

The Thiteenth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 25 August 2024, 11.00am

With the baptism of Lyra Gibbs-Walkem

President and Preacher:

The Revd Jennifer Midgley-Adam

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WELCOME

to all who are joining us today, whether in church or online.

For those with children you will find space in the south aisle where you will be able to see and participate in the whole service. You will find some activity sheets to enable you and any children you have brought with you to engage with our service. Please ask one of our friendly welcomers if you need anything before or during the service.

We will be taking a collection during the service, and we encourage those who are UK tax payers to use one of the gift aid envelopes which are available in the pews. This will increase the value of your gift by 25% at no extra cost to you.

You can also make a debit/credit card donation to All Hallows by using the donations machine at the back of the church, by using the QR code on your phone, or via our website at www.ahbtt.org.uk/donate

Thank you.



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We advise you not to leave personal belongings unattended and to keep them in sight at all times. Do not leave bags on the floor by your feet, and make sure you take any valuables with you when you go up to receive Communion. For additional safety and security, 24 hour CCTV recording is in operation on these premises.

WHAT IS BAPTISM?

Baptism marks the beginning of a journey with God which continues for the rest of our lives, the first step in response to God's love. For all involved, particularly the candidates but also parents and godparents, it is a joyful moment when we rejoice in what God has done for us in Christ, making serious promises and declaring the faith. The wider community of the local church and friends welcome the new Christian, promising support and prayer for the future. Hearing and doing these things provides an opportunity to remember our own baptism and reflect on the progress made on that journey, which is now to be shared with this new member of the Church.

The service paints many vivid pictures of what happens on the Christian way. There is the sign of the cross, the badge of faith in the Christian journey, which reminds us of Christ's death for us. Our 'drowning' in the water of baptism, where we believe we die to sin and are raised to new life, unites us to Christ's dying and rising, a picture that can be brought home vividly by the way the baptism is administered. Water is also a sign of new life, as we are born again by water and the Spirit. This reminds us of Jesus' baptism. And as a sign of that new life, a lighted candle is given, a picture of the light of Christ conquering the darkness of evil. Everyone who is baptized walks in that light for the rest of their lives.

As you pray for the candidates, picture them with yourself and the whole Church throughout the ages, journeying into the fullness of God's love.

Jesus said, 'I have come that they may have life, and have it abundantly.'

John 10.10

Music before the Service

Le Cygne – C. Saint-Saëns Organist: David Cook

The Gathering

Hymn

Please stand.

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies for the love which from our birth over and around us lies.

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth, and friends above, pleasures pure and undefiled.

For each perfect gift of thine, to our race so freely given, graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven.

For thy church which evermore lifteth holy hands above, offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love,

Folliott Sandford Pierpoint (1835-1917) Tune England's Lane

Welcome and introduction

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

The Lord be with you All and also with you.

Words of welcome and introduction are said.

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.

Prayers of Confession

Please sit or kneel.

My sisters and brothers, as we prepare to celebrate the presence of Christ in word and sacrament, let us call to mind and confess our sins.

All: Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you
with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours
as ourselves.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.

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.

All Amen.

The Gloria

Please stand.



The Collect

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Please sit.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Joshua 24.1-2a, 14-18 read by Pam Gibbs

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, 'Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods.

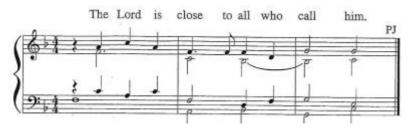
'Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.'

Then the people answered, 'Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34.15-22 sung by Dorothy Lawrence



The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous and his ears are open to their cry.

The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, to root out the remembrance of them from the earth. **R**/

The righteous cry and the Lord hears them and delivers them out of all their troubles. The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and will save those who are crushed in spirit. **R**/

Many are the troubles of the righteous; from them all will the Lord deliver them. He keeps all their bones, so that not one of them is broken. **R**/

But evil shall slay the wicked and those who hate the righteous will be condemned. The Lord ransoms the life of his servants and will condemn none who seek refuge in him. **R**/

Second Reading Ephesians 6.10-20 read by Tilia Midgley-Adam

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading John 6.56-69

Please stand and face the Gospel.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord be with you

All And also with you

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.' He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.'

