

Morning Worship with Baptism (Oscar Whiteley)

Bible Sunday

Sunday 25th October 2020

Introduction

This is the day the Lord has made.
All Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

At our Lord's baptism in the river Jordan
God showed himself to all who have eyes to see and ears to hear.
The Father spoke from heaven,
the Spirit descended as a dove
and Jesus was anointed with power from on high.
is the door of faith,
through which we enter the kingdom of heaven.
As children of God,
we are adopted as his sons and daughters,
and called to proclaim the wonders of him
who called us out of darkness and into his marvellous light.

Saying sorry to God

As brothers and sisters in God's family, we come to God from whom no secrets are hidden, to ask for his forgiveness and peace

**All God of mercy,
we acknowledge that we are all sinners.
We turn from the wrong that we have
thought and said and done,
and are mindful of all that we have failed to do.
For the sake of Jesus, who died for us,
forgive us for all that is past,
and help us to live each day
in the light of Christ our Lord.
Amen**

May the God of love and power
forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Musical meditation – All Things Bright and Beautiful

Bible Reading – Nehemiah 8.1-4a, 8-12

All the Israelites met together in the open place in front of the Water Gate. All the people asked Ezra the teacher to bring out the *Book of the Law of Moses*, which the LORD had given to the Israelites. So Ezra the priest brought the law before those who had met together and read in a loud voice from the *Book of the Law* from early morning until noon. He read to everyone, and all the people listened carefully and paid attention to what was written down.

Ezra made it easy to understand, and explained what it meant. He did this so that the people could understand what was being read.

Then Nehemiah the governor, Ezra the priest and teacher, and the Levites who were also teaching the people spoke. They said, “Today is a special day to the LORD your God. Don’t be sad and cry.” They said that because all the people had begun to cry as they were listening to the messages of God in the law.

Nehemiah said, “Go and enjoy the good food and sweet drinks. Give some food and drinks to those who didn’t prepare any food. Today is a special day to our Lord. Don’t be sad, because the joy of the LORD will make you strong.”

Then all the people went to eat the special meal. They shared their food and drinks. They celebrated that special day. They were happy that they could hear the reading of God’s law and were now able to understand it.

Talk

Prayers for Others – concluding with The Lord’s Prayer

All Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be 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 forever and ever.
Amen

Hymn – Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Anthem

Come, ye faithful, raise the anthem,
cleave the skies with shouts of praise;
sing to him who found the ransom,
Ancient of eternal Days,
God of God, the Word incarnate,
whom the heaven of heaven obeys.

Laud and honour to the Father,
laud and honour to the Son,
laud and honour to the Spirit,
ever Three and ever One,
consubstantial, co-eternal,
while unending ages run.

Presentation of the Candidates for Baptism

We rejoice today with the family of Oscar as they thank God for the gift of life and bring their child for baptism.

To the Church

Today we thank God for Oscar who has come to be baptized. Christ welcomes him into his Church. Will you promise to support him as he begins his journey of faith?

All We will.

To the parents and godparents:

Parents and godparents, you have brought Oscar to baptism and speak for him today. As we trust God for their growth in faith, will you promise to care for him, pray for him, and help him to follow Christ?

All We will.

The Decision

In baptism God calls us to new life. We die with Christ to all that destroys and rise to live with him for ever.

Therefore I ask to everyone
but in particular to Kim, James, Natalie and Jessica:

Do you reject evil?

All I reject evil.

And all its many forms?
All And all its many forms.

And all its empty promises?
All And all its empty promises.

Do you turn to Christ?
All I turn to Christ.

And put your trust in him?
All And put my trust in him.

And promise to follow him for ever?
All And promise to follow him for ever.

Signing with the Cross

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

Do not be ashamed of Christ. You are his for ever.

**All Stand bravely with him. Oppose the power of evil,
and remain his faithful disciple 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.**

Parents & godparents gather at the font

Prayer over the Water

We praise you, loving Father,
for the gift of your Son Jesus.
On him you poured your Spirit
at his baptism in the River Jordan.
He sent his followers
to baptize all who turn to him.
And so, Father, we ask you to bless this water,
that those who are baptized in it
may be cleansed in the water of life,
filled with your Spirit
and know themselves loved as your children,
safe in Christ for ever.

All Amen.

Profession of Faith

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

Do you believe in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

All 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?

All 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?

All I believe and trust in him.

This the faith of the Church.

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

The Baptism

Oscar Edward Whiteley I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the
Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church, pour upon
you the riches of his grace, so that, together with the followers of Jesus,
you may daily be renewed by his Spirit, and come to the inheritance of
the saints in glory.

All Amen.

Parents & godparents gather at the Altar

The Commission

Parents and godparents, it has been good to welcome you to Holy
Trinity for the baptism of *Oscar*.

Today we have started them on their Christian journey. Baptism joins us to Christ and to his whole Church, in earth and in heaven. Here, we shall do all that we can to ensure that there is a welcoming place for you. We will play our part in helping you guide this child along the way of faith.

Therefore let us now pray for grace in guiding these children in the way of faith.

Faithful and loving God,
bless Kimberley and James and all those who care for Oscar
and grant them your gifts of love, wisdom and faith.
Pour upon them your healing and reconciling love,
and protect their home from all evil.
Fill them with the light of your presence
and establish them in the joy of your kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Giving of a candle and a Bible

Oscar, today God has touched you with his love
and given you a place among his people.
God promises to be with you in joy and in sorrow,
to be your guide in life, and to bring you safely to heaven.

In baptism God invites you on a life-long journey.
Together with all God's people
you must explore the way of Jesus
and grow in friendship with God,
in love for his people,
and in serving others.
With us you will listen to the word of God
and receive the gifts of God.

Parents receive a lighted candle and a Bible on behalf of their child

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.

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

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!**

Song – Sing for Joy (performed by Sara, Claire, Mike, Lyn and Richard)

If we call to Him, He will answer us
If we run to Him, He will run to us
If we lift our hands, He will lift us up
Come now praise His name, all you saints of God

CHORUS

*Oh, sing for joy to God our strength
Oh, sing for joy to God our strength, our strength*

Draw near to Him, He is here with us
Give Him your love, He's in love with us
He will heal our hearts, He will cleanse our hands
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The Blessing

The God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Go in the light and peace of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.