

Sunday 17th October 2021
Twentieth Sunday after Trinity
Harvest and Baptism

Song: Oh Wow! (Awesome God): <https://youtu.be/8gLTOvrda4k>

Welcome:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.
and also with you.

This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Song: *(click link)* 10,000 REASONS: https://youtu.be/DXDGE_IRI0E

Invitation to Confession:

We come to God as one from whom no secrets are hidden;
to ask for His forgiveness and peace

Confession:

Lord our God,
in our sin we have avoided your call.
Our love for you is like the morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.
Have mercy on us;
Deliver us from judgement;
bind up our wounds and revive us;
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Absolution:

May the God of love and power
forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by His Spirit,
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. Amen.

Introduction to Baptism.

Our Lord Jesus Christ has told us that to enter the kingdom of heaven we must be born again of water and of the Spirit; and has given us Baptism as the sign and seal of this new birth. Here we

are washed by the Holy Spirit and made clean.

Here we are clothed with Christ, dying to sin that we might live His risen life. As children of God, we have a new dignity and God calls us to fulness of life.

(Parents and God-parents please stand)

Faith is a 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 Albert and uphold him in his new life in Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

Parents and Godparents, the church receives Albert 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?

With the help of God, we will.

In Baptism Albert begins his own journey of 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?

With the help of God, we will.

We listen to the word of God.

Reading: Job 38: 1 - 7, 31 – 41

38 Then the LORD spoke to Job out of the storm. He said: ²“Who is this that obscures my plans with words without knowledge? ³Brace yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer me. ⁴“Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation? Tell me, if you understand. ⁵Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know! Who stretched a measuring line across it? ⁶On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone — ⁷while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy? “Can you bind the chains of the Pleiades? Can you loosen Orion's belt? ³²Can you bring forth the constellations in their seasons or lead out the Bear with its cubs? ³³Do you know the laws of the heavens? Can you set up God's dominion over the earth? ³⁴“Can you raise your voice to the clouds and cover yourself with a flood of water? ³⁵Do you send the lightning bolts on their way? Do they report to you, ‘Here we are’? ³⁶Who gives the ibis wisdom or gives the rooster understanding? ³⁷Who has the wisdom to count the clouds? Who can tip over the water jars of the heavens ³⁸when the dust becomes hard and the clods of earth stick together? ³⁹“Do you hunt the prey for the lioness and satisfy the hunger of the lions ⁴⁰when they crouch in their dens or lie in wait in a thicket? ⁴¹Who provides food for the raven when its young cry out to God and wander about for lack of food?

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gospel: Mark 10: 35 – 45

The Request of James and John

³⁵ Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. "Teacher," they said, "we want you to do for us whatever we ask." ³⁶ "What do you want me to do for you?" he asked. ³⁷ They replied, "Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory." ³⁸ "You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said. "Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?" ³⁹ "We can," they answered. Jesus said to them, "You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with, ⁴⁰ but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared." ⁴¹ When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. ⁴² Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. ⁴³ Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

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

Talk: (click link) <https://youtu.be/qtIMAjw2WC0>

Action Song(s) Our God is a great big God <https://youtu.be/0K3TUFFpmhA>

The Baptism.

(Parents and God-parents please come around the Font)

This child is too young to make promises for himself, so today, you are speaking for him, as well as for yourselves.

In Baptism God calls us out of darkness in to His marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life in Him.

Therefore I ask:

Do you (parents and God-parents) turn away from everything that is evil and wrong?

I do.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour and Lord?

I turn to Christ.

Will you live your own life the way that God tells us we should, and follow Christ as the way, the truth, and the life?

With the help of God, I will.

(the president makes a sign of the cross on the candidate's forehead)

This cross is the sign of Jesus Christ who claims you for His own. Remember that Jesus died on the cross for you, and for everyone. Receive the sign of His cross.

Never be ashamed to say that you are a Christian.

**All: Stand up bravely against sin and evil,
and stay faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**

Almighty God keep you safe from every kind of evil.

May you always obey Him.

May Christ be the light of your life. Amen.

Prayer over the water.

Almighty God, we thank you for the gift of water.

Without water, nothing could live.

Without water, we could not be washed clean.

Through water you led the people of Israel from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the Promised Land.

In the water of the river Jordan John the Baptist baptised your Son Jesus.

The Holy Spirit came upon him, and he was anointed as your Messiah, the Christ.