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Revd Jennifer Midgley-Adam

The Liturgy of Baptism

Presentation of the Candidate

The candidate, parents and godparents are presented to the congregation. 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 Lyra

and uphold her in her new life in Christ?

All With the help of God, we will.

The president then says to the parent and godparents:

Parents and godparents, the Church receives this child with joy.

Today we are trusting God for her growth in faith.

Will you pray for her,

draw her by your example into the community of faith

and walk with her in the way of Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

In baptism this child begins her journey in faith.

You speak for her today.

Will you care for her,

and help her to take her place

within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

With the help of God, we will.

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The Decision

The president addresses the parents and godparents.

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 turn to Christ? I turn to Christ.

Do you repent of your sins? I repent of my sins.

Do you renounce evil? I renounce evil.

Signing with the Cross

The president makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of the candidate, saying:

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

The president invites parents and godparents to sign the candidate with the cross. When the candidate has been signed, the president says:

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.

All Amen.

Prayer over the Water

The president stands before the water of baptism and says:

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 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 baptize 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.**

Profession of Faith

Let us affirm, together with Lyra, 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?

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 is the faith of the Church.

All This is our faith.

We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Baptism

The president pours water over the head of the candidate, saying

Lyra, 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, 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: 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.

The congregation greet the newly baptised. Please sit or kneel.

Please sit or kneel.

Prayers of Intercession *led by Revd Jennifer Midgley-Adam* Lord, in your mercy,

All hear our prayer.

At the end:

Merciful Father,

All Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Please stand.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you are called to peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you All and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

During the hymn a collection will be taken towards the ministry of this church. If you are a UK Tax Payer, you can increase the value of your gift by 25% by completing one of the Gift Aid envelopes which are available in the pews. Thank you.

Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us, you are one with us, Mary's Son, cleansing our souls from all their sin, pouring your love and goodness in; Jesus, our love for you we sing, living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ,
now and every day,
teach us how to pray,
Son of God.
You have commanded us to do
this in remembrance, Lord of you:
into our lives your power breaks through,
living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have come to us,
born as one with us,
Mary's Son.
Led out to die on Calvary,
risen from death to set us free,
living Lord Jesus, help us see,
you are Lord.

I would come to you, live my life for you, Son of God. All your commands I know are true, your many gifts will make me new, into my life your power breaks through, living Lord.

Patrick Appleford (b. 1925) Tune: Living Lord

The Preparation of the Table

Lord Jesus Christ,

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

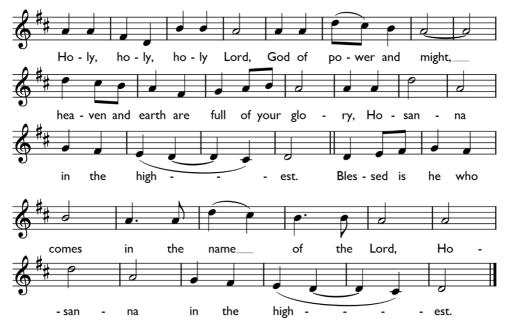
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

Father, we give you thanks and praise through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word, through whom you have created all things; who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh; as your Son, born of the Blesséd Virgin, he lived on earth and went about among us; he opened wide his arms for us on the cross; he put an end to death by dying for us; and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life; so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:



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.

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:

All 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 the Blesséd Virgin Mary and 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.

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

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,
for ever and ever.

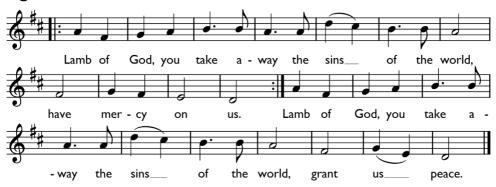
Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

Agnus Dei



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.

Communicant members of all Christian churches are invited to receive Holy Communion at All Hallows. All others may come forward for a prayer of blessing - please indicate this by bowing your head.

