

## Morning Prayer with Holy Baptism from St Gall's Church

The Eighth Sunday after Trinity  
25th July 2021

Welcome & Greeting

May God be among us throughout this day

**Amen**

May Christ be beside us throughout this day

**Amen**

May the Spirit be within us throughout this day

**Amen**

We have come together in the name of Christ to offer our praise & thanksgiving, to hear & receive God's holy word, to seek the forgiveness of our sins, & to pray for the needs of the world, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may give ourselves to the service of God.

O Lord, open our lips,

**And our mouth will proclaim your praise.**

Let us worship the Lord.

**All praise to his name.**

Hymn

Do not enter into judgement with your servant, O Lord; for no one living is righteous before you. *Psalm 143 v2*

Let us renew our resolve to have done with all that is evil  
and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

**Heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness,**

**through our own deliberate fault; by what we have done and by what we have failed to do.**

**We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*The priest pronounces the absolution.*

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy on you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Your word is a lantern to my feet  
**and a light upon our path.**

O Lord, your word is everlasting:

**it stands firm for ever in the heavens.**

Let us then receive the word of the Lord.

**so may the light of your presence shine into our hearts.**

Psalm 14

- 1 The fool has said in his heart, 'There is no God.' ♦  
Corrupt are they, and abominable in their wickedness;  
there is no one that does good.
- 2 The Lord has looked down from heaven  
upon the children of earth, ♦  
to see if there is anyone who is wise  
and seeks after God.



I baptize you in the name  
of the Father and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit

- 3 But every one has turned back;  
all alike have become corrupt: ♦  
there is none that does good; no, not one.
- 4 Have they no knowledge, those evildoers, ♦  
who eat up my people as if they ate bread  
and do not call upon the Lord?
- 5 There shall they be in great fear; ♦  
for God is in the company of the righteous.
- 6 Though they would confound the counsel of the poor, ♦  
yet the Lord shall be their refuge.
- 7 O that Israel's salvation would come out of Zion! ♦  
When the Lord restores the fortunes of his people,  
then will Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Spirit;  
**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:  
world without end. Amen**

The Lesson: John 6: 1ff

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias.\* A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages\* would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they\* sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.'

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

This is the Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

Hymn :

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism  
We welcome for Baptism Faith Julia Christine  
Infant daughter of Richard Steenson and Melissa Angus

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.

We welcome Faith Julia Christine who comes to be baptized.  
I invite Richard & Melissa to present her now.

We present Faith to be baptized.

Richard & Melissa, will you accept the responsibilities placed upon you in bringing Faith for baptism and answer on his behalf? By your own prayers and example, by your teaching and love, will you encourage her in the life and faith of the Christian community?

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

In baptism Faith 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.**

In baptism, God calls us from 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 do.**

Do you then renounce the devil and all his works?

**I do, by God's help.**

Will you obey and serve Christ?

**I will, by God's help.**

The Rector says to the congregation

You have heard Richard & Melissa respond to Christ. Will you support them in this calling?

**Congregation: We will support them.**

Water is poured into the font.

Rector: Praise God who made heaven and earth.

**Congregation: Who keeps his promise for ever.**

Rector: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**Congregation: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks that at the beginning of creation your Holy Spirit moved upon the waters to bring forth light and life. With water you cleanse and replenish the earth; you nourish and sustain all living things.

**Thanks be to God**

We give you thanks that through the waters of the Red Sea you led your people out of slavery into freedom, and brought them through the river Jordan to new life in the land of promise.

**Thanks be to God**

We give you thanks for your son Jesus Christ: for his baptism by John, for his anointing with the Holy Spirit.

**Thanks be to God**

We give you thanks that through the deep waters of death Jesus delivered us from our sins and was raised to new life in triumph.

**Thanks be to God**

We give you thanks for the grace of the Holy Spirit who forms us in the likeness of Christ and leads us to proclaim your Kingdom.

**Thanks be to God**

And now we give thanks that you have called Faith to new birth in your Church through the waters of baptism. Pour out your Holy Spirit in blessing and sanctify this water so that she who is to be baptised in it may be made one with Christ in his death and resurrection. May she die to sin, rise to newness of life, and continue for ever in Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we give you praise and honour in the unity of the Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

The Rector asks Richard & Melissa

Do you believe and accept the Christian faith into which Faith is to be baptized?

**I do.**

The Rector addresses the congregation: Brothers and sisters, we profess together the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the**

**third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Faith Julia Christine, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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

We say together

**God has called you into his Church. We therefore receive and welcome you as a member with us of the body of Christ, as a child of the one heavenly Father, and as an inheritor of the kingdom of God.**

Father, we thank you that Faith Julia Christine has now been born again of water and the Holy Spirit, and has become your own child by adoption, and a member of your Church. Grant that she may grow in the faith in which she has been baptized; Grant that she herself may confess it when she comes to be confirmed; Grant that she may bear witness to it by a life of service to others; and that all things belonging to the Spirit may live and grow in her; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lighting of the Baptismal 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. Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.

Baptismal Hymn

Sermon : Canon Michael A Parker

We come now to our intercessions. Let us pray.

We use this response :

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

The Collect for the 8th Sunday after Trinity

Blessed are you, O Lord, and blessed are those who observe and keep your law: Help us to seek you with our whole heart, to delight in your commandments and to walk in the glorious liberty given us by your Son, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

We say together:

**Merciful Father, accept these our prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Blessing

Abide in Christ as he abides in you, and he will raise you up at the last day; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. Amen.

Hymn

Prayer of Dismissal

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life.

**Amen. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## **Church Notices**

### **Next Sunday - The Ninth Sunday after Trinity - 1st August 2021**

8.30 a.m. Early Holy Communion. Everyone welcome .

Please note: Bring bread and wine for socially distanced Communion

10 a.m. Holy Communion

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### **Mid Week Holy Communion - 10.30 on Wednesdays**

This service will be held in the main church to allow for ample social distancing.

The service of Holy Communion will be held as per our previous Holy Communion services with members of the congregation bringing along their own bread and wine.

Communion will be received in your own seat.

Share the good news!

All welcome!

### **Worship on Sunday**

It would be lovely to have an organist of our own. However, that is proving to be something of a challenge at the moment so we are making our own music. Question : Are you a pianist? A musician? Guitar? Flute? Would you like to help with worship on a Sunday? Get in touch with the Rector if you'd like to help.

### **Church Magazine**

Please note : We shall be publishing a church magazine for September. If you have an article you would like to submit please send it in to the parish office by 13th August. Thank you!

### **Storehouse**

If you bring it to church for donation to Storehouse Bertie & Anne will see it delivered to our local Storehouse.