



Wednesday 14 June, 6.30pm

Bread for the World

*with the Baptism of Jennifer Joy Harbage and
Abs Al-Dulaimi and the Admission of New
Members of the Nazareth Community*



Celebrant Revd Richard Carter

Preacher Revd Dr Sam Wells

St Martin's Voices

Accompanist Polina Sosnina

Please pray for these new members of the Nazareth
Community who make their promises today:

Sue Humphrey

Chit Shing Wu

Ruth Garnett

Andrea Budd

Abs Al-Dulaimi

George Hallam-Attree

Mary Henkel

Introit Walk Softly *Bob Chilcott*

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Loving God,
Come to us in the difference of every life gathered.
Come to us in song.
Come to us in Word
Come to us in stillness and silence.
Come to us in our care for one another.
Come to us in bread and wine
Come to us and transform us
Reach out across time.
Be present in all time.

All **Amen.**

All **Come Jesus, be our guest,
stay with us for day is ending.
With friend, with stranger,
with the young and old,
with the lost and found.
Be among us tonight.
Our guest, our host, the one who says all – all are welcome here.**

Hymn

- 1 O God, you search me and you know me.
All my thoughts lie open to your gaze.
When I walk or lie down, you are before me,
ever the maker and keeper of my days.**
- 2 You know my resting and my rising.
You discern my purpose from afar,
and with love everlasting you besiege me:
in every moment of life or death, you are.**
- 3 For you created me and shaped me,
gave me life within my mother's womb.
For the wonder of who I am, I praise you:
safe in your hands, all creation is made new.**

Bernadette Farrell (b. 1957) from Psalm 139

Please sit.

Introduction

Baptism is the end of the old life we live for ourselves, and the beginning of the new life we live for God. When the Israelites escaped from Egypt, God parted the sea and led the people to freedom. All that held the people in slavery was drowned. Jesus' death on Good Friday echoes the Israelites' descent into the sea. In raising Jesus from the tomb, God brings Jesus out of the sea, leaving sin and death engulfed behind him. When we are baptised, God brings these stories to life in us. God takes away the power of all that oppresses us, and we are born again in the Spirit. We are made members of the body of Christ, to share Christ's sufferings and inherit God's glory. We begin a life of service, to God and the good creation. We join a new family, everlasting and universal: the communion of saints.

Prayer

All **Father God, in your love you have called us to know you, led us to trust you, and bound our life with yours. Surround us with your love; protect us from evil; fill us with your Holy Spirit; and restore us in the family of your Church; that we may walk in the way of Christ and grow in the knowledge of your love. Amen.**

Testimony Abs Al-Dulaimi

The parents, godparents and sponsors gather at the legilium.

Presentation

Faith is the Holy Spirit's gift to the people of God. Will you, God's people, welcome Jennifer Joy and Abs and uphold them in their new lives in Christ?

All **With God's help, we will.**

Parents, godparents, and sponsors, will you pray for Jennifer Joy and Abs, draw them into the community of faith, help them take their places in the life and worship of the Church, and walk with them in the way of Christ?

With God's help, we will.

Making Our Decision to Follow Christ

To the parents, godparents and sponsors

Baptism means turning from the darkness of sin to the light of Christ. I now ask you three times if you are resolved to turn from despair to hope, from death to life.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour, Lord and Friend?

I turn to Christ.

Do you repent of all your sins?

I repent of all my sins.

Do you renounce evil?

I renounce evil.

Please stand.

The Baptism party goes to the font during the chant. Children and other members of the congregation are invited to join them.

Chant



Let all who are thir-sty come. Let all who wish re-ceive the wa-ter of life_

free-ly. A - men, come Lord Je - sus. A - men, come Lord Je - sus.

Renewing the Outward Sign of Inward Faith

We thank you, gracious God, for your gifts of water and the Holy Spirit. We thank you that, through the waters of the Red Sea, you led your people out of slavery to freedom in the Promised Land. We thank you that out of death you raised your Son to glorious life. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this water, that as we recall our burial with Christ in baptism, we may share with the saints in his resurrection to new life; that having been born again of water and the Holy Spirit, we may remain forever in the number of your faithful children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

To the parents, godparents, sponsors, and to the whole congregation
Now I ask you to make the profession of Christian faith into which we are baptised, and in which we live and grow.

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 God the Father.

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 God the Son.

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 God the Holy Spirit.

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

Jennifer Joy, I baptise you in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Abs, I baptise you in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Signing

The minister makes the sign of the cross on the candidates for baptism with holy oil.

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

The minister invites the parents, godparents, and sponsors to sign the candidates with the cross.

All the leaders of Israel, prophets, priests and kings, were anointed to signify the start of their ministry. Jesus also, who was Israel's prophet, priest and king, was baptised by John at the start of his ministry. This is the start of another ministry. Jennifer Joy and Abs, we anoint you with holy oil, making the sign of the cross, the seal of salvation.

All Teach us, Lord, to serve you as you deserve; to give, and not to count the cost; to fight, and not to heed the wounds; to toil, and not to seek for rest; to labour, and not to ask for any reward, save that of knowing that we do your will. Amen.

