

BAPTISM – July 21, 2024

WELCOME

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open all desires know 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 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

PSALM 8

- ¹ Lord, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory
in the heavens.
- ² Through the praise of children and infants
you have established a
stronghold against your enemies, to silence
the foe and the avenger.
- ³ When I consider your heavens,
the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars,
which you have set in place,
- ⁴ what is mankind that you are mindful of
them, human beings that you care for
them?
- ⁵ You have made them a little lower than
the angels and crowned them with glory
and honour.
- ⁶ You made them rulers over the works of
your hands; you put everything under
their feet:
- ⁷ all flocks and herds,
and the animals of the wild,
- ⁸ the birds in the sky,
and the fish in the sea,
all that swim the paths of the seas.
- ⁹ Lord, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the
earth!

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now and shall be forever. Amen

SONG:

Love divine (377)

CONFESSION

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.

Silence (for personal confession)

We say together:

**Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our
whole heart. We have not loved our
neighbours as ourselves. In your
mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,
love mercy, and walk humbly with
you, our God. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION:

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

SONG:

I love You, Lord
Oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days, I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

*Cause all my life You have been faithful
And all my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God*

I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
And in darkest night You are close like no
other
I've known You as a Father
I've known You as a Friend
And I have lived in the goodness of God,

Your goodness is running after,
it's running after me
Your goodness is running after,

it's running after me
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after,
it's running after me,

READING: John 3:1 – 8 and
Deut. 6:4 – 9

*This is the word of the Lord:
Thanks be to God.*

COLLECT (*special prayer*):

**Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and
govern both our hearts and bodies
in the ways of your laws and the works
of your commandments; that through
your most mighty protection, both
here and ever, we may be preserved in
body and soul; through our Lord and
Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and
reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen**

SONG:

You were the Word at the beginning
One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now, revealed in You our Christ

*What a beautiful Name it is,
what a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a beautiful Name it is, nothing
compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is,
the Name of Jesus*

You didn't want heaven without us
So Jesus, You brought heaven down
My sin was great, Your love was greater
What could separate us now?

*What a wonderful Name it is, what a
wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a wonderful Name it is,
nothing compares to this
What a wonderful Name it is,
the Name of Jesus
What a wonderful Name it is, the Name of
Jesus*

Death could not hold You,
the veil tore before You
You silenced the boast of sin and grave
The Heavens are roaring the praise of Your

glory
For You are raised to life again
You have no rival,
You have no equal
Now and forever, God, You reign
Yours is the Kingdom,
Yours is the Glory
Yours is the Name above all names

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Our Lord Jesus Christ has told us
that to enter the kingdom of heaven
we must be born again of water and 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 may live his risen life. As
children of God, we have a new dignity and God
calls us to fullness of life.

*At the baptism of children, the president addresses the
whole congregation:*

Jesus said,
'Let the children come to me.
Do not stop them. For the Kingdom of God
belongs to children'.
We thank God for **N** who is brought to be baptized
today.
Christ loves *her* and welcomes *her* into his
Family, the Church.

So I ask you all:
Will you support this child as *she* begins
her journey of faith?

All
With the help of God, we will.

Will you help *her* to live and grow within God's family – the church?

All

With the help of God, we will.

THE PRESIDENT THEN ADDRESSES THE PARENTS AND GODPARENTS

God knows each of us by name and we are his. Parents and godparents, the church receives this child with joy. In baptism *she* begins *her* journey in faith.

You speak for *her* today.

Will you care for *her*, pray for *her*, and help *her* to follow Christ as *she* grows older?

With the help of God, we will.

THE DECISION

The minister addresses the candidates (parents and godparents) directly:

We all wander far from God and lose our way: Christ comes to find us and welcomes us home. In baptism we respond to his call.

Therefore, I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

I reject them.

Do you renounce all that is evil?

I renounce evil.

Do you turn away from sin?

I turn from sin.

Do you trust in Christ as your Saviour?

I trust in Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as your Lord?

I submit to Christ

Will you follow Christ in your words and in your actions?

I will follow Christ.

Profession of Faith (all believers)

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess together with *this family* the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

All

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

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

All

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe and trust in 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.

Prayer over the Water

Praise God who made heaven and earth,

All

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 praise you, loving Father, for the gift of your Son Jesus.

He was baptized in the River Jordan, where your Spirit came upon him and revealed him as the Son you love.

He sent his followers to baptize all who turn to him. In joyful obedience to your Son, we baptize into his church all those who come to Him in faith.

Now, Father, we ask you to bless this water, that those who are baptized in it, by the power of your Holy Spirit, may be cleansed from their sins, born again, filled with your Spirit, and may know that they are loved as your children, safe in Christ for ever. **Amen.**

N, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

N. Christ claims you for his own.

Receive the sign of his cross.

Do not be ashamed of Christ.

You are his for ever.

Stand bravely with 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, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

The minister gives a lighted candle to the newly baptised:

I give you this candle as a symbol of the light of Christ.

