

Order of Service The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday II May 2025, IIam

With the baptism of Eleanor Florence Scott

President: The Revd Dr John Barker Preacher: The Revd Nicol Kinrade

WELCOME

to all who are joining us today, whether in church or online.

All Hallows is a member of Inclusive Church and we are delighted you have joined our worship today. Please ask one of our welcomers if you need any assistance during the service. If you are able, we'd love you to join us for refreshments when the service has finished.

For those with children you will find space in the south aisle where you will be able to see and participate in the whole service. You will find some activity sheets to enable you and any children you have brought with you to engage with our service. Please ask one of our friendly welcomers if you need anything before or during the service.

We will be taking a collection during the service, and we encourage those who are UK tax payers to use one of the gift aid envelopes which are available in the pews. This will increase the value of your gift by 25% at no extra cost to you.

You can also make a debit/credit card donation to All Hallows by using the donations machine at the back of the church, by using the QR code on your phone, or via our website at **www.ahbtt.org.uk/donate**

Thank you.



Security Notice

We advise you not to leave personal belongings unattended and to keep them in sight at all times. Do not leave bags on the floor by your feet, and make sure you take any valuables with you when you go up to receive Communion. For additional safety and security, 24 hour CCTV recording is in operation on these premises.

Our church services are recorded and streamed on our website. You may be filmed during the service, and pictures of you may be transmitted online and as mobile content. By entering the church you consent to such filming and to the transmission of any broadcast. If you do not wish to be filmed please speak to one of the welcome team who will direct you to an unfilmed area in the north aisle.

WHAT IS BAPTISM?

Baptism marks the beginning of a journey with God which continues for the rest of our lives, the first step in response to God's love. For all involved, particularly the candidates but also parents and godparents, it is a joyful moment when we rejoice in what God has done for us in Christ, making serious promises and declaring the faith. The wider community of the local church and friends welcome the new Christian, promising support and prayer for the future. Hearing and doing these things provides an opportunity to remember our own baptism and reflect on the progress made on that journey, which is now to be shared with this new member of the Church.

The service paints many vivid pictures of what happens on the Christian way. There is the sign of the cross, the badge of faith in the Christian journey, which reminds us of Christ's death for us. Our 'drowning' in the water of baptism, where we believe we die to sin and are raised to new life, unites us to Christ's dying and rising, a picture that can be brought home vividly by the way the baptism is administered. Water is also a sign of new life, as we are born again by water and the Spirit. This reminds us of Jesus' baptism. And as a sign of that new life, a lighted candle is given, a picture of the light of Christ conquering the darkness of evil. Everyone who is baptized walks in that light for the rest of their lives.

As you pray for the candidate, picture them with yourself and the whole Church throughout the ages, journeying into the fullness of God's love.

Jesus said, 'I have come that they may have life, and have it abundantly.'

John 10.10

Music before the Service

Christ lag in Todesbanden – Heinrich Scheidemann Organist: David Cook

The Gathering

Hymn

Please stand

We have a gospel to proclaim, good news for all throughout the earth; the gospel of a Saviour's name: we sing his glory, tell his worth.

Tell of his birth at Bethlehem not in a royal house or hall but in a stable dark and dim, the Word made flesh, a light for all.

Tell of his death at Calvary, hated by those he came to save, in lonely suffering on the cross; for all he loved, his life he gave.

Tell of that glorious Easter morn: empty the tomb, for he was free. He broke the power of death and hell that we might share his victory.

Tell of his reign at God's right hand, by all creation glorified. He sends his Spirit on his church to live for him, the Lamb who died.

Now we rejoice to name him King: Jesus is Lord of all the earth. This gospel-message we proclaim: we sing his glory, tell his worth.

Edward Joseph Burns (b. 1938) Tune: Fulda

Welcome and Introduction

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

All Amen.

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

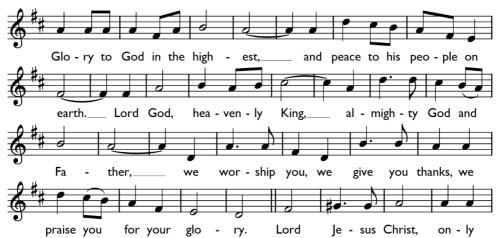
All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Words of welcome and introduction are said.

