



Sharing Christ in the Community

# Holy Communion



**with the baptism of  
Charlie James Vaughan Pointon**

**Sunday 3 August 2025 at 10.00am**

**SONG**

**Now thank we all our God,  
with hearts, and hands, and voices;  
who wondrous things hath done,  
in whom his world rejoices;  
who, from our mothers' arms,  
hath blest us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.**

**O may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
with ever-joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us;  
and keep us in his grace,  
and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills  
in this world and the next.**

**All praise and thanks to God  
the Father now be given,  
the Son, and him who reigns  
with them in highest heaven;  
the one eternal God,  
whom heaven and earth adore;  
for this it was, is now,  
and shall be evermore.**

*Martin Rinkard (1586-1649)  
tr. Catherine Winkworth (1829-78)*

**Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you  
and also with you.**

## THE PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES

*The minister 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 Charlie and uphold him in his new life in Christ?

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

*The minister then says to the parents and godparents*

Parents and godparents, the Church receives Charlie 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 Charlie begins his journey in 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.**

## THE COLLECT FOR THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Generous God,  
you give us gifts and make them grow:  
though our faith is small as mustard seed,  
make it grow to your glory  
and the flourishing of your kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### *The Liturgy of the Word*

## THE GOSPEL READING    **Luke 12: 13 - 21**    *Please stand*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Someone in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.' But he said to him, 'Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?' And he said to them, 'Take care!

Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.' Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

*At the end the reader says:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SONG**

**In Christ alone my hope is found,  
he is my light, my strength, my song;  
this cornerstone, this solid ground,  
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My comforter, my all in all,  
here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone – who took on flesh,  
fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
scorned by the ones he came to save  
till on that cross as Jesus died,  
the wrath of God was satisfied,  
for every sin on him was laid;  
here in the death of Christ I live.**

There in the ground his body lay,  
light of the world by darkness slain,  
then, bursting forth in glorious day,  
up from the grave he rose again!  
And as he stands in victory,  
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
for I am his and he is mine –  
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
this is the power of Christ in me;  
from life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man  
can ever pluck me from his hand;  
till he returns or calls me home,  
here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

*Stuart Townend*

**SERMON**    *Please sit.*

## **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?

**I reject them.**

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

**I renounce them.**

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

**I repent of them.**

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

**I turn to Christ.**

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

**I submit to Christ.**

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

## **SIGNING WITH THE CROSS**

Christ claims you for his own.  
Receive the sign of his cross.

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

**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.**

## **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.**

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ  
was baptized in the river Jordan,  
we thank you for the gift of water  
to cleanse and revive us.  
Saving God  
**give us life.**

We thank you that through the waters of the Red Sea  
you led your people out of slavery to freedom in the Promised Land,  
Saving God  
**give us life.**

We thank you that through the deep waters of death  
you brought your Son, and raised him to life in triumph.  
Saving God,  
**give us life.**

Bless this water, that your servants who are washed in it  
may be made one with Christ in his death and in his resurrection,  
to be cleansed and delivered from all sin.  
Saving God,  
**give us life.**

Send your Holy Spirit upon them,  
bring them to new birth in the household of faith  
and raise them with Christ to full and eternal life;  
for all might, majesty, authority and power are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.  
Saving God,  
**give us life.**

## **THE PROFESSION OF FAITH**

Let us affirm, together with Charlie, who is being baptized, our common  
faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, 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 the world?  
**I believe and trust in him.**

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

*The minister pours water on each candidate for baptism, saying:*  
I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

*After Charlie is baptized, the minister says*  
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 Liturgy of the Sacrament*

### **WELCOME AND PEACE**      *Please stand.*

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:  
Charlie, by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.

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

We are all one in Christ Jesus. We belong to him through faith,  
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

### **SONG**

**Be thou my vision,  
O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me,  
save that thou art -  
thou my best thought,  
by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping,  
thy presence my light.**



**Be thou my wisdom,  
thou my true Word;  
I ever with thee,  
thou with me, Lord;  
thou my great Father,  
I thy true son;  
thou in me dwelling,  
and I with thee one.**

**Be thou my battle-shield,  
sword for the fight,  
be thou my dignity,  
thou my delight.  
Thou my soul's shelter,  
thou my high tower:  
Raise thou me heavenward,  
O Power of my power.**

**Riches I heed not,  
nor man's empty praise,  
thou mine inheritance,  
now and always:  
Thou and thou only,  
first in my heart,  
High King of heaven,  
my treasure thou art.**

**High King of heaven,  
after victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys,  
O bright heaven's Sun!  
heart of my own heart,  
whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O ruler of all.**

*From the Poem Book of the Gael, selected and edited by Eleanor Hull*

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

*Please remain standing.*

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 always right to give you thanks,  
God our Creator,  
loving and faithful,  
holy and strong.  
You made us  
and the whole universe,  
and filled your world with life.

You sent your Son to live among us,  
Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child.  
He suffered on the cross;  
he died to save us from our sins;  
he rose in glory from the dead.

You send your Spirit  
to bring new life to the world,  
and clothe us with power from on high.

And so we join the angels  
to celebrate and sing:

**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.**

Father, on the night before he died,  
Jesus shared a meal with his friends.

He took the bread, and thanked you.  
He broke it, and gave it to them, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this to remember me.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine.  
He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you.  
This is my blood,  
the new promise of God's unfailing love.  
Do this to remember me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Father, as we bring this bread and wine,  
and remember his death and resurrection,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
that we who share these gifts  
may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.

Pour your Spirit on us  
that we may love one another,  
work for the healing of the earth,  
and share the good news of Jesus,  
as we wait for his coming in glory.

For honour and praise belong to you, Father,  
with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit:  
one God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER** *Please sit.*

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed by 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**

*The president breaks the consecrated 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.**

## **LAMB OF GOD** *We sing*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,

and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

## THE GIVING OF COMMUNION

*The President receives communion, gives communion to the other ministers on the dais and then to the congregation.*

## AFTER COMMUNION *Please remain seated.*

**God of our pilgrimage,  
you have fed us with the bread of heaven.  
refresh and sustain us  
as we go forward on our journey,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## NOTICES

### **SONG 624 Take my life**

Take my life, and let it be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days,  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love;  
take my feet, and let them be  
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing  
always, only, for my King;  
take my lips, and let them be  
filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold,  
not a mite would I withhold;  
take my intellect, and use  
every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine:  
take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure store:  
take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.

*Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-79)*

## *The Sending Out*

### **GIVING OF A LIGHTED CANDLE**

*When all the newly baptized have received a candle, the minister says*  
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 BLESSING & DISMISSAL**

The peace of God,  
which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds  
in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**



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