May the light of Christ shine brightly in your life every day. 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.

Amen.

The Welcome

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.

DISMISS CHILDREN

SONG: Let your living water (334)

SERMON: You must be born again

SONG:

Amazing grace (my chains are gone) (1702)

INTERCESSION:

*(Please keep prayers **UNDER 10 MINUTES.** Thanks)*

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

THE 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.

**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 for ever.**

Amen.

PEACE

Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God.

The peace of the LORD be always with you
And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

OFFERING: *If you prefer to contribute through the bank: Santander Bank account number: **91028603**; sort code: **090155**; St. Saviour's Parochial Church Council. If you prefer to give using the **Parish Giving Scheme** visit their website: <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/home/>. We also now have the ability to receive **contactless** contributions.*

Gracious God, for all you have given us, all you will give us and all you give us here and now, we offer you our thanks and praise. Bless this offering of our money and of ourselves to be used in your service, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

NOTICES AND BIRTHDAYS

FINAL SONG: God sent his son (736)

PRAYER AND BLESSING

Heavenly Father,
by the power of your Holy Spirit
you give your faithful people new life in the water of baptism. Guide and strengthen us by the same Spirit, that we who are born again may serve you in faith and love, and grow into the full stature of your Son, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The peace of God which passes all our understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord;
In the name of Christ, Amen

NOTICES

PERSONAL PRAYER



During the service there will be an opportunity to receive prayer and anointing with oil from a member of our prayer team. If you would like someone to pray with you, please head to the prayer corner anytime during the service and a member of our prayer team will pray with you.


- **Tuesday morning prayer** at 9:30
- Thanks to all those who continue to contribute to **the replenishing of our food bank. We need donations of money to help with the shopping.**
Please see Maxine.

- *Children, Teenagers and all church members are invited to take part in the **summer Bible Reading challenge and competition.***

Participants will be asked to complete a Bible reading booklet for each day that they read. In September Dorothea will collect the booklets and give out prizes for the most successful ones. "The best prizes they will receive themselves as they gather eternal treasures from reading the Word of God." Dorothea has the booklets.

- **Congratulations to baby Khia-Rose** on becoming the newest member of the family of Christ by water baptism. Please continue to pray for her and her family, and godparents.
- **Cornelius' Sabbatical Leave** – August 19 – November 19. Please pray for him.
- **School of organizing for young people – July 31st from 10 - 3** – please see flyer for more information and see Cornelius after the service.
- **Kids summer camp and activities: Hope 4 Humanity (see flyer); Dinosaur Adventure @ St. Luke's Canning Town**
- **All 4 Free – July 28th 1 – 3pm – 372 Katherine Road – donate or receive.**
- Please remember to subscribe and use the

 bell if you use YouTube to help you in your morning prayers. 

 **Tuesday evening BIBLE STUDY** each week on zoom from 8pm.

ALL ARE INVITED

- Church of England daily prayer: <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>

A PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND

Almighty God, hear the cry of our hearts, as we hold before you the people of the Holy Land. Be near those who have lost lives and loved ones, and be a sure rock to those who are in terror this day. We pray that, through your Spirit of wisdom and mercy, conflict may cease and that the leaders of the nations may work together for peace and justice between Israel and Palestine, the Jews and the Arabs.

As you wept over Jerusalem, so we ask that you hear the prayers of those who weep this day for your Holy Land. Remember the innocent sufferers in Israel and Gaza – the children, the elderly and the vulnerable. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOCUS:

If you would like someone to pray with you, please go to the prayer corner and a member of our prayer team will pray with you.

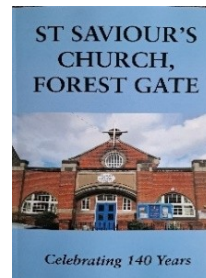


Please keep these and others in your prayers this week.

Doreen, Jean and Walter, Monica, **Sue** (*Daisy and family*), **Veronica** and Chester, **Dolly** and Desmond, **Jean** Murphy, **Johannah**, Pat and Ray Vincent, **Pauline** Haywood, **Pauline** Bookal-Downes, **Muriel**, **David** Martins, **Suriyakala** Johnson, **Veronica**, **Monica** and daughter (**Sheryl**), **Charity**, **Pippa**, **Duke**, **Radcliffe** and **Pauline**, **archdeacon Elwin** and family, **Andy** and **Anita**, **Una**, **Noel**, **Maxine** Garrison and family (*for suitable accommodation*), **Attlee** (and **Janetta**), **Ann** and **Richard** (*in Wales*), **Elliot** (*friend of Jenny*), **Jake** (*Rev. Jeremy Fraser's son*), **Kianna** - *Ann's (friend of Angela) granddaughter and her stepmum* – **Lucy, Ian** (*Ann's brother*)...

- **CHARITY OF THE MONTH**
Compassion UK

Please remember to promote and purchase a copy of our book. The majority of the proceeds will go towards helping to sort out our heating. **Donation: £10**
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Doreen Alexander and Jenny Somers.