

✠ WARWICK TEAM MINISTRY ✠

## ST MARY'S CHURCH



# BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION & FIRST COMMUNION

President: The Rt Revd John Stroyan,  
Bishop of Warwick

– Presentation of Christ –

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 at 10.30am**

## THE GATHERING

*The congregation remains seated as the clergy and Choir process in and bow.*

### WELCOME AND NOTICES

*The congregation stands*

HYMN (NEH 333)

*Tune: MICHAEL*

*All*        **All my hope on God is founded;  
he doth still my trust renew.  
Me through change and chance he guideth,  
only good and only true.  
God unknown,  
he alone  
calls my heart to be his own.**

**Pride of man and earthly glory,  
sword and crown betray his trust;  
what with care and toil he buildeth,  
tower and temple, fall to dust.  
But God's power,  
hour by hour,  
Is my temple and my tower.**

**God's great goodness aye endureth,  
deep his wisdom, passing thought:  
splendour, light, and life attend him,  
beauty springeth out of naught.  
Evermore  
from his store  
new-born worlds rise and adore.**

**Daily doth th'Almighty Giver  
bounteous gifts on us bestow;  
his desire our soul delighteth,  
pleasure leads us where we go.  
Love doth stand  
at his hand;  
joy doth wait on his command.**

**Still from man to God eternal  
sacrifice of praise be done,  
high above all praises praising  
for the gift of Christ his Son.  
Christ doth call  
one and all  
ye who follow shall not fall.**

*Words: Robert Bridges (based on J. Neander)*

*The Bishop greets the people*

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*All* **Blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

There is one body and one spirit.

*All* **There is one hope to which we were called;**

one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

*All* **one God and Father of all.**

Peace be with you

*All* **and also with you.**

*The Bishop may add his own words of greeting*

## THE COLLECT

*Bishop* Let us pray.

Heavenly Father,

by the power of your Holy Spirit

you give to your faithful people new life in the water of baptism.

Guide and strengthen us by the same Spirit,

that we who are born again may serve you in faith and love,

and grow into the full stature of your Son, Jesus Christ,

who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit

now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

*The congregation stands*

**GOSPEL READING:** *Luke 2: 22-40*

*At the beginning*

*Reader* Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*All* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said

about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

*At the end*

Rector This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The congregation sits*

THE SERMON

*The Rt Revd John Stroyan, Bishop of Warwick*

*The congregation stands*

LITURGY OF INITIATION

*The Bishop asks the candidate for baptism*

Do you wish to be baptised?

**I do**

*The Bishop asks the candidates for confirmation*

Have you been baptised in the name of the Father, the Son and 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 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 new life in Christ?

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

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 Bishop makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of the candidate for baptism:*

Ptolemy, Christ claims you for his own.

Receive the sign of his cross.

*The Bishop says*

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

**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.

**Amen.**

## PRAYER OVER THE WATER

Praise God who made heaven and earth,

**who keeps his promise for ever.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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

**Saving God, give us life.**

We thank you that through the waters of the Red Sea

you led your people out of slavery to freedom in the promise land.

**Saving God, give us life.**

We thank you that through the deep waters of death you brought your Son,  
and raised him to life in triumph.

**Saving God, give us life.**

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

**Saving God, give us life.**

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

**Amen.**

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

*The Bishop addresses the congregation*

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess together with the candidates the faith of the Church.

*Bishop* 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 in one God;  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

**Amen.**

*The Bishop addresses the candidates saying*

Is this your faith?

*Candidates* ***This is my faith***

*The Bishop pours water on the candidate for baptism saying:*

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

**Amen.**

*The Bishop sprinkles all the candidates with the baptismal water, and then prays*

Almighty God,  
we thank you for our communion in the household of faith  
with all who have been baptized in 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.  
**Amen.**

*The Bishop stands before those who are to be confirmed, and says*

*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.**

*The candidates are presented to the Bishop who addresses each one by name*  
N, God has called you by name and made you his own.

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

*Candidate*   **Amen.**

*Each row in turn comes forward to be confirmed by the Bishop, accompanied by those who are presenting those candidates.*

*Then he invites the congregation to pray for all the candidates*

*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.**

# LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

## OFFERTORY HYMN

Tune: *SERVANT SONG*

– during which the collection is received or use our QR code –



All

**Brother, sister, let me serve you,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.**

**We are pilgrims on a journey,  
and companions on the road;  
we are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.**

**I will hold the Christ-light for you  
in the night-time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.**

**I will weep when you are weeping;  
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
till we've seen this journey through.**

**When we sing to God in heaven  
we shall find such harmony,  
born of all we've known together  
of Christ's love and agony.**

**Brother, sister, let me serve you,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.**



Words: *Richard Gillard*



## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

*Bishop* The Lord is here.