A Prayer of St Ignatius Loyola

Welcome

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism: Jennifer Joy and Abs, by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

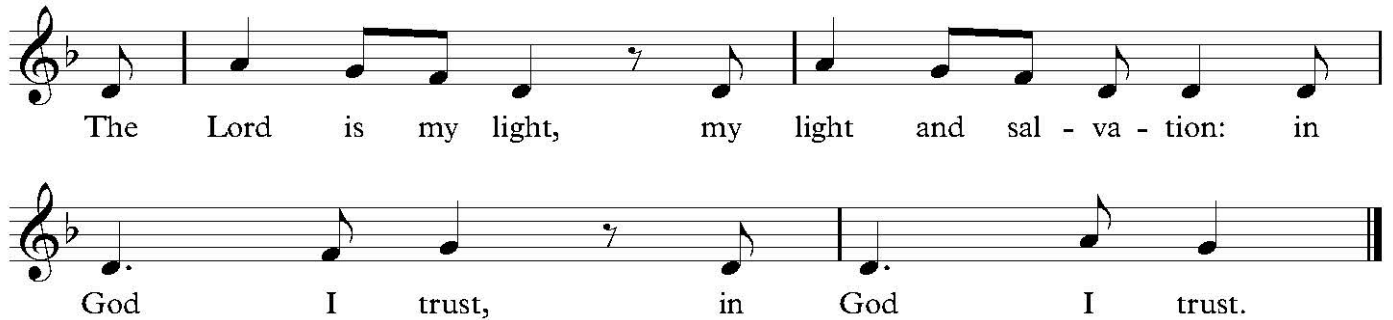
All We welcome you into the Lord's family. We are members together of the body of Christ; we are children of the same heavenly Father; we are inheritors together of the Kingdom of God. We welcome you.

Giving of Light

God has delivered us from 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.**

Chant



The Lord is my light, my light and sal - va - tion: in
God I trust, in God I trust.

Please sit.

Words on the Edge Mark 1: 4-11

John the baptiser 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 baptised 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 baptised you with water; but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.' In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptised by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

Reflection *Revd Dr Sam Wells*

Prayers

Prayer of Thanksgiving Matthew Harbage

Prayer of Concern Catherine Duce

Prayer of Hope Justyna Godzimira Fenrych-Fahy

Each prayer ends with 'We pray to you'.

Prayer Chant



O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer,
when I call ans - wer me. O Lord hear my prayer, O
Lord hear my prayer, come and lis - ten to me.

Blessing of the Nazareth Community

Introduction *Revd Richard Carter*

Members of the Nazareth Community are invited to come forward with those to be admitted kneeling at the altar rail.

Chant *Veni Sancte Spiritus*

Admission *Revd Dr Sam Wells*

Beloved in Christ, through prayer and discernment you have been called by God to become members of the Nazareth Community. This is an experiment in being with, enjoying God, cherishing life and discovering God's revelation in others. I therefore now ask these questions to all who wish to join the Community and all those who wish to renew their promises.

To those to be admitted to the Nazareth Community

What do you seek?

We seek to live the Gospel with the Spirit of simplicity, compassion, forgiveness and joy.

What grace do you ask?

The mercy of God and the community of my sisters and brothers.

Do you wish to become a member of the Nazareth Community and live the Nazareth rule of life - with Silence, Service, Scripture, Sharing, Sabbath and Staying With?

With the help of God I do.

To the Nazareth Community and congregation

From where will your help come?

All **Our help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth.**

Will you, the Nazareth Community, support them in this calling, and uphold them in your prayers?

All **We will, the Lord being our helper.**

Let us all keep silence as we pray for God's Holy Spirit to bless them and uphold them in this calling.

Silence is kept.

The Blessing of the Crosses

Almighty God, bless these crosses; the sign of the Nazareth Community. May they become for those who wear them a sign of your resurrection revealed in the pain and hope of the cross.

I invite you who wish to be admitted into the Nazareth Community to make your promise.

The Promise

Members of the Nazareth Community say together

Most high and everlasting God, accept me now as I come before you in love. I dedicate myself to the service of my Lord Jesus Christ, with silence, with sacrament, with compassionate service, with the study of your word and the sharing of your love for others, with Sabbath rest and staying with your call: I want to live the Gospel. O Lord give me grace. Amen.

We give thanks for the promises you have made this day. May God keep you faithful, continue all that has been begun in you, and encourage you at all times in this path of discipleship to which you have been called.

During the singing of the next anthem, Revd Dr Sam Wells admits those joining the Nazareth Community.

Anthem Give us the wings of faith *James Whitbourn*

I receive you as a member of the Nazareth Community in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ may God continue, by the power of the Holy Spirit all he has begun in you.

Sharing of the Peace

God is love and those who live in love, live in God, and God lives in them.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

Hymn

- 1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever child-like, no care could destroy,
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.**
- 2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.**
- 3 Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.**
- 4 Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.**

Jan Struther (1901–1953)

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

All **And also with you**

Lift up your hearts

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

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

Together we pray:

All **Bless the earth, heal the sick, let the oppressed go free, and fill each one of us with your love from on high. Gather your people from the ends of the earth to feast at your table with all your saints.**

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray in our first language the prayer our Saviour 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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Look, Jesus Christ, the Bread of Heaven is broken for the life of the world. The gifts of God for the people of God

All **Jesus Bread of Life, Bread that is broken, Bread for the world.**

Communion motet Christ has no body now but yours *Ogden*

Prayer after Communion

Lord Jesus Christ

We have recognised you in bread and wine

May our hearts burn within us on the road

Remember each day that Jesus Christ is in you.

All **Lord Jesus Christ**

You are the Word for us to speak

You are the Truth for us to tell;

You are the Light for us to light in the darkness,

You are the Bread of Life for us to share.

Notices

Blessing

Blessing Anthem A Prayer of St Patrick *John Rutter*

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service at 6 St Martin's Place.

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