

### The Final Hymn

Thou, whose almighty word  
chaos and darkness heard,  
and took their flight;  
hear us, we humbly pray,  
and where the Gospel-day  
sheds not its glorious ray,  
let there be light.

Thou, who didst come to bring  
on thy redeeming wing  
healing and sight,  
health to the sick in mind,  
sight to the inly blind,  
O now to all mankind  
let there be light.

Spirit of truth and love,  
life-giving, holy Dove,  
speed forth thy flight;  
move on the water's face,  
bearing the lamp of grace,  
and in earth's darkest place  
let there be light.

Holy and blessed Three,  
glorious Trinity,  
Wisdom, Love, Might;  
boundless as ocean's tide  
rolling in fullest pride,  
through the earth far and wide  
let there be light.

Moscow 180 AMNS

### The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

♪ In the name of Christ. Amen.

***Our worship has ended; let our service begin.  
Thanks be to God!***



## The Parish of Boxmoor

St John's Boxmoor,  
St Stephen's Chaulden & St Francis' Hammerfield



## THE PARISH EUCHARIST with Holy Baptism on TRINITY SUNDAY The Feast of the Holy & Undivided Trinity

Sunday 26 May 2024  
10.00am

## Welcome to St John's for this Service.

Whether this is your first time in St John's, or you are a regular member of the congregation, you are most welcome as we give thanks to God for the new life we have in him through the gift of his Son, Jesus Christ. In faith and confidence we come before the God of love in assurance of his forgiveness and ask for his blessing on our lives.

Today on this celebration of the Blessed Trinity we glory in God who has made himself known to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - 3 persons yet one being; equal in status, undivided, and everlasting.

In particular we rejoice today with Sebastian who is to be baptised into the Body of Christ—the Church. We welcome his family and friends as he begins his journey of faith—an adventure of discovery as he comes to know God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The posture directions in this order of service are optional. Please stand, sit, or kneel as you prefer. We hope you will be able to join in with everything that is in **bold** type and sing the hymns. The Mass Setting is by Malcom Archer.

A collection is taken during the Offertory Hymn. UK tax payers are asked to complete a GiftAid envelope to enhance the value of their giving. If you prefer to give electronically a contactless reader is located near the glass doors.

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## The Communion Hymn

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord;	Worthy, worthy, worthy is the Lord;
holy is the Lord God almighty. <i>repeat</i>	worthy is the Lord God almighty. <i>repeat</i>
Who was, and is, and is to come.	Who was, and is, and is to come.
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord!	Worthy, worthy, worthy is the Lord.

Glory, glory, glory to the Lord;  
glory to the Lord God almighty. *repeat*  
Who was, and is, and is to come.  
Glory, glory, glory to the Lord.

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*All remain seated or kneeling for*

## The Prayer after Communion

**Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory.  
Amen.**

*The newly baptised is brought to the front for*

## The Giving of the Light of Christ

Sebastian, receive this light.

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

You have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life.

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

## THE DISMISSAL

*All stand for*

## The Blessing

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love,  
defend you on every side,  
and guide you in truth and peace;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

## The 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.**

## The Giving of Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

## 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.**

*All are welcome to come forward to receive Holy Communion.*

*If you wish to receive a blessing instead of the Sacrament, please indicate this by bringing this booklet with you. Gluten free wafers are available on request.*

*During Communion the following may be played/sung:*

## The Anthem: Hymn to the Trinity

Blessed angel spirits offer praise undying,  
ever crying Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth.  
Saints and martyrs praise thy name,  
trinity life giving, earth-borne sorrow leaving before thy throne,  
ever crying Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth.  
Father omnipotent, mighty in glory,  
Christ thy Son, our Saviour who died that we might live,  
Holy Spirit, mystic dove, dwelling with us evermore,  
we praise thee, we praise thee, blessed trinity.  
With the angels' sacred hymn, all thy might proclaiming,  
with the mystic cherubim in songs of praise we join, Holy, Holy, Holy,  
join we all in songs of praise, in songs of praise for ever;  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, Lord God of Sabaoth.

*Pyotr Il'yich Tchaikovsky (1840–93)  
adapted from The Cherubic Hymn*

*All stand as the ministers enter.*

## 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.**

*All remain standing to sing*

## The Hymn

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;  
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy, there is none beside thee  
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
all thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;  
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

*Nicaea 95 AMNS*

## The Notices

*Please sit for the Parish Notices, Banns of Marriage, and other announcements.*

## The Prayer of Preparation

As the Lord welcomes us into his presence, we pray together:

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,  
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 Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

*The president leads*

### **The Introduction**

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.  
Mindful of our sins, let us confess them to God our Father.

*All say*

### **The Confession:**

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name.  
Amen.**

### **Absolution**

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

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:

Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

♪ **Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.  
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.  
Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;  
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

♪ **Amen**

*All sit or kneel for*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

As our Saviour has taught us, so we are bold to pray:

**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.**

## 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 indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For with your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit  
you are one God, one Lord.

All that you reveal of your glory,  
the same we believe of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,  
without any difference or inequality.

