



**A celebration of the Eucharist with
Baptism, Confirmation
and Affirmation of Baptismal Faith**

November 6th 2022
The Third Sunday before Advent
President and Preacher: John, Bishop of Warwick

VOLUNTARY

Contemplation on 'Veni Creator Spiritus'

James Biery

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

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.

The Bishop introduces the service.

THE COLLECT

Bishop Let us pray.

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
All **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Acts 1. 3-5, 8 (*Pauline McIntosh, Soul Space leader*)

After his suffering, Jesus presented himself alive to the apostles by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now. You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.'

Reader This is the word of the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

ALLELUIA

The English Gradual

Alleluia, alleluia.
Send forth your Spirit and all things shall be created anew;
And you shall renew the face of the earth.
Alleluia. (Psalm 104)

GOSPEL READING

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

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

Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he told them this parable: 'Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, "Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost." Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance. 'Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours,

saying, "Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost." Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.' (Luke 15. 1-10)

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

Please sit

SERMON *Bishop John*

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, together with those who are to affirm their baptismal faith 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 whom 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, confirmation,
and those who are to affirm their baptismal faith,
will gather at the baptismal font as the following hymn is sung:*

HYMN

All For Jesus

1 Holy Spirit, come, confirm us
in the truth that Christ makes known;
we have faith and understanding
through your promised light alone.

2 Holy Spirit, come, console us,
come as Advocate to plead,
loving Spirit from the Father,
grant in Christ the help we need.

3 Holy Spirit, come, renew us,
come yourself to make us live;
holy through your loving presence,
holy through the gifts you give.

4 Holy Spirit, come, possess us,
you the love of Three in One,
Holy Spirit of the Father,
Holy Spirit of the Son.

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.

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ
was baptised in the river Jordan,
we thank you for the gift of water
to cleanse us and revive us.

We thank you that through the waters of the Red Sea
you led your people out of slavery
to freedom in the Promised Land.
We thank you that through the deep waters of death
you brought your Son,
and raised him to life in triumph.

Bless this water, that your servants who are washed in it
may be made one with Christ
in his death and in his resurrection,
to be cleansed and delivered from all sin.

Send your Holy Spirit upon them,
bring them to new birth in the household of faith
and raise them with Christ to full and eternal life;
for all might, majesty, authority and power are yours,
now and for ever.

All

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 Vicar 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.

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.

Those who are to affirm their baptismal faith stand before the Bishop

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

The candidates face the people and make this declaration:

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

All **God, who has called you, is faithful.
Rejoice in your baptism into Jesus Christ.
Walk with us in the life of the Spirit.**

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

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 striving 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.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise.
Lead us on the road of sacrifice
That in unity the face of Christ
Will 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

All 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.
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.**

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL FAITH

*Those who seek to affirm their baptismal faith come forward
and the bishop says:*

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 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.**

The Bishop lays his hand on each one, saying:

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

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, confirmed and those who have affirmed their faith*

THE PEACE

Bishop 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.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

Vicar Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

OFFERTORY HYMN

Wolvercote

1 O Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
be thou for ever near me,
my Master and my Friend;
I shall not fear the battle
if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if thou wilt be my guide.

2 O let me hear thee speaking
in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
thou guardian of my soul.

3 O Jesus, thou hast promised
to all who follow thee,
that where thou art in glory
there shall thy servant be;
and, Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
my Master and my Friend.

4 O let me see thy footmarks,
and in them plant mine own;
my hope to follow duly
is in thy strength alone;
O guide me, call me, draw me,
uphold me to the end;
and then in heaven receive me,
my Saviour and my Friend.

*Following the hymn, prayers of intercession 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,
for ever 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.**

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.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

All **Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

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.
Please sit or kneel as the President bows.*

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 is a distribution point at the back of the church for those who prefer not to go to the high altar.

ANTHEMS

O Lord, increase our faith

Henry Loosemore

*O Lord, increase our faith, strengthen us and confirm us in thy true faith;
endue us with wisdom, charity, chastity, and patience, in all our adversities.
Sweet Jesus, say Amen.*

Lead me, Lord

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

*Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness, make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All

**Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.**

THE SENDING OUT

Notices are given here by the Vicar

THE BLESSING

Bishop 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.**

GIVING OF A LIGHTED CANDLE

*The Bishop invites all the candidates 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 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:

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

Vicar Go in the light and peace of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

Chorale-Prelude on 'Vulpus'

Healey Willan

*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*

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.