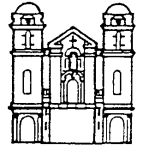


Welcome to  
The Church of St James the Greater  
Leicester



Leicester Deanery Celebration of  
**Baptism, Confirmation and Sung Eucharist**  
Sunday, 7 June 2015

## Gathering

**Stand** as the procession enters

### **Hymn 207 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

*Bishop*  
*All*

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

There is one body and one spirit.

**There is one hope to which we were called;**  
one Lord, one faith, one baptism,  
**one God and Father of all.**

Peace be with you  
**and also with you.**

*The Bishop welcomes everyone and introduces the service*

### **The Collect**

O God,  
the strength of all those who put their trust in you,  
mercifully accept our prayers  
and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature  
we can do no good thing without you,  
grant us the help of your grace,  
that in the keeping of your commandments  
we may please you both in will and deed;  
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 Bishop addresses all of those already baptised.*

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

*Candidates* **I have.**

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

*Candidates* **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 turn to Christ?

**I turn to Christ.**

Do you repent of your sins?

**I repent of my sins.**

Do you renounce evil?

**I renounce evil.**

### **Signing with the Cross**

*The Bishop makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of each candidate for  
baptism, 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.  
**Amen.**

### **Prayer over the Water**

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

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

We thank you, almighty God, for the gift of water  
to sustain, refresh and cleanse all life.  
Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation.  
Through water you led the children of Israel  
from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the Promised Land.  
In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John  
and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ,  
to lead us from the death of sin to newness of life.  
We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism.  
In it we are buried with Christ in his death.  
By it we share in his resurrection.  
Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.  
Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son,  
we baptize into his fellowship those who come to him in faith.  
Now sanctify this water that, by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
they may be cleansed from sin and born again.  
Renewed in your image, may they walk by the light of faith  
and continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Lord;  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be all honour and glory, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

## Profession of Faith

*The Bishop addresses the congregation*

Brothers and sisters,

I ask you to profess together with *these 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* **I 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* **I 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* **I believe and trust in him**

This is the faith of the Church

**This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,**

**Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

## Baptism

*Bishop* N, I baptize you

in the name of the Father,

and of the Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

*The Bishop prays for the candidates*

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.**

## **Motet**

*During the motet, the Bishop leads the candidates to the place of confirmation at the front of the nave.*

Choir      O Holy Spirit, Lord of grace

Tye

## **The congregation sits**

### **Confirmation**

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

Our help is in the name of the Lord

All      **who has made heaven and earth.**

Blessed be the name of the Lord

All      **now and for ever. Amen.**

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

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 presenting minister announces each candidate in turn who then stands before the Bishop*

Bishop      N, God has called you by name and made you his own.

*The candidate then moves towards the Bishop who lays his hands on the head of the candidate, saying*

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

All      **Amen.**

*The Bishop then signs the forehead of the candidate with the oil of Chrism, saying*

Receive the seal of the Spirit.

All      **Amen.**

*After all have been confirmed, 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.**

## Liturgy of the Eucharist

*The congregation stands*

### **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 us the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.

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

*All may greet one another in peace.*

### **Hymn 445 Christians, lift up your hearts**

*During which bread and wine is presented and a collection is received*

### **The Eucharistic Prayer**

*Bishop*        The Lord is here.  
**His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

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

Father, we give you thanks and praise  
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,  
through whom you have created all things;  
who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;  
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,  
he lived on earth and went about among us;  
  
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;  
he put an end to death by dying for us;  
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;  
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

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:

*Choir* Holy, holy, holy Lord ...  
Hosanna in the highest.

Harwood in Ab

***Kneel or sit***

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.



*All*

Great is the mystery of faith

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is 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 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 all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through him from whom all good things come,  
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.

**Amen.**

**Silence is kept**

**The Lord's Prayer**

*Bishop*

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**

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.**

*Choir* Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world ...  
grant us peace. Harwood in Ab

### **Giving of Communion**

*Bishop* Draw near with faith.  
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ  
which he gave for you,  
and his blood which he shed for you.  
Eat and drink  
in remembrance that he died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts  
by faith with thanksgiving.

*Communicant members of all Christian denominations are welcome to receive communion.*

*All others are invited to carry this paper to indicate that a blessing is requested.*

***Please go forward at the direction of the wardens.***

*Choir* **Communion Motet** Bread of heaven Wills

*All* **Communion Hymn 279 My God, accept my heart this day**

*Choir* **Communion Motet** O Lord, increase our faith Loosemore

## **Prayer after Communion**

*Bishop*

God of mercy,  
by whose grace alone we are accepted  
and equipped for your service:  
stir up in us the gifts of your Holy Spirit  
and make us worthy of our calling;  
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit  
in love and joy and peace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All*

**Amen.**

*All*

**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.**

## **Sending Out**

### **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 upon you and remain with you always.

*All*

**Amen.**

### **Hymn 336 All my hope on God is founded**

*During which the Bishop leads the newly baptised and confirmed  
to the back of the church where candles are handed to them and lit.*

***The congregation turns to face the main door of the church  
in readiness to go out as witnesses.***

*Bishop* 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**

***Everyone is invited to refreshments served in the Church Hall***

*Vicar* Go in the light and peace of Christ.

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

### **Organ Voluntary**

'Ein' feste Burg ist unser Gott' ('A mighty fortress is our God')

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### **Baptised & Confirmed:**

#### **St James the Greater**

Andrew Ryan Ming-Hui Anderson

Brandon Wayne Brittan

### **Confirmed:**

#### **St Luke's Stocking Farm**

Daniel David Gordon

Claire Louise Gordon

#### **St Hilda's East Goscote**

Carole Suzanne Eshelby

#### **St James the Greater**

Annabel Joanne Cowley

Philippa (Pippa) Amy Judge

Iris Westgate

Dorothy Murphy