We, your holy Church, acclaim you,  
Father of majesty unbounded,  
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,  
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

Three Persons we adore, one in being and equal in majesty.  
And so with angels and archangels,  
with cherubim and seraphim,  
we tell for ever of your glory:

♪ **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.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

*All stand to give praise to God as we sing*

## The Gloria

♪ **Glory to God, Glory to God,  
and peace to his people on earth. (\* Repeated as a refrain)**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory. \***

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. \***  
**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. \***  
**Amen.**

## The Collect

*Following a moment of quiet, a special Prayer for the Day is said.*

Almighty and everlasting God,  
you have given us your servants grace,  
by the confession of a true faith,  
to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity  
and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity:  
keep us steadfast in this faith,  
that we may evermore be defended from all adversities;  
through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*All sit for*

### Bible Readings

A reading from St Paul's letter to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by

the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

This is the word of the Lord.

*Romans 8: 12–17*

**Thanks be to God.**

### **The Gospel Acclamation**

Holy, holy, holy, holy is the Lord.

Holy, holy, holy, holy is our God.

Praise the Lord in heaven, blessed is His name.

Praise the Lord forever, glory be to God.

*Franz Schubert (1797–1828)*

*All stand for*

### **The Gospel**

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,  
one God, who was, and who is, and who is to come, the Almighty.

**Alleluia!**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John.

♪ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

## **THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT**

### **The Peace**

Peace to you from God our heavenly Father.

Peace to you from his Son Jesus Christ who is our peace.

Peace from the Holy Spirit, the life giver.

The peace of the triune God be always with you.

**and also with you.**

### **The Offertory Hymn**

*during which a collection is taken and the bread and wine are brought to the Altar table*

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

o'er the world's tempestuous sea;

guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,

for we have no help but thee;

yet possessing every blessing,

if our God our Father be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us:

all our weakness thou dost know;

thou didst tread this earth before us,

thou didst feel its keenest woe;

lone and dreary, faint and weary,

through the desert thou didst go.

Spirit of our God, descending,

fill our hearts with heavenly joy,

love with every passion blending,

pleasure that can never cloy:

thus provided, pardoned, guided,

nothing can our peace destroy.

*Mannheim 224 AMNS*

*All remain standing for*

### **The Preparation of the Table**

Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal,

give us the bread of everlasting life,

and make us branches of the true vine.

**Amen.**



This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

### The Baptism

Nicola and Chris, please name your child.

Sebastian Christopher Richard,  
I baptise you in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Sebastian, 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 of the newly baptised

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:

Sebastian, by the one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

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

*The baptismal party return to their seats whilst the organ improvises.*

*All sit or kneel for*

### The Prayers of Intercession

*The prayers may include the responses:*

Lord, hear us	or	Lord, in your mercy,
<b>Lord, graciously hear us.</b>		<b>hear our prayer.</b>

*And at the end:*

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



'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*St John 3: 1-17*

♪ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

### The Sermon

## THE LITURGY OF BAPTISM

*All remain seated for*

### The Presentation of the Candidates

*The president addresses the whole congregation.*

Faith is the 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 this child  
and uphold him in his new life in Christ?

**With the help of God, we will.**

*The president addresses the parents and godparents.*

Parents and godparents, the Church receives this child 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?

*P&GP* **With the help of God, we will.**

In baptism this child begins his journey in faith.

You speak for him today.

Will you care for him, and help him to take their place  
within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

*P&GP* **With the help of God, we will.**

## 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 reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

*P&GP* **I reject them.**

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

*P&GP* **I renounce them.**

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

*P&GP* **I repent of them.**

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

*P&GP* **I turn to Christ.**

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

*P&GP* **I submit to Christ.**

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

*P&GP* **I come to Christ.**

## The Signing with the Cross

*The president signs the baptisand with the Oil of Catechumens (consecrated oil).*

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.

**Amen.**

*All sing*

## The Hymn to the Font

*during which the baptismal party makes its way to the Font and Junior Church returns.*

Come down, O Love divine,  
seek thou this soul of mine,  
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near,  
within my heart appear,  
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,  
till earthly passions turn  
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
and let thy glorious light  
shine ever on my sight,  
and clothe me round, the while my path  
illuming.

*Water is poured into the Font and is then blessed during*

## The Prayer over the Water

Praise God who made heaven and earth,  
**who keeps his promise for ever.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

We thank you, almighty God, for the gift of water  
to sustain, refresh and cleanse all life.

Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation.

Through water you led the children of Israel

from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the Promised Land.

In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John

and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ,  
to lead us from the death of sin to newness of life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism.

In it we are buried with Christ in his death.

By it we share in his resurrection.

Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.

Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son,

we baptise into his fellowship those who come to him in faith.

Now sanctify this water that, by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
they may be cleansed from sin and born again.

Renewed in your image, may they walk by the light of faith

and continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Lord;

to whom with you and the Holy Spirit

be all honour and glory, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## The Profession of Faith

Brothers and sisters in Christ:

I invite you to profess together the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,

the source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

**I 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?

**I 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 all the world?

**I believe and trust in him.**