

St Swithun's, Hither Green

Holy Baptism and Parish Eucharist



**Sharing the love of God
in Hither Green**

Last after Trinity

**Sunday 25th October 2020
10am**

The Gathering

The Greeting

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

Amen.

The Lord be with you
and also with you

Mother Juliet says some words of welcome.

The Collect

Merciful God,
teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty,
that trusting in your word
and obeying your will
we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord.
All: Amen

The Liturgy of the Word

The Gospel *Matthew 22: 34-end*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Glory to you O Lord

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?' He said to him, ' "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.' Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: 'What do you think of the Messiah?

Whose son is he?' They said to him, 'The son of David.' He said to them, 'How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, "The Lord said to my Lord, 'Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet' " ? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?' No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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

Sermon — *Rev Frances*

Holy Baptism

Andrew, Paula and Keith, Troy and Kyla move to the font.

Presentation of the Candidates

Mother Juliet addresses the congregation:

Faith is the gift of God to God's people.

In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling.

People of God, will you welcome *Andrew, Paula, Troy and Kyla* and uphold them in their new life in Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

Andrew and Paula, do you wish to be baptized?

Andrew and Paula: I do.

Andrew, Paula and Keith,

the Church receives Troy and Kyla with joy.

Today we are trusting God for their growth in faith.

Will you pray for them, draw them by your example into the community of faith and walk with them in the way of Christ?

Andrew, Paula and Keith: With the help of God, we will.

Andrew, Paula and Keith, in baptism Troy and Kyla begin their journey in faith. You speak for them today. Will you care for them, and help them to take their place within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

Andrew and Paula: **With the help of God, we will.**

The Decision

Andrew, Paula and Keith:

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness
into God's marvellous light.

To follow Christ means dying to sin
and rising to new life.

Andrew, Paula and Keith: 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 sign of the cross is made on Andrew, Paula Troy and Kyla:

Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of the cross.

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

All: **Fight valiantly as disciples of Christ
against sin, the world and the devil,
and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your lives.**

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness,
restore in you the image of God's glory,
and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

All: **Amen.**

The blessed water is poured into the font:

Profession of Faith

Mother Juliet addresses the congregation:

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

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 and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

The Baptism

Andrew / Paula / Troy / Kyla,

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 the Church,
pour upon you the riches of God's grace,
that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people
you may daily be renewed by the anointing Spirit,
and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory.

All: **Amen.**

The Welcome

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:

By one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

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

*We welcome those who have been baptized
as the party return to their seats.*

Prayers

Let us pray to God.

The response is:

God in your mercy

All: **Hear our prayer**

Merciful Father:

All: **Accept these prayers
 for the sake of your Son,
 our Saviour Jesus Christ.
 Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Please stand for the peace:

God has called us to live in peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Let us offer one another the sign of peace.

Let us use sign language or wave to each other a sign of peace.

Hymn

Only those in the designated choir will be singing without masks.

***All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.***

**Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
he made their glowing colours,
he made their tiny wings.
*All things bright and beautiful...***

**The purple-headed mountain,
the river running by,
the sunset and the morning
that brightens up the sky.
*All things bright and beautiful...***

**The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden,
he made them every one.
*All things bright and beautiful...***

**The tall tress in the greenwood,
the meadows for our play,
the rushes by the water,
to gather every day.
*All things bright and beautiful...***

**He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well.
*All things bright and beautiful...***

Prayer over the gifts

Loving God, accept the gifts we offer

The gift of bread to sustain us in our journey

The gift of wine to bring us joy

The gift of ourselves and our resources to work for your glory

Amen

The Eucharistic Prayer

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.

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.

**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.

**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.*

**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.*

**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.

**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 lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven, saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**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.
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Agnus Dei

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.

Giving of Communion

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Communion will be brought to you in one kind. Please stay seated in your place whilst we come to you safely – alternatively a prayer can be said at a physical distance with you as we move round the church.

Silence is kept.

Prayer after Communion

Thank you generous God.

Thank you for teaching us with your word.

Thank you for feeding us with communion.

Thank you for the many gifts we have been given.

May we share what we have been given with others.

Amen.

Notices and Celebrations

- Please fill in the track and trace information and leave it on your chair
- We will have an act of commemoration for those who have died on Remembrance Sunday 8th November – if you would like any loved ones to be remembered please add their names to the list at back of church or message Mother Juliet.
- Happy Birthday to those with a birthday

Dismissal and Blessing

The Blessing

May God bless us; may God keep us in the Spirit's care
and lead our lives with love.

May Christ's warm welcome shine from our hearts
and Christ's own peace prevail through this and everyday.

May the God of love,
Creator, Friend and Spirit be among us
and remain with us always

Amen.

Giving of a Lighted Candle

Andrew, Paula, Troy and Kyla are given a lighted candle.

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness
and has given us a place with the saints in light.

Andrew, Paula, Troy and Kyla,
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

All: Go in the light and peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.



Please pray for:

- Paula, Andrew, Troy, Kyla baptized.
- Those who are in need or have asked for our prayers – Neil, Pamela, Debbie, Elaine, Clinton, Francis, Cynthia, Diane, Harold, Joseph, Lynette, Jacqueline, Ivy, Sean, Taneisha, Talabi, Kevin, John, Susan, Margaret, Sydney, Edith, Vanda, Lorna, Ena and Stephen
- Those who have died – Florence, David, Patricia and John

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