

## **St Matthew's Eucharist**

# **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 2017**

*Including the Baptism  
of Jaxon Ronnie*



## **Introit Hymn 481 O comfort my people**

+In the name of the Father ... .. **Amen**  
The Lord be with you **And also with you**

## **Introduction & Opening Prayer**

*The child to be baptized is presented*

Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me. Do not stop them'. We thank God for Jaxon who has come to be baptized today. Christ loves him and welcomes him into his Church. So I ask you all: Will you support Jaxon as he begins his journey of faith?

*All answer:* **We will.**

*To the parents and godparents*

God knows each of us by name and we are his. Parents and godparents, you speak with and for Jaxon today. Will you pray for him, and help him to follow Christ?

*They answer:* **We will.**

**Almighty God,  
purify our hearts and minds,  
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again  
as judge and saviour  
we may be ready to receive him,  
who is our Lord and our God. Amen.**

# **The Word of God**

## **A Reading from the Prophecy of Isaiah**

1.6-11

A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

*This is the word of the Lord*    **Thanks be to God**

**When the Lord shall come  
Singing alleluia, alleluia, alleluia  
When the Lord shall come  
Singing alleluia  
He will lead us to his kingdom**

# Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

**Glory to you, O Lord** [1:1-end]

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, *See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.* John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.' *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*



**Praise to you, O Christ**

**Come Messiah, come**

**Singing alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

**Come Messiah, come**

**Singing alleluia**

**Come and lead us to your kingdom**

# **The Baptism**

We all wander far from God and lose our way: Christ comes to find us and welcomes us home. In baptism we respond to his call. Therefore I ask:

Do you turn away from sin? **I do**

Do you reject evil? **I do**

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour? **I do**

Do you trust in him as Lord? **I do**

Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of his cross. Do not be ashamed of Christ. You are his for ever.

**All Stand bravely with him**

**Against all the powers of evil**

**And remain faithful to Christ**

**To the end of your life**

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ. **Amen**

**Come Lord Jesus, come**

**Singing alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

**Come Lord Jesus, come**

**Singing alleluia**

**Come and lead us to your kingdom**

## **Prayer over the water**

### **Profession of faith**

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,  
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 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****

*After the baptism:* There is one Lord, one faith, one  
baptism: by one Spirit we are 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 peace of the Lord be always with you  
**And also with you**

**Offertory Hymn 521** *Once in Royal*

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you**

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**

*We give thanks for God's glory and goodness*

**Holy, holy, holy and mighty  
Yours is the worship of heaven and earth  
Blessed is he who coming God's name  
Gives our hosannas meaning and mirth**

*We remember Jesus's Last Supper*

**Alleluia, Christ is risen  
Alleluia, Christ who died  
Alleluia, ris'n, ascended  
Alleluia, glorified**

*And the prayer concludes:*      **Amen!**

**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**

**Lamb of God, your Passion alone can  
Take away the sin of the world  
We are not worthy to receive you  
Our lives depend on your gracious word**

Every time we eat this bread  
And drink this cup  
**We proclaim the Lord's death  
Until he comes**

## **Hymn after Communion 67**

*Be still for the presence of the Lord*

## **Blessing & Dismissal**

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.**

Go in the light and peace of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn 406** *Long ago, prophets knew*