

**Holy Trinity Heath Town**  
**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2025 11.15am Praise & Worship with Baptism**  
**Christ The King: “King of the Turning World”**  
**Celebrant: Revd Richard Merrick    Preaching: Bill Nicholls**

**Video: Worship Intro – Glory To The Lord  
(Isaiah)**

**WELCOME**

**SONG**

King of kings, majesty,  
God of heaven living in me.  
Gentle Saviour, closest Friend,  
Strong Deliverer, Beginning and End:  
All within me falls at Your throne.

*Your majesty, I can but bow;  
I lay my all before You now.  
In royal robes I don't deserve,  
I live to serve Your majesty.*

Earth and heaven worship You,  
Love eternal, faithful and true,  
Who bought the nations, ransomed souls,  
Brought this sinner near to Your throne:  
All within me cries out in praise.

**SONG**

Here I am,  
Humbled by Your majesty,  
Covered by Your grace so free.  
Here I am,  
Knowing I'm a sinful man/woman,  
Covered by the blood of the Lamb.

Now I've found  
The greatest love of all is mine,  
Since You laid down Your life,  
The greatest sacrifice.

*Majesty, majesty.  
Your grace has found me just as I am,*

*Empty-handed but alive in Your hands.  
Majesty, majesty.  
Forever I am changed by Your love  
In the presence of Your majesty.*

Here I am,  
Humbled by the love that You give,  
Forgiven so that I can forgive.  
Here I stand,  
Knowing that I'm Your desire,  
Sanctified by glory and fire.

**OPENING PRAYER**

As we come together to worship King  
Jesus, we offer him all that we are,  
in honour and worship, praise and  
adoration of the King of kings. **Amen.**

**A GATHERING PRAYER**

When things are going well, and when  
things are going wrong,  
**Jesus, you are king.**  
When the world seems good, and when  
the world seems bad,  
**Jesus, you are king.**  
When we feel your presence clearly and  
when we feel as if you are absent,  
**Jesus, you are king.**  
Through all of life,  
**Jesus, you are king.**

**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. This is the radical grace of God which restores us and enables us to be the people that God created us to be.

### **COLLECT FOR BAPTISM**

Heavenly Father, by the power of your Holy Spirit you give to 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, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit now and for ever. Amen.

### **SONG**

From the highest of heights  
To the depths of the sea,  
Creation's revealing Your majesty.  
From the colours of fall  
To the fragrance of spring,  
Every creature unique  
In the song that it sings.  
All exclaiming:

*Indescribable, uncontainable,  
You placed the stars in the sky,  
And You know them by name:  
You are amazing, God.*

*All-powerful, untamable;  
Awestruck, we fall to our knees  
As we humbly proclaim:  
You are amazing, God.*

Who has told every lightning bolt  
Where it should go,  
Or seen heavenly storehouses  
Laden with snow?  
Who imagined the sun

And gives source to its light,  
Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night?  
None can fathom.

*Indescribable, uncontainable,  
You placed the stars in the sky,  
And You know them by name:  
You are amazing, God.  
Incomparable, unchangeable,  
You see the depths of my heart  
And you love me the same;  
You are amazing, God.*

### **CONFESSION**

We come to God as one from whom no secrets are hidden, to ask for his forgiveness and peace.  
Lord Jesus, when you rose from the dead you defeated evil.  
Lord have mercy,  
**Lord have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, when you rose from the dead you washed away our sins.  
Christ have mercy,  
**Christ have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, when you rose from the dead you set us free.  
Lord have mercy,  
**Lord have mercy.**

### **ABSOLUTION**

May God our Father, who gives new life to his people through the waters of baptism, forgive us our sins and restore us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **BIBLE READING: Psalm 46**

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

## SONG

In the darkness we were waiting  
Without hope without light  
Till from heaven You came running  
There was mercy in Your eyes  
To fulfill the law and prophets  
To a virgin came the Word  
From a throne of endless glory  
To a cradle in the dirt

Praise the Father, Praise the Son, Praise  
the Spirit Three in one,  
God of glory Majesty, Praise forever to  
the King of Kings

To reveal the kingdom coming and to  
reconcile the lost  
To redeem the whole creation You did not  
despise the cross  
For even in your suffering You saw to the  
other side  
Knowing this was our salvation Jesus for  
our sake you died

Praise the Father, Praise the Son, Praise  
the Spirit Three in one,  
God of glory Majesty, Praise forever to  
the King of Kings

And the morning that You rose all of  
heaven held its breath  
Till that stone was moved for good for the  
Lamb had conquered death  
And the dead rose from their tombs and  
the angels stood in awe  
For the souls of all who'd come to the  
Father are restored  
And the church of Christ was born then  
the Spirit lit the flame  
Now this gospel truth of old shall not  
kneel shall not faint  
By His blood and in His name in His  
freedom I am free  
For the love of Jesus Christ who has

resurrected me

Praise the Father, Praise the Son, Praise  
the Spirit Three in one,  
God of glory Majesty, Praise forever to  
the King of Kings.  
Praise forever to the King of Kings

## BIBLE READING: Luke 23:33-43

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON/TALK

### THE PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES:

Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me.  
Do not stop them'.

