



A Celebration of the Eucharist with Baptisms and Confirmation

November 17th 2024

The Second Sunday before Advent

President and Preacher: Ruth, Acting Bishop of Coventry

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 Ruth (our Acting Diocesan Bishop) 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.

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 440 (omit *)

1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:
Come ye who hear, brothers and sisters draw near,
Praise him in glad adoration.

2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously
reigneth,
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth:
Hast thou not seen all that is needful hath been granted in
what he ordaineth?

3 Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work, and
defend thee;
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
Ponder anew all the Almighty can do,
He who with love doth befriend thee.

4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before
him!
Let the Amen sound from his people again:
Gladly for ay we adore him.

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.

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him
in his eternal and glorious kingdom;

where he 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

Hebrews 10.11-14, 19-25 (*Read by Christine Ross, a Soul Space leader*)

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, 'he sat down at the right hand of God', and since then has been waiting 'until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.' For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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

Please stand as the organ plays

ALLELUIA

The English Gradual

Cantor *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 Mark.
Glory to you, O Lord.

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!' Then Jesus asked him, 'Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.'

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, 'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?' Then Jesus began to say to them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.'

(Mark 13.1-8)

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

Please sit

SERMON *Bishop Ruth*

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

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.

CHORUS

*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.

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:

N, is this your faith?

Candidate This is my faith.

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

All **Amen.**

The Bishop addresses all those who have been baptised:

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 candidates who have previously been baptised come forward to the
font and are invited to make the sign of the cross with the holy 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 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.

CHORUS

*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 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.

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 her 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.

She then lays her hands on the head of each, saying

Confirm, O Lord, your servant with your Holy Spirit.
Amen.

All

*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

1 Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found.
Was blind but now I see.

2 Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear,
The hour I first believed.

CHORUS

*My chains are gone, I've been set free
My God, my Saviour has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns,
Unending love, amazing grace.*

3 The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be,
As long as life endures.

CHORUS (x2)

4 The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
The sun forbear to shine;
But God, who call'd me here below,
Will be forever mine.
Will be forever mine.
You are forever mine.

Prayer of Preparation of the Table

As bread and wine are brought to the table
so we bring to God also our prayers for those in need at this
time, including *N*
and we also remember before God those who have recently
died, especially *N*.

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,
forever praising you and singing:

**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.

All Great is the mystery of faith:
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.**

**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.**

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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.**

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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.*

SONGS DURING COMMUNION

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
May the fragrance of our prayers a-rise;
Lead us on the road of sacrifice,
That in unity the face of Christ
May be clear for all the world to see.

HYMN

1 My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly trust in Jesus' name.
Christ alone; cornerstone;
Weak made strong; in the Saviour's love
Through the storm, He is Lord; Lord of all.

2 When darkness seems to hide his face,
I rest on his unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.
My anchor holds within the veil.

3 When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless I stand before the throne.

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 May God, who in 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*