



Welcome to The Mass on
Accession Sunday



Including Holy Baptism of Daisy



Welcome

Today is Accession Sunday - the day we remember the Coronation of HM The King. During the service today, we bless for our use a gift from The King, his **portrait** which will be hung in church.

Today we also welcome into the family of the Church, Daisy.

Daisy's baptism or Christening, is an official marking of time - a time to celebrate her safe arrival, to give thanks for her parents and all who make Daisy's life as it should be. It also marks the time of her second birth - her arrival into the family of the church - her extended family.

Daisy cannot speak for herself today and so the decisions that are made, like so many we make for our children, are done for her, with her interests at heart - the decision to bring her up in the knowledge of God, that she is a precious and wonderful human being loved by God beyond measure and that in joining her wider family of faith we share the same joys, hopes and fears of all who are human.

This **Christening** (or baptism) does not insulate us against the world, rather it gives us the armour to deal with it! It gives us a language to use in the face of those who are not for us, a tradition which stands beside and beneath us, and a family to hold and support us. It is only a beginning - but a good one!

The water we use is like any wash before a journey - it refreshes and prepares us.

It's also a reminder of the waters breaking at birth and the waters of where life began on earth millions of years ago and over which God hovered in that ancient myth of creation.

The oil we use is just like the oil used at the King's Coronation - it marks indelibly, sealing in the promises that are made, using oil from the Holy Land.

The light we give, from the Easter candle, reminds us to always follow the light over the dark and the right over the wrong. It is a rather primitive but altogether timeless GPS.

So - whether you are here for the first time or a regular, you are welcome.

Do come to the altar when you are invited, to receive a blessing or the bread and wine of Christ's own gift.

Do give generously when **the collection** is passed around - it keeps the roof on and makes sure we will be open to the next generation of Guildfordians who need to hear that they too, like Daisy, are the centre of God's universe.

¶ Please **STAND** for the Processional HYMN 436

The Gathering

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

All **Amen.**

Priest The Lord be with you:

All **And also with you.**

Priest Heavenly Father,
by the power of your Holy Spirit
you give your faithful people new life
in the water of baptism.

Guide and strengthen us by the same Spirit,
that we who are born again may serve you
in faith and love,

and grow into the full stature of your Son, Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit now and for ever.

The Gloria

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 Liturgy of the Word

¶ Please remain **STANDING** for the Gospel

Reader Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia
All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

Reader Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
All Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end of the Gospel:

Reader This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All Praise to you, O Christ.
All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

¶ Please SIT

The Homily

¶ Please STAND

HYMN 239 verses 1 and 2

The Liturgy of Initiation

Standing at the chancel step

Priest Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me.
Do not stop them'.
We thank God for Daisy who has come to be
baptised today.
Christ loves them and welcomes her into his Church.
So I ask you all:
Will you support her as they begin their journey of
faith?

All **We will.**

Priest Will you help her to live and grow within God's family?

All **We will.**

The Priest then addresses the sponsors, parents and Godparents

A copy of a Gospel is presented, with these words

Priest Receive this book.
It is the good news of God's love.
Take it as your guide.

Priest Will you do all that you can to help and support
Lloyd and Megan in the bringing up of Daisy?

Sponsors We will.

The Priest then addresses the parents and godparents

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

(God)Parents **We will.**

Priest 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?

(God)Parents **I do.**

Priest Do you reject evil?

(God)Parents **I do.**

Priest Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

(God)Parents **I do.**

Priest Do you trust in him as Lord?

(God)Parents **I do.**

Signing with the Cross

The priest makes the sign of the cross on Daisy's forehead with the oil of Catechumens saying

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

The priest invites parents, godparents to trace the sign of the cross.

Priest 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.**

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

All **Amen.**

HYMN 239 verses 3 and 4

The priest and family gather at the baptismal font.

Prayer over the Water

Priest Praise God who made heaven and earth,
All who keeps his promise for ever.

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

Priest We praise you, loving Father,
for the gift of your Son Jesus.
He was baptized in the River Jordan,
where your Spirit came upon him
and revealed him as the Son you love.
He sent his followers to baptize all who turn to him.
Now, Father, we ask you to bless this water,
that those who are baptized in it
may be cleansed in the water of life,
and, filled with your Spirit,
may know that they are loved as your children,
safe in Christ for ever.

All Amen.

The Profession of Faith

Priest Let us affirm 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 **We believe and trust in him.**

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

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

Priest 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 **We believe and trust in him.**

Priest This is the faith of the Church.

All **This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

The Baptism

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

All **Amen.**

The priest seals the water of Baptism with the Oil of Chrism

Priest 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.
There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism: Daisy,
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 may greet the newly baptized as they return to their seats
and blessed with Holy Water by aspersion.*

The Baptism Motet

Think of how God loves you – James MacMillan

Think of how God loves you.

