

Parish of St Andrew

Orford with Longford

**A Celebration of the Eucharist**

**with Baptism during Easter tide**

3rd May 2017

**THE GATHERING**

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all

All: And also with you

Priest: 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.

**The Collect for the Day**

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

#### **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**A reading from ...**

*At the end of the reading:*

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

##### THE GOSPEL

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord

*At the end of the reading:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, O Christ

#### **THE LITURGY OF BAPTISM**

Priest: Stephanie, do you wish to be baptized?

Stephanie: I do

Priest: 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 Stephanie and uphold her in her new life in Christ?

All: With the help of God, we will.

The priest then says to the whole congregation:

The Decision:

The priest addresses the candidate through his parents and godparents.

Priest: In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his own marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.

Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

All: I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

All: I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

All: I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

All: I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

All: I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

All: I come to Christ.

Signing with the Cross

The priest makes the sign of the cross on Stephanie’s forehead, saying

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

Priest: 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.

Priest: 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.**

PRAYER OVER THE WATER

The priest stands before the water of baptism and says

Praise God who made heaven and earth,

**who keeps his promise for ever.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

We thank you, almighty God, for the gift of water to sustain, refresh and renew 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.

Lord of life,  **renew your creation.**

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

Lord of life,  **renew your creation.**

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.**

Lord of life,  **renew your creation.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The priest addresses the congregation:

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess 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 his Son Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord. He 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 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.

The priest addresses Stephanie and the congregation, saying:

Priest: Is this your faith?

All: this is my faith.

BAPTISM

At the baptismal font

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

When all have been baptized:

Priest: 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. **Amen.**

COMMISSION

*The priest addresses the congregation and candidate:*

Those who are baptized are called to worship and serve God.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,

in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

All: With the help of God, I will.

Will you persevere in resisting evil,

and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

All: With the help of God, I will.

Will you proclaim by word and example

the good news of God in Christ?

All: With the help of God, I will.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all people,

loving your neighbour as yourself?

All: With the help of God, I will.

Will you acknowledge Christ's authority over human society,

by prayer for the world and its leaders,

by defending the weak, and by seeking peace and justice?

All: With the help of God, I will.

May Christ dwell in your heart through faith,

that you may be rooted and grounded in love

and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

All: Amen.

**The Intercessions**

As a royal priesthood, let us pray to the Father through Christ who ever lives to intercede for us.

Reveal your kingdom among the nations;

may peace abound and justice flourish.

Your name be hallowed.

All Your kingdom come.

Send down upon us the gift of the Spirit

and renew your Church with power from on high.

Your name be hallowed.

All Your kingdom come.

 Deliver the oppressed, strengthen the weak,

 heal and restore your creation.

Your name be hallowed.

All Your kingdom come.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the Church on earth,

we join our prayers with all the saints in glory.

Your name be hallowed.

All Your kingdom come.

The Welcome

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism: by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.

We welcome you into the fellowship of faith; we are children of the same heavenly Father, we welcome you.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

**The Peace**   *(please stand)*

Priest: We are all one in Christ Jesus. We belong to him through faith, heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**All: and also with you**

Priest: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Everyone is invited to share the peace with one another.

Eucharistic Prayer H *(please kneel)*

Priest: The Lord is here

**All: His Spirit is with us**

Priest: Lift up your hearts

**All: We lift them to the Lord**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**All: It is right to give thanks and praise**

Priest: 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.

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

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

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

Priest: 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.

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

Priest: 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.

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

Priest: 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.

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

Priest: 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:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Priest: 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.

Priest: 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.**

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

Priest: 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.

**After Communion:**

Priest: Eternal God, our beginning and our end, preserve in your people the new life of baptism; as Christ guides us on earth so may he guide us through the trials of this life and enfold us in the joy of heaven, where you live and reign, one God for ever and ever. Amen

Priest: Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. Amen

*The priest gives each candidate a lighted candle, saying:*

God has delivered you from the dominion of darkness

  and has given you 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.

Priest: Go in the light and peace of Christ

All: Thanks be to God.