We thank you Father, for the water of baptism.

In baptism, we die with Christ and we rise again with Him, re-born by the Holy Spirit.

Your Son Jesus Christ told His followers to baptise people who believe in Him.

And so, Father, we ask your blessing on what we are doing now, and we pray that you will make this water Holy.

Bless Albert who will be baptised in it, and grant that all his sins may be washed away, that he may be born again, and that he may be a true follower of Christ forever.

To you, Father, and to Jesus Christ your Son. And to your Holy Spirit, be all praise and glory, now and always. Amen.

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess, together with these people, the faith of the church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe and trust in His Son Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born to the virgin Mary.

He 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, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father.

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

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

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 president baptises the children)

Prayer:

Through baptism, God has made you part of his Church.

May He pour the riches of His grace upon you.

May He give to you His Holy Spirit, now and always.

May He help you to fight against sin and wrong.

May you grow in your faith, together with all God's people.

And after this life on earth, may God give you eternal life with all His saints. Amen.

(The family and God-parents move back to their seats).

Commission.

Faithful and loving God, bless those who care for Albert and grant to 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. Amen.

Psalms 65

Praise is due to you,
O God, in Zion;
and to you shall vows be performed,
² O you who answer prayer!
To you all flesh shall come.
³ When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us,
you forgive our transgressions.
⁴ Happy are those whom you choose and bring near
to live in your courts.
We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house,
your holy temple.
⁵ By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance,
O God of our salvation;
you are the hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the farthest seas.
⁶ By your strength you established the mountains;
you are girded with might.
⁷ You silence the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves,
the tumult of the peoples.
⁸ Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs;
you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.
⁹ You visit the earth and water it,
you greatly enrich it;
the river of God is full of water;
you provide the people with grain,
for so you have prepared it.
¹⁰ You water its furrows abundantly,
settling its ridges,
softening it with showers,
and blessing its growth.
¹¹ You crown the year with your bounty;
your wagon tracks overflow with richness.
¹² The pastures of the wilderness overflow,
the hills gird themselves with joy,
¹³ the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,
the valleys deck themselves with grain,
they shout and sing together for joy.

We bring our Harvest Gifts to God

Prayers of Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to God.

For the colour and forms of your creation,
shown in all the world
Lord we give you thanks
Your mercy endures forever.

For our daily food
and for those whose work and skill bring your good gifts to us.
Lord we give you thanks
Your mercy endures forever

For thoughtfulness, insight and imagination,
for the skill of research which bring healing and fulfilment to the lives of many.
Lord we give you thanks
Your mercy endures forever.

For the changing seasons and their variety,
for new life and growth and the mystery of harvest.
Lord we give you thanks
Your mercy endures forever.

For all that help us in the community and serve us so well
Lord we give you thanks
Your mercy endures forever

For our families, mums and dads, brothers and sisters and all those who show us love
goodness and kindness.
Lord we give you thanks
Your mercy endures forever

For the new life we have been given
and for those whom you have given us to share it.
Lord we give you thanks
Your mercy endures forever

We thank you for this special time in Church.
Lord we give you thanks
Your mercy endures forever. Amen.

Collect:

**God our light and our salvation:
illuminate our lives,
that we might see your goodness in the land of the living,
and looking on your beauty
may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

As our saviour taught us, so we pray:

Lord's Prayer:

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
and forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil
For the kingdom the power and the glory
are yours now and forever. Amen.

Song: *(click link)* *In Christ alone* <https://youtu.be/hpeBUeg3QA0>

The welcome.

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:
by the one spirit we are all baptised into one body.

Albert, we welcome you into the fellowship of faith;

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

Jesus is the light of the world.

Albert; God has brought us out from darkness into His light.

This lighted candle is for you.

It is to remind you of today and help you think of the light of Christ shining through your life.

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

Lord God, we thank you for Albert now baptised into your name: Hold him in your safe keeping,
and guide him into a future of blessing and goodness. Fill Albert with your Holy Spirit so that he
can reflect your truth and love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing:

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;
Father Son and Holy Spirit,

be with us, and remain with us
and all those whom we love,
now and forever.
Amen.

Song: ([click link](#))

As we come to the end of this service we can fellowship with each other in Spirit, with tea, coffee and biscuits, and continuing to pray for each other.

Post something on the Facebook page to bless others.