We thank God for *N and N* who *have*  
come to be baptized today.  
Christ loves *them* and welcomes *them*  
into his Church.

So I ask you all: Will you support *them* as  
*they begin their* journey of faith?

**We will.**

Will you help *them* to live and mature in  
the faith within God's family?

**We will.**

### QUESTIONS FOR THE PARENTS AND GODPARENTS:

#### A question for parents and Godparents

God knows each of us by name and we  
are his. Parents and godparents, you  
speak for *N and N* today. Will you pray for  
*them*, and help *them* to follow Christ?

**We will.**

#### A question for all who are able to answer for themselves.

Do you wish to be baptized?

**I do.**

We thank God for *N and N* who *have* come to be baptized today. Christ loves *them* and welcomes *them* into his Church. Will you support *them* on *their* journey of faith?

**We will.**

### **THE DECISION**

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 turn away from sin?

**I do.**

Do you reject evil?

**I do.**

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

**I do.**

Do you trust in him as Lord?

**I do.**

*The minister makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of each candidate, saying;*

Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of his cross. Do not be ashamed of Christ. You are his for ever.

**All: Stand bravely with him against all the powers of evil, 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. **Amen.**

*President and candidates move to the font.*

### **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. Now, Father, we ask you to bless this water, that those who are baptized in it may be cleansed in the water of life, and, filled with your Spirit, may know that they are loved as your children, safe in Christ for ever.

**Amen.**

### **THE CREED**

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named. We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love. We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high. We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

**Amen.**

### **BAPTISM**

*If the candidate(s) can answer for themselves, the minister may say to each one*

**N,** is this your faith?

*Each candidate answers in their own words, or*

**Candidate: This is my faith.**

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

**Amen.**

You have been clothed with Christ. As many as are baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

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.

**All: Amen.**

### THE WELCOME

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism: **N** and **N**, 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.**

### PRAYERS & INTERCESSIONS

#### 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.

### NOTICES

#### OFFERTORY SONG

I cast my mind to Calvary  
Where Jesus bled and died for me.  
I see His wounds, His hands, His feet.  
My Saviour on that cursed tree

His body bound and drenched in tears  
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb.  
The entrance sealed by heavy stone

Messiah still and all alone

*O praise the name of the Lord our God  
O praise His name forever more  
For endless days we will sing Your praise  
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God*

Then on the third at break of dawn,  
The Son of heaven rose again.  
O trampled death where is your sting?  
The angels roar for Christ the King

*O praise the name...*

He shall return in robes of white,  
The blazing Son shall pierce the night.  
And I will rise among the saints,  
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

*O praise the name .(x2)*

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

**God of all goodness and grace, receive the gifts we offer; and grant that our whole life may give you glory and praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### BLESSING

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

King Jesus, may you be enthroned in our lives, and may we seek to live according to your will, as members of your kingdom, today and always. ....  
And the blessing of Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be up[on you and remain with you now and always. **Amen.**

## SONG

Come set Your rule and reign  
in our hearts again.  
Increase in us we pray.  
Unveil why we're made.  
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope  
like wildfire in our very souls.  
Holy Spirit, come invade us now.  
We are Your church.  
We need Your power in us.

We seek Your kingdom first.  
We hunger and we thirst.  
Refuse to waste our lives  
for You're our joy and prize.  
To see the captive hearts released.  
The hurt, the sick, the poor at peace;  
We lay down our lives for Heaven's cause.  
We are Your church.  
We pray 'revive this earth'.

*Build Your kingdom here.  
Let the darkness fear.  
Show Your mighty hand.  
Heal our streets and land.  
Set Your church on fire.  
Win this nation back.  
Change the atmosphere.  
Build Your kingdom here we pray.*

Unleash Your kingdom's power  
Reaching the near and far.  
No force of Hell can stop  
Your beauty changing hearts.  
You made us for much more than this!  
Awake the kingdom seed in us!  
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ.  
We are Your church.  
We are the hope on earth.

*Build Your kingdom.....*

*(Instrumental)*

*Build Your kingdom.....*

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve King Jesus  
our Lord.

**In the name of Christ, Amen**