*All* **His Spirit is with us.**

*Bishop* Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

*Bishop* It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;  
in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away

you did not reject us,

but came to meet us in your Son.

*All* **You embraced us as your children  
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life

that we might live in him and he in us.

*All* **He opened his arms of love upon the cross  
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed,

at supper with his friends

he took bread, and gave you thanks;

he broke it and gave it to them, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;

do this in remembrance of me.

*All* **Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,

he gave you thanks, and said:

Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,

which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;

do this in remembrance of me.

*All* **Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,

send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine

may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

*All* **As we eat and drink these holy gifts  
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world

we offer you this sacrifice of praise

and rejoice in the eternal song of heaven:

*The Choir sings the SANCTUS and BENEDICTUS  
from Missa Brevis by Jonathan Dove (b.1959)*

SANCTUS, SANCTUS, SANCTUS  
DOMINE DEUS SABAOTH,  
PLENI SUNT CAELI ET TERRA GLORIA TUA.  
HOSANNA IN EXCELSIS.

BENEDICTUS QUI VENIT IN NOMINE DOMINI.  
HOSANNA IN EXCELSIS.

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY  
LORD GOD OF POWER AND MIGHT,  
HEAVEN AND EARTH ARE FULL OF YOUR GLORY.  
HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST.*

*BLESSED IS HE THAT COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD.  
HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST.*

*The congregation sits or kneels*  
**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Bishop* As our Saviour taught his disciples, 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**

*Bishop* 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.**

**GIVING OF COMMUNION**

*President* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
*All* **Let us keep the feast.**

*The bread or a (non-tactile) blessing is offered from in front of the Nave altar. Please move forward as directed by our sides-people, and stand at the communion rails to receive your wafer or blessing. As a precautionary measure we are not offering the chalice for the time being.*

*During the Distribution the Choir sings the AGNUS DEI from Missa Brevis by Jonathan Dove (b.1959) and EXPECTANS EXPECTAVI (Words: C.H. Horley (1895-1915); Music: Charles Wood (1866-1926))*

AGNUS DEI, QUI TOLLIS PECCATA MUNDI,  
MISERERE NOBIS.

AGNUS DEI, QUI TOLLIS PECCATA MUNDI:  
MISERERE NOBIS.

AGNUS DEI, QUI TOLLIS PECCATA MUNDI,  
DONA NOBIS PACEM.

O LAMB OF GOD, WHO TAKES AWAY THE SINS OF THE WORLD,  
HAVE MERCY ON US.

O LAMB OF GOD, WHO TAKES AWAY THE SINS OF THE WORLD,  
HAVE MERCY ON US.

O LAMB OF GOD, WHO TAKES AWAY THE SINS OF THE WORLD,  
GRANT US PEACE.

THIS SANCTUARY OF MY SOUL,  
UNWITTING I KEEP WHITE AND WHOLE,  
UNLATCH'D AND LIT, IF THOU SHOULD'ST CARE  
TO ENTER OR TO TARRY THERE.

WITH PARTED LIPS AND OUTSTRETCH'D HANDS,  
AND LIST'NING EARS THY SERVANT STANDS.  
CALL THOU EARLY, CALL THOU LATE,  
TO THY GREAT SERVICE DEDICATE.  
MY SOUL, KEEP WHITE, AND WHOLE.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*We kneel or sit*

*Bishop* Almighty God,  
*All* **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.**

*We stand*

HYMN (NEH 368)

*Tune: CWM RHONDDA*

**1 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer, 3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
pilgrim through this barren land; bid my anxious fears subside;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty; death of death, and hell's destruction,  
hold me with thy powerful hand: land me safe on Canaan's side:  
bread of heaven, songs of praises  
feed me till I want no more. I will ever give to thee.**

**2 Open now the crystal fountain  
whence the healing stream doth flow;  
let the fire and cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through:  
strong deliverer,  
be thou still my strength and shield.**

*Words: William Williams (tr. P. and W. Williams)*

## THE DISMISSAL

### THE BLESSING

*Bishop* The peace of God,  
which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds  
in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

*All* **Amen.**

*Rector* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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



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