

St JOHN'S CHURCH WAKEFIELD

Sharing Christ in the Community

Holy Communion



**with the baptism of
Etienne James Richard Walsh**

Sunday 22 February 2026 at 10.00am

SONG 882

Lord of all hopefulness

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

Etienne, do you wish to be baptized?

I do.

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 Etienne 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 Etienne 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 Etienne 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 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Almighty God,
by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,
and by following in his Way
come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

THE GOSPEL READING Part 1: Matthew 5: 1-12

Please stand

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

At the end the reader says:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

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**In my wrestling and in my doubts,
In my failures you won't walk out.
Your great love will lead me through,
You are the peace in my troubled sea, oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea.**

**In the silence, you won't let go.
In the questions, your truth will hold.
Your great love will lead me through,
You are the peace in my troubled sea, oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea.**

**My lighthouse, my lighthouse,
Shining in the darkness, I will follow you, oh
My lighthouse, my lighthouse,
I will trust the promise, you will carry me
Safe to shore, oh....., safe to shore, oh.....
Safe to shore, oh..... safe to shore.**

**I won't fear what tomorrow brings,
With each morning I'll rise and sing.
My God's love will lead me through,
You are the peace in my troubled sea, oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea, oh**

**My lighthouse, my lighthouse,
Shining in the darkness, I will follow you, oh
My lighthouse, my lighthouse,
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Safe to shore, oh....., safe to shore, oh.....
Safe to shore, oh..... safe to shore.**

**Fire before us, you're the brightest.
You will lead us through the storms.**

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THE GOSPEL READING Part 2: Matthew 5: 13-16
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Glory to you, O Lord.

'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

At the end the reader says:
This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

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 Etienne, 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

Etienne, is this your faith?

This is my faith.

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 Etienne 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:
Etienne, 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 921 **Purify my heart**

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 664 The Spirit lives to set us free

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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