Prayer of Preparation

All Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen

The Gloria





The Collect

Let us pray:

Almighty God,

who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us

you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Please sit.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Acts 1.1-18

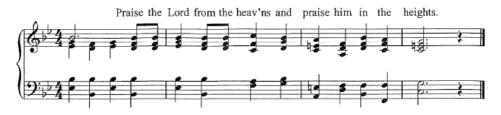
Read by David Risley

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to lerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?' When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Remain seated for **The Psalm:** 148 Sung by Sarah Alder



Alleluia.

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights. Praise him, all you his angels; praise him, all his host. **R**/

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you stars of light. Praise him, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens. **R**/ Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created. He made them fast for ever and ever; he gave them a law which shall not pass away. **R**/

Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps; Fire and hail, snow and mist, tempestuous wind, fulfilling his word; **R**/

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars; Wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and birds on the wing; **R**/

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world; Young men and women, old and young together; let them praise the name of the Lord. R/ For his name only is exalted, his splendour above earth and heaven. He has raised up the horn of his people and praise for all his faithful servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Alleluia. **R**/

Second Reading: Revelation 21.1-6

Read by Trey Scott

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

'See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.'

And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

All stand and face the Gospel for the Gospel Acclamation

Gospel Reading: John 13.31-35

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

- All **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.** The Lord be with you
- All And also with you

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Revd Nicol Kinrade

The Liturgy of Baptism

Presentation of the Candidate

Ellie, do you wish to be baptized? *Ellie* **I do.**

We thank God for Ellie who has come to be baptized today. Christ loves her and welcomes her into his Church. Will you support her on her journey of faith?

All We will.

The Decision

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God? *Ellie and godparents* **I reject them.**

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil? *Ellie and godparents* **I renounce them.**

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour? *Ellie and godparents* **I repent of them.**

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour? Ellie and godparents I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord? Ellie and godparents I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life? *Ellie and godparents* **I come to Christ.**

Signing with the Cross

Ellie, 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.

We make our way to the back of the church, and gather around the font.

Prayer over the water

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 thanks and praise.

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

Creed

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess together with Ellie the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

All I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

All 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?

All 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.

Ellie, is this your faith? *Ellie* **This is my faith.**

The Baptism

Eleanor Florence, I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

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 Welcome

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

All Ellie,

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

We return to our seats.

Please sit or kneel.

Prayers of Intercession

Led by Sarah Alder

Lord, in your mercy,

All Hear our prayer.

At the end:

Merciful Father,

All Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Please stand.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

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 risen Christ be always with you.

All and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

During the hymn a collection will be taken towards the ministry of this church. If you are a UK Tax Payer, you can increase the value of your gift by 25% by completing one of the Gift Aid envelopes which are available in the pews. Thank you.

The church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ her Lord; She is his new creation By water and the word. From heaven he came and sought her To be his holy bride; With his own blood he bought her, And for her life he died. Elect from every nation, Yet one o'er all the earth; Her charter of salvation, One Lord, one faith, one birth; One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food, And to one hope she presses, With every grace endued.

Mid toil and tribulation, And tumult of her war, She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore; Till, with the vision glorious, Her longing eyes are blest, And the great church victorious Shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union With God the Three in One, And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won. O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we Like them, the meek and lowly, On high may dwell with thee.

Samuel Stone (1839-1900) Tune: Aurelia

The Preparation of the Table

Risen Lord Jesus Christ, we believe you, and all we have heard is true. When you break bread may we recognize you as the fire that burns within us, that we may bring light to your world.

All Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

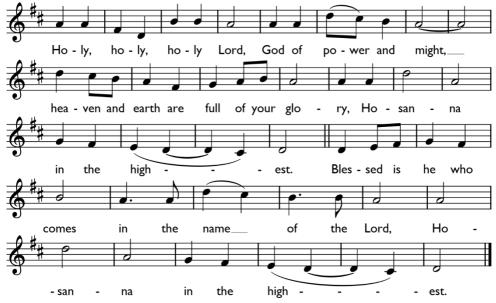
Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

$\ensuremath{\textit{All}}$ $\ensuremath{\,\text{It}}$ is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, almighty and eternal Father, and in these days of Easter to celebrate with joyful hearts the memory of your wonderful works. For by the mystery of his passion Jesus Christ, your risen Son, has conquered the powers of death and hell and restored in men and women the image of your glory. He has placed them once more in paradise and opened to them the gate of life eternal. And so, in the joy of this Passover, earth and heaven resound with gladness. while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation sing for ever the hymn of your glory.



Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood; 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.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

All Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free.You are the Saviour of the world.

