

## **St Matthew's Eucharist**

# **THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD 2019**

*Including the Baptism  
Grace and Alanna*



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

**We three kings of orient are  
Bearing gifts we traverse afar  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain  
Following yonder star**

***O star of wonder, star of night  
Star of royal beauty bright  
Westward leading, still proceeding  
Guide us to thy perfect light***

**Born a King on Bethlehem plain,  
gold I bring to crown him again,  
King for ever, ceasing never,  
over us all to reign. *O star of wonder ...***

**Frankincense to offer have I:  
incense owns a Deity nigh;  
prayer and praising, gladly raising,  
worship him, God Most High. *O star of wonder ...***

**Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume  
breathes a life of gathering gloom;  
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,  
sealed in the stone-cold tomb. *O star of wonder ...***

**Glorious now behold him arise,  
King and God and Sacrifice;  
heaven sings alleluia;  
alleluia the earth replies. *O star of wonder ...***

## **Introduction & Opening Prayer**

*The children to be baptized are presented*  
Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me. Do not stop them'. We thank God for Grace and Alanna who have come to be baptized today. Christ loves them and welcomes them into his Church. So I ask you all: Will you support them as they begin their 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 Grace and Alanna today. Will you pray for them, and help them to follow Christ?  
*They answer: **We will.***

**Lord of all time and eternity  
You opened the heavens  
And revealed yourself as Father  
In the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:  
By the power of your Spirit  
Complete the heavenly work of our rebirth  
Through the waters of the new creation  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen**

# The Word of God

## From the Prophecy of Jeremiah

Thus says the LORD:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals  
and make mere flesh their strength,

**whose hearts turn away from the LORD.**

They shall be like a shrub in the desert,

**and shall not see when relief comes.**

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,

**in an uninhabited salt land.**

Blessed are those who trust in the LORD,

**whose trust is the LORD.**

They shall be like a tree planted by water,

**sending out its roots by the stream.**

It shall not fear when heat comes,

**and its leaves shall stay green;**

in the year of drought it is not anxious,

**and it does not cease to bear fruit.**

*This is the word of the Lord*

**Thanks be to God**

*♫ We shall not,*  
**we shall not be moved**  
*We shall not,*  
**we shall not be moved**  
**Just like a tree**  
**that's planted**  
**by the waterside**  
**We shall not be moved**



## **Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke**    **Glory to you, O Lord**

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.' *This is the Gospel of the Lord*

**Praise to you, O Christ**      ♪ *Alleluia ... ..*

## **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**

# 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?

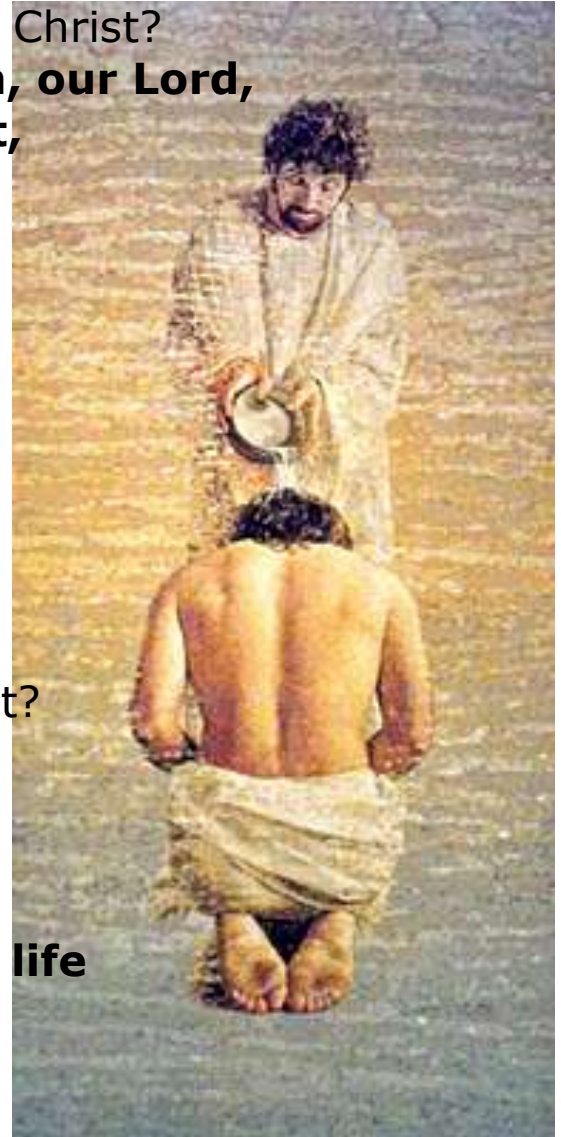
**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**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**