He calls you his own children, and that is what you are.

You have put on Christ; in him you have been baptised. Alleluia!

Intercessions

Leader We give thanks for the church,
the world and thank God for His goodness.
We give thanks for the baptism of believers and
especially Daisy this morning together with thousands
around the globe who this day will have joined the
church through baptism.

All **Lord, hear us as we pray.**

We pray for the world - our King and Commonwealth;
for our government and for the nations of the world.
For peace and reconciliation
and for the fair use of resources.

ALMIGHTY God, who rules over all the kingdoms
of the world, and does order them according to
your good pleasure: we offer unfeigned thanks, for
that as on this day, you set your Servant our
Sovereign Lord, King CHARLES, upon the Throne
of this Realm. Let your wisdom be his guide, and let
your arm strengthen him; let truth and justice,
holiness and righteousness, peace and charity,
abound in his days; direct all his counsels and
endeavours to your glory, and the welfare of, us, his
subjects; give us grace to obey him cheerfully for
conscience sake, and let him always possess the
hearts of his people; let his reign be long and
prosperous, and crown him with everlasting life in
the world to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Lord, hear us as we pray.**

We pray for those who have asked for our prayers
this day.

For those who rejoice and for those who weep.

We pray for those who have died
and those whose year's mind falls at this time.

All **Lord, hear us as we pray.**

And in a moment of quiet we offer to God
those prayers which another cannot say for us.

All **Lord, hear us as we pray.**

ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all wisdom, who knows our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking: we beseech you to have compassion upon our infirmities; and those things, which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us for the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Preparation of the Altar

HYMN 205

*A collection is taken during this hymn.
Please give generously.*

The Eucharistic Prayer

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 Father, we give you thanks and praise
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word
through whom you have created all things;
who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our
Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,
he lived on earth and went about among us;
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;
he put an end to death by dying for us
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

And now we give you thanks
because by water and the Holy Spirit
you have made us a holy people
 in Jesus Christ our Lord,
you raise us to new life in Him
and renew in us the image of your glory.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing:

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.**

¶ Please SIT or KNEEL

Priest Lord, you are holy, indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine may be to us
the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me. ✠

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me. ✠

All Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once
 for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious
ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and
thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of Our Lady, Nicolas,
George, Catherine, Benedict, Helena and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

✠ by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Priest Let us pray with confidence
as our Saviour has taught us:

**All Our Father, which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
in 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 Fracture

Priest We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.

Communion

*Make your way to the sanctuary step to receive communion.
The baptismal family first.*

The choir sings the Agnus Dei.

*O Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.*

Hymn 387

Prayer after Communion

Priest God of mercy by whose grace alone we are accepted
and equipped for your service: stir up in us the needful
gifts of the Spirit and make us worthy of our calling
That we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love
and joy and peace.

All **Amen.**

The Blessing of the Royal Portrait

Priest O Lord, save the King:

All **Who puts his trust in you, O God.**

Priest Send him help from your holy place.

All **And evermore mightily defend him.**

Priest Let his enemies have no advantage of him.

Priest **Nor the wicked approach to hurt him.**

Priest O Lord, hear our prayer;

Priest **And let our cry come unto you.**

O GOD, who provides for your people by your power,
and rules over them in love: vouchsafe so to bless this
portrait of your Servant our King, that under him this
nation may be wisely governed, and your Church may
serve thee in all godly quietness; and grant that he being
devoted to you with his whole heart, and persevering in
good works unto the end, may, by your guidance, come
to your everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ your
Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

All **Amen.**

The National Anthem

The Blessing & Dismissal

Priest 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 upon you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

The Giving of a Lighted Candle

Priest 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

Priest Go in the light and peace of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Please REMAIN STANDING.

The Clergy and Choir process to the statue of Our Lady and
Sing the Angelus.

After the service you are warmly invited to refreshments in the Parish Hall.

Angelus

1. The angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary: and she conceived by the Ho - ly
2. Behold the handmaid of the Lord: be it unto me a - cord - ing to thy
3. And the word was made flesh: and dwelt a - mong

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Spirit. Hail Mary full of grace the Lord is with Thee Blessed art thou among women and
word us.

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blessed is the fruit of thy womb Je - sus; Holy Mary Mother of God, pray for us sinners now

19

and at the hour of our death, A - men Pray for us O Holy Mother of God

25 Response accompanied

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. (Collect) A - men.

We beseech Thee, O Lord, pour Thy grace into our hearts; that as we have known the incarnation of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, by the message of an angel, so by His Passion and Cross we may be brought to the glory of His Resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.