

St Swithun's, Hither Green Parish Eucharist and Holy Baptism



Easter 3

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The Gathering

The Greeting

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Mother Juliet says some words of welcome.

The Collect

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

The Liturgy of the Word

Bible Reading *Acts 3.12-19*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, ‘You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. ‘And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out,

For the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

The Gospel Reading *Luke 24: 36b-48*

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

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon *Leon Clarke*

Holy Baptism

Presentation of Georgi at the font

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 Georgi and uphold him in his new life in Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

Mother Juliet

Do you wish to be baptized?

Georgi

I do.

The Decision

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?

Georgi **I turn to Christ.**

Do you repent of your sins?

Georgi **I repent of my sins.**

Do you renounce evil?

Georgi **I renounce evil.**

Signing with the Cross

Mother Juliet makes the sign of the cross on Georgi's forehead, 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.**

The blessed water is poured into the font:

Profession of Faith

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess together with Georgi 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.**

Is this your faith?

Georgi

This is my faith

The Baptism

I baptise you Georgi

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.**

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.**

Prayers

Let us pray to God.

The response to the prayers:

God in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Merciful Father:

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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

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:

**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

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Alleluia! Let us celebrate the feast!

Silence is kept.

Prayer after Communion

Father and mother of us all

Thank you for teaching us with your word.

Thank you for feeding us with bread and wine.

Thank you for the many gifts we have been given.

May we share what we have been given with others.

Amen.

The Notices

- We are updating our prayer list – if you would like a loved one, or yourself to (continue to) be prayed for by the church please let me know.
- APCM Sunday 25th April 2021 at 11.00 am in church with distance and via Zoom – if any want to stand as Church Warden, on the PCC or Deanery Synod please let us know
- Happy Birthday to all those who have a birthday.

Dismissal and Blessing

The Blessing

God our Mother and Father, by whose glory, Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you to live in faith, hope and love; and the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer and Holy Spirit, be with you this day and for ever. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

We are raised to new life with Christ.

Go in his peace. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.