# **The Liturgy of the Bread and Wine**

*We shall not, we shall not be moved*  
*We shall not, we shall not be moved*  
**Just like a tree that's planted by the waterside**  
**We shall not be moved**

*With Jesus as our Saviour, we shall not be moved*  
*Living as his people ... ..*  
*In his love abiding ... ..*  
*Loving all God's creatures*  
*We're on our way to glory ... ..*  
*Glory hallelujah ... ..*

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*

**Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus Deus**  
**Dominus Sabaoth**

**Benedictus, benedictus**

**Christ who comes among us**  
**Earth and heaven tell your glory**

**And our hearts echo the story**  
**In excelsis hosa-nna, in excelsis hosa-nna**



*We remember Jesus's Last Supper*

**Infant holy, infant lowly  
Son of Mary, Son of God  
Saviour holy, Saviour lowly  
Reigning from your cross of wood  
Saviour rising, death defying  
Life bestowing, grace supplying  
Come again in glory, come again in glory**

*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****

We break the bread of life  
and that life is the light  
of the world

**God here among us  
light in the midst of us  
bring us to light and life**



Behold the Lamb of God  
Behold him who takes away the sin of the world  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper  
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you**  
**But only say the word and I shall be healed**

## **Hymn after Communion**

The holly and the ivy  
When they are both full grown  
Of all the trees that are in the wood  
The holly bears the crown  
*O the rising of the sun*  
*And the running of the deer*  
*The playing of the merry organ*  
*Sweet singing in the choir*

The holly bears a blossom  
White as the lily flower  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ  
To be our sweet Saviour *O the rising ...*

The holly bears a berry  
As red as any blood  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ  
To do poor sinners good *O the rising ...*

The holly bears a prickle  
As sharp as any thorn  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ  
On Christmas day in the morn *O the rising ...*



**The holly bears a bark  
As bitter as any gall  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ  
For to redeem us all   *O the rising ...***

**The holly and the ivy  
When they are both full grown  
Of all the trees that are in the wood  
The holly bears the crown   *O the rising ...***

## **New Year Prayer of Self-Dedication for all the Baptized**

**I am no longer my own, but yours.  
Put me to what you will,  
rank me with whom you will;  
Put me to doing,  
put me to suffering;  
Let me be employed for you  
or laid aside for you,  
Exalted for you,  
or brought low for you;  
Let me be full,  
let me be empty;  
Let me have all things,  
let me have nothing;  
I freely and wholeheartedly  
yield all things to your pleasure and disposal.  
And now, glorious and blessed God,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit  
You are mine and I am yours.   **So be it.****



## **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.**

**Hark, the herald-angels sing,  
Glory to the new-born King  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild  
God and sinners reconciled  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise  
Join the triumph of the skies  
With the angelic host proclaim  
'Christ is born in Bethlehem'  
Hark, the herald-angels sing  
Glory to the new-born King**

**Christ, by highest heaven adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord.  
Late in time behold him come  
Offspring of a Virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see.  
Hail, the incarnate Deity, pleased as man with man  
to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel,  
Hark, the herald-angels sing ... ..**

**Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace, hail, the Sun  
of Righteousness. Light and life to all he brings,  
risen with healing in his wings. Mild he lays his  
glory by, born that man no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them  
second birth. Hark, the herald-angels sing, glory  
to the new-born King!**