



St Michael and All Angels Sunday 29th September 2024 10.00am

Eucharistic Liturgy with Liturgy of Baptism Presider: This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

We stand

Opening Hymn: God is here! As we his people

CP301 - Words: Fred Pratt Green

Tune: BLAENWERN

- 1 God is here! As we his people meet to offer praise and prayer, may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts wait the coming of His Spirit into open minds and hearts.
- 2 Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace; here are table, font and pulpit, here the cross has central place. Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech, here in newness and renewal God the Spirit comes to each.
- in the Shepherd's flock and fold; here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old. Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.
- 4 Lord of all, of Church and Kingdom, in an age of change and doubt, keep us faithful to the gospel, help us work your purpose out. Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive; we who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe.

The Gathering

The Presider may greet the people informally before continuing

I runga i te Ingoa o te Atua, te Matua, te Tama me te Wairua Tapu.

Āmine.

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

Grace to you and peace from God our Creator, the love at our beginning and without end, in our midst and with us.

God is with us, here we find new life.

Let us give thanks for the coming of God's reign of justice and love.

Jesus Christ is good news for the poor, release for the captives, recovery of sight for the blind and liberty for those who are oppressed.

Song of Praise: The Song of our Adoption Ephesians 1: 3-6

- Blessèd are you, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: you have blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms.
- Even before the world was made you chose us to be yours in Christ: that we should be holy and blameless in your sight.
- In love you destined us for adoption as your children through Christ Jesus: such was your pleasure and your purpose,
- to the praise of your glorious grace: which you have freely given us in your beloved Son.

We sit or kneel

God calls us to be holy.

In silence, let us remember our need for God's forgiveness.

Silence

Jesus, Word of God and Saviour of all:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Jesus, Good Shepherd and Lamb of God:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Jesus, true vine and bread of life: Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

May the compassionate God have mercy on us, forgive us, and bring us to fullness of life. Amen.

The Absolution is declared by the presiding priest.

God the Creator brings you new life, forgives and redeems you.

Take hold of this forgiveness and live your life in the Spirit of Jesus.

Amen.

The peace of Christ rule in our hearts. The word of Christ dwell in us richly.

Sentence for the day:

I looked, and heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders, the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands.

Revelation 5:11

Collect of the Day:

Almighty and everlasting God, whom we adore with all the angelic host, may we always rejoice in your heavenly protection and serve you faithfully in this present life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Reading: **Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14**

After the Reading: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 103: 19-22 (ANZPB)

- You O Lord have established your throne in heaven: and you rule as sovereign over all.
- O praise the Lord all you angels, you mighty ones who do God's bidding: and heed the command of the Most High.
- Praise the Lord all you heavenly hosts: you servants who do God's will.
- Praise the Lord all things created, in all places under God's rule: praise the Lord O my soul.

Reading: Revelation 12: 7-12a

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Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: We give God thanks for those who knew

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Tune: **MELCOMBE** (Webbe)

- We give God thanks for those who knew the touch of Jesus' healing love; they trusted him to make them whole, to give them peace, their guilt remove.
- We offer prayer for all who go relying on his grace and power, to help the anxious and the ill, to heal their wounds, their lives restore.
- We dedicate our skills and time to those who suffer where we live, to bring such comfort as we can to meet their need, their pain relieve.

So Jesus' touch of healing grace lives on within our willing care; by thought and prayer and gifts we prove his mercy still, his love we share.

We remain standing for the reading of the Gospel

Gospel Reading: John 1: 45-51

The Holy Gospel according to John, chapter one,

beginning at the forty-fifth verse.

Praise and glory to God.

After the reading: This is the Gospel of Christ.

Praise to Christ, the Word.

The Sermon

The Sermon is followed by a moment of silence and/or musical reflection; then we stand to sing the Baptism Hymn as the Baptism family and godparents gather around the Font.

