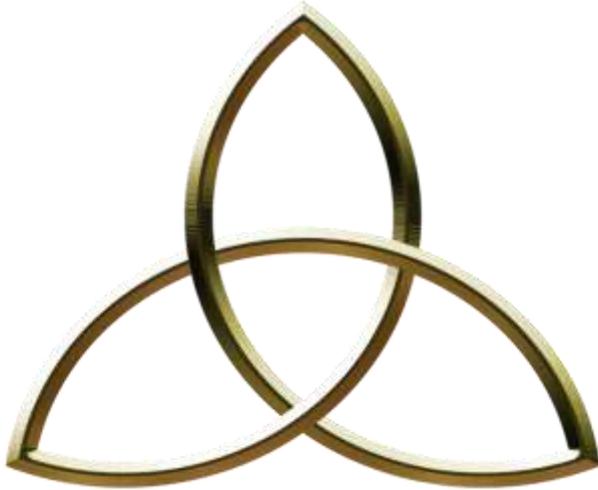


# St Swithun's, Hither Green

## Parish Eucharist and Holy Baptism



# Trinity Sunday

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2021, 10am

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# The Gathering

## The Greeting

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

**Amen.**

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

**And also with you**

*Mother Juliet says some words of welcome and then says:*

In peace we gather before God who made us, redeemed us and sustains our life together. In our prayer and praise may we know the grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God and the joy of communion in the Holy Spirit. Let us, therefore, come together in worship and thanksgiving.

## The Liturgy of the Word

### The Collect

Holy God, faithful and unchanging:

enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth,  
and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love,  
that we may truly worship you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
One God, now and for ever. **Amen**

### Gospel Reading *John 3: 1-5*

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you O Christ.**

**Sermon** *Mother Juliet*

# Holy Baptism

*Mother Juliet, Ali, Parents and Godparents gather at the font*

## Presentation

*Mother Juliet addresses the congregation:*

Faith is the gift of God to God's people.

In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling.

People of God, will you welcome Ali and uphold him in his new life in Christ?

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

*Mother Juliet addresses the Parents and Godparents:*

Parents and Godparents, the Church receives Ali 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?

*P and GP:* **With the help of God, we will.**

*Mother Juliet addresses the Parents and Godparents:*

In baptism Ali 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?

*P and GP:* **With the help of God, we will.**

## The Decision

*Mother Juliet addresses 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 sign of the cross is made with oil on Ali's forehead:*

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 disciples of Christ against sin,  
the world and the devil, and remain faithful to Christ  
to the end of your lives.**

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.**

*The blessed water is poured into the font:*

## **Profession of Faith**

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess the faith of the Church.

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

**We believe and trust in God the Father.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,  
who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

**We believe and trust in God the Son.**

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?

**We believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit.**

This is the faith of the Church.

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

## **The Baptism**

*Alì,* I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and  
of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

May God, who has received you by baptism into the 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 Welcome

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:

By one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

**Ali we welcome you in the fellowship of faith;  
we are children of the same heavenly Father;  
we welcome you.**

*We welcome Ali as the party return to their seats.*

## Prayers

Let us pray to God.

*The response is:*

God in your mercy

*All:* **Hear our prayer**

Merciful Father:

*All:* **Accept these prayers**

**for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## The Liturgy of the Sacrament

### The Peace

Peace to you from God our heavenly Mother and Father.

Peace from Jesus Christ who is our peace.

Peace from the Holy Spirit, our life-giver.

The peace of the triune God be always with you:

**And also with you.**

## Preparation of the Table

### The Eucharistic prayer

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 right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;  
in your love you made us for yourself.  
When we turned away you did not reject us,  
but came to meet us in your Son.

**You embraced us as your children  
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life  
that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened his arms of love upon the cross  
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends  
he took bread, and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to them saying:

*Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.*

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,  
he gave you thanks, and said:

*Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins:  
do this in remembrance of me.*

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,  
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine  
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts  
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world  
we offer you this sacrifice of praise  
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

## ***The Lord's Prayer***

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

**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.**

## **Breaking of the 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.**

## **Agnus Dei**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.**

## **Giving of Communion**

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,**

**to the glory of God the Father.**

*Communion will be brought to you in one kind. Please stay seated in your place whilst we come to you safely – alternatively a prayer can be said at a physical distance with you as we move round the church.*

*Silence is kept.*

## **Prayer after Communion**

**Thank you generous God.**

**Thank you for teaching us with your word.**

**Thank you for feeding us with bread and wine.**

**Thank you for the many gifts we have been given.**

**May we share what we have been given with others. Amen.**

*Please sit for the notices*

- Lewisham Foodbank have had losses to their stock through storm damage – please consider donating to them.
- Happy Birthday to all those who have a birthday.

## **Dismissal and Blessing**

### **The Blessing**

May God bless us; may God keep us in the Spirit's care and lead our lives with love.

May Christ's warm welcome shine from our hearts and Christ's own peace prevail through this and everyday.

May the God of love, Creator, Friend and Spirit be among us and remain with us always

**Amen.**

### **Giving of a Lighted Candle**

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light. Ali, 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 Dismissal**

Go in the light and peace of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

