



Welcome to the Church of
St James the Greater
Leicester



SUNG EUCHARIST WITH BAPTISM
Sunday 18th August 2019

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The Gathering

WELCOME

Stand HYMN 192 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven
During this hymn, the choir moves into the chancel

THE GREETING:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

All **Amen**

The Lord be with you

All **and also with you**

All **Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen**

THE PRAYERS OF PENITENCE:

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life. Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

Kneel or sit

All

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.**

Choir Lord have mercy upon us
 Christ have mercy upon us
 Lord have mercy upon us

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Stand GLORIA IN EXCELSIS :

The following refrain is sung by the congregation

All **Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.**

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PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Sit

The Liturgy of the Word

READING:

At the end of the reading

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Stand HYMN 312 (omit verse 2) Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult

ACCLAMATION:

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

GOSPEL:

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

At the end:

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

The Service of Baptism

The baptismal party assembles at the Chancel Steps, the congregation sits.

Questions to Parents and Godparents

Parents and Godparents, the Church receives Christian with joy.
Today we are trusting God for his growth in faith.
Will you pray for him, draw him by your example into the community of faith and walk with him in the way of Christ?

Parents and Godparents reply:
With the help of God, we will.

In baptism Christian begins his journey in faith.
You speak for him today.
Will you care for him, and help him to take his place within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

Parents and Godparents reply:
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 turn to Christ?

Parents and Godparents reply: **I turn to Christ.**

Do you repent of your sins?

Parents and Godparents reply: **I repent of my sins.**

Do you renounce evil?

Parents and Godparents reply: I renounce evil.

SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

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.

All stand

*The baptismal party go to the font
All others turn to face the font*

THE PRAYER OVER THE WATER

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All 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 baptise 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.

All **Amen.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Let us affirm our faith.

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 his 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.

All **This is our faith.
We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

NAMING & BAPTISM

Christian George Jim I baptise you
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

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.

COMMISSION

We have brought Christian to baptism
knowing that Jesus died and rose again for him
and trusting in the promise that God hears and answers prayer.
As he grows up, he will need the help and encouragement of the
Christian community, so that he may learn to know God in public
worship and private prayer, follow Jesus Christ in the life of faith,
serve his neighbours after the example of Christ,
and in due course come to confirmation.
As his Parents and Godparents, you have the prime responsibility for
guiding and helping him in his early years.
This is a demanding task for which you will need the help and grace of
God.

Let us now pray for grace in guiding Christian in the way of faith.

Faithful and loving God, bless those who care for Christian
and grant them your gifts of love, wisdom and faith.
Pour upon them your healing and reconciling love,
and protect their home from all evil.
Fill them with the light of your presence and establish them in the joy
of your kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All

Amen.

God of grace and life,
in your love you have given us
a place among your people;
keep us faithful to our baptism,
and prepare us for that glorious day
when the whole creation
will be made perfect
in your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.

All

Amen.

Sit

GIVING OF A LIGHTED CANDLE

a lighted candle is given for Christian

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;
remain in this light all the days of your life.

All

**Shine as a light in the world
to the glory of God the Father.**

WELCOME AND PEACE

There is one Lord,
one faith, one baptism:
by one Spirit we are all baptized
into one body.

All

**We welcome you
into the fellowship of faith;
we are children
of the same heavenly Father;
we welcome you.**

We are all one in Christ Jesus.
We belong to him through faith,
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

All

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

HYMN 464

God is here: as we his people
During which a collection is taken.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER:

The Lord is here.

All **His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Blessed are you, Lord God,

our light and our salvation;

to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all things

and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.

In the fullness of time you made us in your image,
the crown of all creation.

You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels
and all the powers of heaven

we may find a voice to sing your praise:

Choir Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Kneel or sit

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.

As a mother tenderly gathers her children,

you embraced a people as your own.

When they turned away and rebelled
your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary,
to be the living bread,

in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners,

and with a love stronger than death

he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died,
he came to supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he 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.

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 and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

All

**Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

Father, we plead with confidence
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;
we remember his dying and rising in glory,
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.
Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you
these gifts of your creation;
may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,
form us in the likeness of Christ,
and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Remember, Lord, your Church in every land.
Reveal her unity, guard her faith, and preserve her in peace.

Bring us at the last with all the saints
to the vision of that eternal splendour
for which you have created us;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
by whom, with whom, and in whom,
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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER :

Rejoicing in God's presence here among us,
In faith and trust 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 O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us ... grant us thy peace.

GIVING OF COMMUNION :

Draw near with faith ...

*Communicant members of all Christian denominations are welcome to
receive. All others are invited to carry this paper to indicate that a blessing is
requested. Please GO FORWARD at the direction of the wardens.*

*During communion, the choir will sing the anthem:
The Lord bless you and keep you by John Rutter*

COMMUNION HYMN 426 The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *then*

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.

The Dismissal

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.**

NOTICES

HYMN One more step along the world I go...

During the HYMN the procession led by the ministers forms in the centre aisle.
ALL TURN to face the door of the church in readiness to go out as witnesses.

One more step along the world I go,
One more step along the world I go;
From the old things to the new,
Keep me travelling along with you:
And it's from the old I travel to the new;
Keep me travelling along with you.

Round the corners of the world I turn,
More and more about the world I learn;
All the new things that I see
You'll be looking at along with me.
And it's from the old I travel to the new;

Keep me travelling along with you.

As I travel through the bad and good,
Keep me travelling the way I should.
Where I see no way to go,
You'll be telling me the way, I know.
And it's from the old I travel to the new;
Keep me travelling along with you.

Give me courage when the world is rough,
Keep me loving though the world is tough;
Leap and sing in all I do,
Keep me travelling along with you:
And it's from the old I travel to the new;
Keep me travelling along with you.

You are older than the world can be,
You are younger than the life in me;
Ever old and ever new,
Keep me travelling along with you:
And it's from the old I travel to the new;
Keep me travelling along with you.

All Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Organ voluntary. Please remain standing whilst the Choir depart and be aware of those remaining to listen.

AFTER THE SERVICE

*Please join us for refreshments in the Hall
as we welcome Christian into our Church family.*