Baptism Hymn: Child of Blessing

AA11 ~ Words: © Ronald Cole-Turner Alt. tune: **STUTTGART** [CP85]

- Child of blessing, child of promise, baptised with the Spirit's sign, with this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.
- Child of love, our love's expression, love's creation, loved indeed! Fresh from God, refresh our spirits, into joy and laughter lead.
- Child of joy, our dearest treasure,
 God's you are, from God you came.
 Back to God we humbly give you;
 live as one who bears Christ's name.

Child of God, your loving Parent, learn to listen for God's call, grow to laugh and sing and worship, trust and love God more than all.

The congregation sit

The Liturgy of Baptism

God's Call

The priest says:

E te whānau a te Karaiti / Dear friends in Christ, God is love, God gives us life. We love because God first loves us. In baptism God declares that love; in Christ God calls us to respond.

The Presentation for Baptism

The priest says to the parents and godparents:

Who do you bring to be baptised?

The candidate for baptism is presented by parents and godparents, who together say:

I present *Harvey Terence Owen* to be baptised and made a member of the Body of Christ, the Church.

The priest says:

From the beginning the Church has received believers by baptism. Believers' children have also been baptised so that with help and encouragement they should grow up in Christ and by the grace of God serve Christ all the days of their life.

On the day when the apostles first preached the Gospel of Christ's resurrection, Peter urged his hearers

'Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus the Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God may call.'

To the parents and godparents:

Matthew, Natalie, Jono, Vanessa, Abby - How do you respond to this promise?

The parents and godparents reply together:

We hear God's call and ask for baptism.

The priest says to the parents and godparents:

Do you renounce all evil influences and powers that rebel against God?

The parents and godparents reply:

I renounce all evil.

The priest says to the parents and godparents:

Do you trust in Christ's victory which brings forgiveness, freedom, and life?

The parents and godparents reply:

In faith I turn to Christ my way, my truth, my life, as I care for this child.

All: May God keep you in the way you have chosen.

The priest stands by the water for baptism, and says:

Praise God who made heaven and earth,

All: whose promise endures for ever.

The priest prays:

We thank you God for your love in all creation, especially for your gift of water to sustain, refresh and cleanse all life.

We thank you for your covenant with your people Israel; through the Red Sea waters you led them to freedom in the promised land.

In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptised by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

Through the deep waters of death Jesus fulfilled his baptism. He died to set us free and was raised to be exalted Lord of all. It is Christ who baptises with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Amen. Come Holy Spirit.

We thank you that through the waters of baptism you cleanse us, renew us by your Spirit and raise us to new life. In the new covenant we are made members of your Church and share in your eternal kingdom.

Through your Holy Spirit, fulfil once more your promises in this water of rebirth, set apart in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honour, power and might, be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!

Harvey Terence Owen,

I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. God receives you by baptism into the Church. Child of God, blessed in the Spirit, welcome to the family of Christ.

The priest makes the sign of the cross (with Holy Oil) on the baptised, and says:

We sign you with the cross, the sign of Christ.

A lighted candled may be presented by a member of the congregation, who says:

Walk in the faith of Christ crucified and risen.

Shine with the light of Christ.

The Affirmation

All who are able stand to respond in these affirmations.

Praise to God who has given us life. Blessed be God for the gift of love.

Praise to God who forgives our sin.

Blessed be God who sets us free.

Praise to God who kindles our faith.

Blessed be God, our strength, our hope.

The priest says to all those present who are baptised Christians:

Let us, the baptised, affirm that we renounce evil and commit our lives to Christ.

All: Blessed be God, JESUS IS LORD!

The congregation sit

The priest then says to the parents and godparents of the newly baptised:

What is your faith?

The parents and godparents respond together, saying:

I believe and trust in God the Father, maker and sustainer of all things; and in God the Son, my Saviour Jesus Christ; and in God the Holy Spirit, giver of life and truth. This is my faith.

The priest speaks to the parents and godparents:

How then will you care for this child?

The parents and godparents reply together:

I will love this child and share my faith with him.