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

All Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has 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

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.



Agnus Dei

Invitation to Communion

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Communicant members of all Christian churches are invited to receive Holy Communion at All Hallows. All others may come forward for a prayer of blessing - please indicate this by bowing your head.

Music During Communion

Jesus Christus, unser Heiland, der von uns – Heinrich Scheidemann

Post-Communion Prayer

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

- All Amen.
- 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

Giving of a Lighted Candle

The candidate is given 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.

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All Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.
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The Dismissal

Hymn

Please stand.

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet thy tribute bring; ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who like me his praise should sing? Praise him! Praise him! Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour to our fathers in distress; praise him still the same for ever, slow to chide and swift to bless: Praise him! Praise him! Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows; in his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes. Praise him! Praise him! Widely as his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him; ye behold him face to face; sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space. Praise him! Praise him! Praise with us the God of grace.

HF Lyte (1793-1847) Tune: Praise my soul

The Commissioning and Blessing

We stand together and listen to these words of blessing.

Those who are baptized are called to worship and serve God.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

All With the help of God, I will.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

All With the help of God, I will.

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

All With the help of God, I will.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all people, loving your neighbour as yourself?

All With the help of God, I will.

Will you acknowledge Christ's authority over human society, by prayer for the world and its leaders, by defending the weak, and by seeking peace and justice?

All With the help of God, I will.

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith, that you may be rooted and grounded in love and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit;

and the blessing of God almighty, ➡ the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen

Go in the peace of Christ, Alleluia, Alleluia.

All Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Music after the Service

Ach bleib bei uns, Herr Jesu Christ. BWV 649 – J S Bach

You are invited to stay for refreshments after the service.

Christian Aid Week

As Christian Aid Week draws to a close, there is still an opportunity to their life-changing work. Last week we collected £58.00 and you can add to that by using the envelope included in this booklet. Christian Aid believe that poverty is an outrage against humanity. It robs people of their dignity and lets injustice thrive. Christian Aid seek to eradicate extreme poverty by tackling its root causes. Please support this work if you are able.

Roles to support All Hallows

There is a variety of ways you can get involved with our church community. We are looking to grow the following teams:

- Finance and Fabric Committees
- For occasional services (carol services and memorials) AV support and vergers
- Chiming
- Flower arranging
- Welcomers and Hospitality
- Servers
- Singing the psalm or reading the lessons
- Leading intercessions
- Heading the Children's Corner

As you can see there are many different ways to get involved, with a range of skills, interests and time commitments, so please consider offering to help out (even once a month or once a quarter would be hugely appreciated).

Looking Closer, Looking Deeper

Podcast episode I I is now out! "To The Lonely Sea And The Sky - The Old Worcesters" To listen, go to www.spotify.com and search for 'All Hallows by the Tower', or use link: <u>https://rb.gy/yqozty</u>

Beating the Bounds on Ascension Day

We're looking forward to the annual Beating the Bounds ceremony on Thursday 29 May. We'll gather in church at 4pm and set off around the parish at 4.15pm. Everyone is then welcome to stay for Choral Evensong with the Tower Hill Voices at 6pm.

The Week Ahead

Church Opening Times

Tuesday-Friday: 8am-5pm Saturday-Sunday: 10am-5pm

Services at All Hallows

You are welcome to join us for any of our services in church. Our Sunday Eucharist and Taizé services are streamed on Zoom.

Monday 19 May

8.30am Morning Prayer 4.30pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday 20 May

8.30am Morning Prayer 4.30pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 21 May

8.30am Morning Prayer 6pm Taizé Prayer

Thursday 22 May

8.30am Said Eucharist 4.30pm Evening Prayer

Friday 23 May 8.30am Morning Prayer 4.30pm Evening Prayer

Saturday 24 May

No services

Sunday 25 May: The Sixth Sunday of Easter

I Iam Parish Eucharist; Preacher: The Revd Dr John Barker

Taizé – Wednesdays at 6pm

Our weekly Taizé service takes place **in church and online**. You are welcome to join us for this meditative time of prayer, music and reflection. If you can't attend in person and would like to join us online, you can view the livestream at **ahbtt.org.uk/livestream**.

Zoom links are included in our weekly email, but if you would like a link for a particular service or event please email **parish@ahbtt.org.uk**.

Weekly Email

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Byward Kitchen & Bar

The Byward Kitchen is open for drinks, meals and light refreshments from 9am-3.30pm, with indoor and outdoor seating available.

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