Music During Communion

Christ be our light - B. Farrell

Post-Communion Prayer

God our creator,
you feed your children with the true manna,
the living bread from heaven:
let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage
until we come to that place
where hunger and thirst are no more;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

All Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son:
sustain us with your Spirit,
that we may serve you here on earth
until our joy is complete in heaven,
and we share in the eternal banquet
with Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Notices

Giving of a Lighted Candle

The candidate is given a lighted candle, lit from the Paschal candle.

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 Dismissal

Final Hymn

Please stand.

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet your tribute bring; ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who like me his praise should sing? Alleluia, alleluia, praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favour to our fathers in distress; praise him still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless: Alleluia, alleluia, glorious in his faithfulness. Father-like, he tends and spares us, well our feeble frame he knows; in his hand he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes:
Alleluia, alleluia, widely yet his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him; ye behold him face to face; sun and moon bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space:
Alleluia, alleluia, praise with us the God of grace.

Henry Frances Lyte (1793-1847) based on Psalm 103 Tune: Praise my soul

The Blessing

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.

All Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

Music after the Service

'Panther' Fugue – S Delplace

You are invited to stay for refreshments after the service.

Notices

A Celebration of Taizé - Wednesday 4th September

To round off the Summer, we will be holding a special Taizé service. Over a slightly longer service, that will include silence readings and prayer, we will sing our favourite chants and then gather together after the service for drinks and nibbles. Please bring your instruments and your voices!

To help us plan for this, please send your top three Taizé chants by the end of Sunday 25 August and let us know if you are planning to come. Please contact Jen on: curate@ahbtt.org.uk

Summer Book Group

Over August and September, we will be reading together Paula Gooder's book Phoebe. There will be one more session to conclude our reading on either Wednesday 2nd October at 7pm after our Taizé service, or Sunday 6th October at 1pm after the Eucharist.

All sessions will be in church and on Zoom. To join on Zoom, the Meeting ID is: 250 357 9239. Passcode: M7K4Bw

Looking Closer, Looking Deeper

Podcast Episode 7 is now out! "The Legacy of Tubby Clayton - Priest, friend, jester, and rock"

To listen, go to **www.spotify.com** and search for 'All Hallows by the Tower', or use link: https://rb.gy/yqozty

Collecting for Bow Foodbank and the Square Mile Hygiene Bank

You can donate to the Bow Foodbank and the Square Mile Hygiene Bank by using the collection boxes in church. The Bow Foodbank accepts non-perishable, in date, unopened and labelled food, and the Hygiene Bank accepts new, unused, in-date personal care and household cleaning essentials; your donations can make a real difference to those in need in our local area.

Two Cities EcoTips

Supporting an Environmental Charity? Why not join up to Friends of the Earth, The World Wildlife Fund, or A Rocha? Here is a list of the best Environmental Charities in London: https://www.attitudeorganic.com/5-best-environmental-charities-in-london/

The Week Ahead

Church Opening Times

Monday-Friday: 8am-5pm Saturday-Sunday: 10am-5pm

Services at All Hallows

You are welcome to join us for any of our services in church. Our Sunday Eucharist and Taizé services are streamed on Zoom.

Monday 26 August

No services today

Tuesday 27 August 8.30am Morning Prayer

Wednesday 28 August 8.30am Morning Prayer

6pm Taizé Prayer

Thursday 29 August 8.30am Said Eucharist

Friday 30 August 8.30am Morning Prayer

Saturday 31 August

No services today

Sunday I September: The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity I Iam Parish Eucharist; Preacher: The Revd Jennifer Midgley-Adam

Taizé Prayer - Wednesdays at 6pm

Our weekly Taizé service takes place in church and online. You are welcome to join us for this meditative time of prayer, music and reflection. If you can't attend in person and would like to join us online, you can view the livestream at ahbtt.org.uk/livestream.

Zoom links are included in our weekly email, but if you would like a link for a particular service or event please email **parish@ahbtt.org.uk**.

Weekly Email

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Byward Kitchen & Bar

The Byward Kitchen is open for drinks, meals and light refreshments from 9am-3.30pm, with indoor and outdoor seating available.

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