The priest says to the congregation:

As the community of faith, we rejoice at this baptism and will share with **Harvey** what we ourselves have received: a delight in prayer, a love for the word of God, a desire to follow the way of Christ, and food for the journey.

The priest then says to the child:

Harvey, you are now a pilgrim with us.
As a member of Christ's body, the Church,
you will be challenged to affirm your faith in God
and receive the laying on of hands in confirmation.
May you grow in the Holy Spirit,
fulfil your ministry
and follow Christ your whole life long.

The priest then blesses the family:

God bless you with wisdom and love, may this child find in you, your homes and families, Christ's love and understanding. Amen.

The priest, with the people, prays:

God of love,
we thank you for our calling
to be disciples of Christ.
Help us to nurture Harvey in the faith we share.
May he grow to love, worship and serve you,
and bring life to the world.
Amen.

The parents and godparents return to their seats with their children.

The Celebration of Faith

All standing, the priest says to the congregation:

Let us rejoice with those who have committed themselves to Christ, and celebrate the faith of our baptism.

Priest: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

Priest: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died and was buried;

he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Priest: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting.

Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, giving thanks for God's goodness.

We sit or kneel

V: ... and, in your mercy:

R: Hear our prayer.

The Ministry of the Sacrament

We stand

The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you. And also with you.

As we sing the next Hymn, the bread and wine are brought to the altar; our offerings for the Foodbank and money to support ministry and mission are collected and presented also.

Offertory Hymn: O Christ, at your first Eucharist you prayed

SG476 ~ Words: William Turton & in this version Jubilate Hymns Tune: **SONG 1** - OR - **UNDE ET MEMORES** - William Monk

- O Christ, at your first Eucharist you prayed that all your church might be forever one; at every Eucharist this prayer is made with longing heart and soul 'Your will be done': O may we all one bread, one body be through this blessed sacrament of unity.
- For all your church, O Lord, we intercede that you will make our sad divisions cease: O draw us nearer each to each, we plead, by drawing all to you, the prince of peace. Thus may we all one bread, one body be through this blessed sacrament of unity.
- We pray for those who wander from your fold:
 O bring them back, great Shepherd of the sheep –
 back to the faith which saints believed of old,
 the faith for all your holy church to keep.
 Soon may we all one bread, one body be
 through this blessed sacrament of unity.
- So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease, may we be one with all your church above; one with your saints in one unbroken peace, one with your saints in one unbounded love: far happier then, in peace and love to be one with the Trinity in Unity!

The Preparation of the Gifts

Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom. Blessed be God for ever.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord is here. **God's 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 offer thanks and praise.

It is our duty and our joy to give you thanks and praise, O God, creator and sustainer of the universe.

We give you thanks for sun and sea and sky, for bush and birds, for phases of the moon, for stars at night, and planets in their courses. All you make is very good.

For the universe, we praise you: we worship and adore you.

We give you thanks for our creation and our calling, for friendship and community, for love and laughter, tears and pain of growth.

For your gift of life, we praise you: we worship and adore you.

We give you thanks
with those who went before us,
with saints and martyrs,
evangelists and prophets.
With all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
from every culture, land and tongue,
we praise you, giving voice to every creature,
as we join the never ending hymn:

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.

Blessed are you, most Holy, in Jesus Christ, who came among us as a servant and a friend to reconcile us to yourself.

We thank you for that life of love, the good news of your reign, and the promise of a banquet where all your children shall be free.

For your gift of Christ, we praise you: we worship and adore you.

To you indeed be glory, almighty God, because on the night before he died, your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread; when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said:

Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup; when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said: This cup is the new covenant in my blood poured out for you; do this as often as you drink it to remember me.

For new life in Christ, we praise you: we worship and adore you.

Therefore, loving God, recalling now Christ's death and resurrection, we ask you to accept this our sacrifice of praise.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and our celebration, that we may be fed with the body and blood of your Son and be filled with your life and goodness.

