

*Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2023 11.00 am*

*The Fifth Sunday after Easter*

*The Sacrament of Holy Baptism*

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Welcome & Intimations

Introit

Call to Worship

**Hymn 594 Come, Holy Spirit, come!**

Come, Holy Spirit, come!  
Inflame our souls with love,  
transforming every heart and home  
with wisdom from above.

Let none of us despise  
the humble path Christ trod,  
but choose, to shame the worldly wise,  
the foolishness of God.

All-knowing Spirit, prove  
the poverty of pride,  
by knowledge of the Father's love  
in Jesus crucified.

And grant us faith to know  
the glory of that sign,  
and in our very lives to show  
the marks of love divine.

Come with the gift to heal  
the wounds of guilt and fear,  
and to oppression's face reveal  
the kingdom drawing near.  
Where chaos longs to reign,  
descend, O holy Dove,  
and free us all to work again  
the miracles of love.

Spirit of truth, arise:  
Inspire the prophet's voice:  
Expose to scorn the tyrant's lies,  
and bid the poor rejoice.  
O Spirit, clear our sight,  
all prejudice remove,  
and help us to discern the right,  
and covet only love.

Give us the tongues to speak  
the word of love and grace  
to rich and poor, to strong and weak,  
in every time and place.

Enable us to hear  
the words that others bring,  
interpreting with open ear  
the special song they sing

Come, Holy Spirit, dance  
within our hearts today,  
our earthbound spirits to entrance,  
our mortal fears allay.  
And teach us to desire,  
all other things above,  
that self-consuming holy fire,  
the perfect gift of love.

Michael Foster(b.1946)

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Approach and Confession

**Children's Address**

## Hymn 444 Out of sight, the Lord has gone

- 1 Out of sight, the Lord has gone  
into heaven, now his home;  
told his friends, before he left,  
that they'd never be alone.
- 2 Jesus Christ we call him still,  
and we love him as our friend;  
close to God, he prays for us,  
so we trust him to the end.
- 3 Work for Jesus, wait for him,  
all his wisdom learn to know;  
walk his ways and love his friends,  
help his kingdom here to grow.

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Acts 17:22-31

St. John 14:15-21

**Anthem**

**Sermon**

The Offering (& Sung Doxology: Hymn 807)

Prayer of Intercession

**Hymn 632 Our children, Lord, in faith and prayer,**

- 1 Our children, Lord, in faith and prayer,  
we now devote to you;  
let them your covenant mercies share,  
and your salvation true.

- 2 Such children you did once embrace,  
while dwelling here below;  
to us and ours, O God of grace,  
the same compassion show.
- 3 Dear Lord, your infant feet were found  
within your Father's shrine;  
your years, with changeless virtue crowned,  
were all alike divine.
- 4 Dependent on your bounteous breath,  
we seek your grace alone,  
in every stage of life and death,  
to keep us still your own.

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## The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

The Apostles' Creed

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:**

**For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for  
ever. Amen.**

**Hymn 120 God, we praise you. God we bless you.**

- 1 God, we praise you. God, we bless you.  
God, we name you sovereign Lord.  
Mighty King whom angels worship,  
Father, by your church adored :  
all creation shows your glory,  
heaven and earth draw near your throne  
singing 'Holy, holy, holy,  
Lord of hosts and God alone !'
- 2 True apostles, faithful prophets,  
saints who set their world ablaze,  
martyrs, once unknown, unheeded,  
join one growing song of praise,  
while your Church on earth confesses  
one majestic Trinity :  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
God, our hope eternally.
- 3 Jesus Christ, the King of glory,  
everlasting Son of God,  
humble was your virgin mother,  
hard the lonely path you trod :  
by your cross is sin defeated,  
hell confronted face to face,  
heaven opened to believers,  
sinners justified by grace.
- 4 Christ, at God's right hand victorious,  
you will judge the world you made ;  
Lord, in mercy help your servants  
for whose freedom you have paid :  
raise us up from dust to glory,  
guard us from all sin today ;  
King enthroned above all praises,  
save your people, God, we pray.

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## Benediction

### Choral Amen (3-fold)