

St James' Parish Church, Haslingden
Sunday 29th May 2022 ~ The 7th Sunday of Easter
Parish Eucharist with Holy Baptism

of Reuben Edward George Westlake

You are very welcome to this special service today. As well as this service booklet you will need the green hymn book. As you are able, please stand/sit where indicated but please feel free to sit if it's more comfortable.

Toilet and baby-changing facilities are located through the Hall at the back of church. The church is fitted with an hearing aid induction loop. If you need anything else, please ask one of the welcomers.

Please stand when the processional hymn is announced.

Processional hymn 352, Crown him with many crowns

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

All **Amen.**

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

All

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Words of welcome or introduction may be said.

Introduction

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.

Gloria in Excelsis

All

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for
your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive
our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the
Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

The Collect

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place
where our Saviour Christ is gone before,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All

Amen.

Please sit for the reading.

Reading *Acts 16.16-34*

At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the hymn and remain standing to hear the Gospel.

Hymn 239, *Lord of all hopefulness*

Gospel Reading *John 17.20-end*

Alleluia, alleluia.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

All

Alleluia.

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

All

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Liturgy of Baptism

Presentation of the Candidates

The candidate is presented to the congregation.

The president addresses the whole congregation

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 *this child*
and uphold *them* in *their* new life in Christ?

All

With the help of God, we will.

The president then says to the parents and godparents

Parents and godparents, the Church receives *this child* 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?

With the help of God, we will.

In baptism *this child* 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?

With the help of God, we will.

The Decision

The president addresses the parents and godparents

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 president makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of the candidate, saying

Christ claims you for his own.

Receive the sign of his cross.

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.**

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.

All

Amen.

Prayer over the Water

The ministers and candidates gather at the baptismal font.

The president stands before the water of baptism and says

Praise God who made heaven and earth,

All

who keeps his promise for ever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ
was baptized in the river Jordan,
we thank you for the gift of water
to cleanse us and revive us.

All **Saving God, give us life.**

We thank you that through the waters of the Red Sea
you led your people out of slavery
to freedom in the Promised Land.

All **Saving God, give us life.**

We thank you that through the deep waters of death
you brought your Son, and raised him to life in triumph.

All **Saving God, give us life.**

Bless this water, that your servants who are washed in it
may be made one with Christ in his death and in his
resurrection, to be cleansed and delivered from all sin.

All **Saving God, give us life.**

Send your Holy Spirit upon them,
bring them to new birth in the household of faith
and raise them with Christ to full and eternal life;
for all might, majesty, authority and power are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

All **Saving God, give us life.**

Profession of Faith

The president addresses the congregation

Let us affirm, together with these who are being baptized,
our common faith in Jesus Christ.

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

All **I believe and trust in him.**

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

All **I believe and trust in him.**

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?

All **I believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

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

Baptism

The president pours water on the candidate, saying

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

All **Amen.**

You have been clothed with Christ.
As many as are baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

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.

All **Amen.**

*The president and those who have been baptized may return from
the font.*

Commission

The president addresses the congregation, parents and godparents

We have brought *Reuben* to baptism knowing that Jesus died
and rose again for *him* and trusting in the promise that God
hears and answers prayer. We have prayed that in Jesus
Christ *he* will know the forgiveness of *his* sins and the new life
of the Spirit.

As *Reuben* grows up, *he* will need the help and encouragement
of the Christian community, so that *he* may learn to know
God in public worship and private prayer, follow Jesus Christ

in the life of faith, serve *his* neighbour after the example of Christ, and in due course come to confirmation.

As part of the Church of Christ, we all have a duty to support *Reuben* by prayer, example and teaching. As *his* parents and godparents, you have the prime responsibility for guiding and helping *them* in *his* early years. This is a demanding task for which you will need the help and grace of God. Therefore, let us now pray for grace in guiding *Reuben* in the way of faith.

Faithful and loving God,
bless those who care for *Reuben*
and grant *them* your gifts of love, wisdom and faith.
Pour upon *them* your healing and reconciling love,
and protect *their home* from all evil.
Fill *them* with the light of your presence
and establish *them* in the joy of your kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All

Amen.

God of grace and life,
in your love you have given us
a place among your people;
keep us faithful to our baptism,
and prepare us for that glorious day
when the whole creation will be made perfect
in your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.

All

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Please kneel or sit.

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. *Especially for ...*

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. *Especially for ...*

Your name be hallowed.

All

Your kingdom come.

Deliver the oppressed, strengthen the weak, heal and restore your creation. *Especially for ...*

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. We pray for those who have gone before us into the kingdom ...

Your name be hallowed.

All **Your kingdom come.**

The Welcome and Peace

Please stand

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:

Reuben, by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.

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

The congregation greet the newly baptized.

The president introduces the Peace

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.**

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Hymn

In Christ alone my hope is found,

he is my light, my strength, my song;

this cornerstone, this solid ground,

firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace,

when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.

My comforter, my all in all,

here in the love of Christ I stand.

**In Christ alone who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless babe;
this gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones he came to save.
'Til on that cross as Jesus died,
The love of God was realised,
for every sin on him was laid;
here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground his body lay,
light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
up from the grave He rose again.
And as he stands in victory,
sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
for I am his and he is mine,
bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the power of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man
can ever pluck me from his hand,
'til he returns, or calls me home,
here in the power of Christ I'll stand.**

Please remain standing

The Eucharistic Prayer

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

All Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

All Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

The president praises God for the wonder of our salvation.

... for ever praising you and saying:

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The president recalls the Last Supper.

Great is the mystery of faith.

All **Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.**

The president concludes the prayer

...for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

Please kneel or sit

The Lord's Prayer

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.**

Breaking of the bread

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.**

Giving of Communion

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

All **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Hymn during Communion

**I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?**

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

**I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain,
I have wept for love of them,
they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone,
I will speak my words to them.
Whom shall I send?**

Here I am, Lord.

**I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will send the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them,
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied,
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?**

Here I am, Lord.

Prayer after Communion

All

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work, to your praise and glory. Amen.

Notices

Hymn 332, *All hail the power of Jesus' name*

The Blessing

The God of all grace,
who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus,
establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All

Amen.

Giving of a Lighted Candle

The president gives the newly baptized a lighted candle lit from the paschal 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.

All

**Shine as a light in the world
to the glory of God the Father.**

The Dismissal

Go in the light and peace of Christ.

All

Thanks be to God.