hyd Y Nos

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.  
In your mercy, come and heal us; Lord, hear our prayer.  
Take away our sins, forgive us,  
Lamb of God, restore, redeem us,  
grant us peace, Lord in your mercy,  
Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.  
In your mercy, come and heal us; Lord, hear our prayer.  
Take away our sins, forgive us,  
Lamb of God, restore, redeem us,  
grant us peace, Lord in your mercy,  
Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Please come to receive Communion or a blessing when indicated by a Warden. There will be a common cup at the high altar; those wishing to receive by intinction (where the bread is dipped in the wine instead of sharing the cup) please go to the distribution point at the back of the church by the font.*

**ANTHEM**

*The Call of Wisdom*

Will Todd

*Lord of wisdom, Lord of truth, Lord of justice, Lord of mercy; walk beside us down the years till we see you in your glory. Striving to attain the heights, turning in a new direction, entering a lonely place, welcoming a friend or stranger. I am here, I am with you. I have called: do you hear me? Silver is of passing worth, gold is not of constant value, jewels sparkle for a while; what you long for is not lasting. Rulers govern under me with my insight and my wisdom. Those who know me know my love, those who seek me find their answer. God the Father and the Son, Holy Spirit coeternal. Glory be ascribed to you, now and to the end of ages.*

*(Proverbs 8; adapt. Michael Hampel)*

## COMMUNION HYMN

A&M 592

1 As the deer pants for the water,  
so my soul longs after you.  
You alone are my heart's desire,  
and I long to worship you.

*Refrain:*

*You alone are my strength, my shield,  
to you alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire,  
and I long to worship you.*

2 I want you more than gold or silver,  
only you can satisfy.  
You alone are the real joy-giver  
and the apple of my eye. (Refrain)

3 You're my Friend and you're my Brother,  
even though you are a king.  
I love you more than any other,  
so much more than anything. (Refrain)

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**All**            **God of glory,  
you nourish us with your Word  
who is the bread of life:  
fill us with your Holy Spirit  
that through us the light of your glory  
may shine in all the world.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen**

## THE SENDING OUT

*Notices are given here by the Vicar*

## **THE BLESSING**

*Bishop* 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 among you and remain with you always.

*All* **Amen.**

## **GIVING OF A LIGHTED CANDLE**

*The Bishop invites those who have been confirmed to come forward  
to receive a candle, lit from the Easter Candle, as we sing.  
The procession moves to the back of the church  
with the candidates following the cross and holding their lit candles.*

## **HYMN**

Vulpus

1 Sisters and brothers, with one voice  
confirm your calling and rejoice:  
each is God's child and each God's choice  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 Strangers no more, but cherished friends  
live as the body God intends,  
sharing the light the Spirit lends.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 Not though by wisdom wealth or skill  
Nor by ourselves can we fulfil  
What for the world is God's own will  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

4 Christ is the way. By him alone  
seeds of the kingdom's life are sown,

patterns of heaven on earth are shown.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

5 Then follow him through every day.  
Fear not what crowds or critics say:  
those on the move stir those who stay.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 In factory office home or hall  
Where people struggle strive or stall  
Seek out and serve the Lord of All  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

7 Seeking and serving with one voice,  
confirm your calling and rejoice:  
each is God's child and each God's choice.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Please turn to face the back of the church*

*The Bishop says to those who have been confirmed:*

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 DISMISSAL**

*Deacon*

Go in the light and peace of Christ.

**All**

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stay behind for refreshments (served at the back of church)*

*to celebrate with the candidates*

*You are welcome to take this order of service home with you  
as a reminder of this special occasion*