Strengthen us to do your work, and to be your body in the world.
Unite us in Christ and give us your peace.

For the peace of Christ, we praise you: we worship and adore you.

Through Christ our Redeemer, in the power of the Spirit, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise.

Blessing, honour and glory be yours, here and everywhere, now and forever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we pray, saying ...

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.

The Invitation to Communion

Haere mai e te kāhui a te Atua, tangohia ēnei kai rangatira a te Karaiti. Come God's people, come to receive Christ's heavenly food.

Communion will be served at standing stations at the Sanctuary steps - all are welcome to receive the bread and wine at communion, (<u>however please note that intinction</u>, ie dipping the wafer into the wine chalice, is **NOT** permitted); although you are welcome to receive the bread only if you prefer, or to come forward for a blessing only.

If you need communion served to you in your seat, please indicate to the servers.

Post Communion Sentence

O praise the Lord all you angels, you mighty ones who do God's bidding; and heed the command of the Most High.

Psalm 103:20

Prayer after Communion

Most loving God, creator and redeemer, we give you thanks for this foretaste of your glory.

Through Christ, and with all your saints, we offer ourselves and our lives to your service. Send us out in the power of your Spirit, to stand with you in your world. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the servant, our friend and brother. Amen.

The Blessing

May the saints inspire and encourage you; and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you, and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

We share any notices and news

Closing Hymn: Go to the world

Voices United #420 - Words: Sylvia Dunstan © 1991 GIA Publications Tune: Sine Nomine - Ralph Vaughan Williams

- Go to the world! Go into all the earth.
 Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth, baptising as the sign of our rebirth.
 Alleluia, Alleluia.
- Go to the world! Go into every place.
 Go live the Word of God's redeeming grace.
 Go seek God's presence in each time and space.
 Alleluia, Alleluia.

- Go to the world! Go struggle, bless and pray; the nights of tears give way to joyous day.
 As servant Church, you follow Christ's own way.
 Alleluia, Alleluia.
- Go to the world! Go as the ones I send, for I am with you 'til the age shall end, when all the hosts of glory cry "Amen". Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Dismissal

Haere i runga i te aroha. Haere i runga i te rangimārie. Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace. Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

Following the service, all are welcome to share morning tea/coffee.

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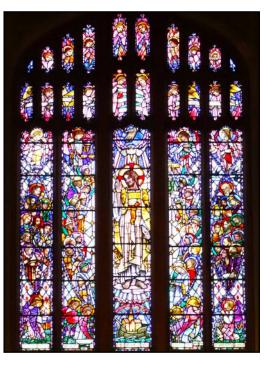
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The Great East window of St Matthew's Church was given in Memory of James Nelson and Mary Williams of Frimley, Hastings.

This window was designed by Mr I Bonner of London and built in his studio. It was unveiled on the 30th March 1919.

Information on the details of the window taken from a Minute Book of the St Matthew's Parish Vestry.



The subject of the window
is
'Our Lord in Glory'
and it follows the idea of
'Te Deum Laudamus the Song of the Church'

(see page 44 of
A New Zealand prayer Book He Karakia Mihinare
o Aotearoa).

In the small panels at the top of the window, the **Cherubims and Seraphims** are represented singing 'Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty'; in the central panel, filled with light, is '**The Christ**', with the gold colouring of his robes reflecting on the **saints and martyrs** in the panels on either side.

The two outer panels reflect twelve **Prophets** and the twelve **Apostles**; the Prophets each have some symbol peculiar to themselves, as have several of the Apostles.

At the top of the four outer panels are depicted the four **Archangels** - **Uriel**, **Michael**, **Gabriel** and **Raphael** -

and at the base of these panels, the three elements of **Fire, Earth, and Water**, are represented, with the fourth element of **Air** being the top of the window. At the bottom of the central window, the **Church** is depicted in a ship sailing on the waters, with the **Rainbow of Promise** overarching it.

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