



the **Church**  
of **St Peter** and  
**St Simon**-the-Apostle

## **BIRTH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST** **JUNE 23, 2019**

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### **Holy Eucharist at 8:30 am**

*Celebrant* The Reverend Geoffrey Sangwine / *Deacon* The Reverend Michael Perry  
The service begins on page 67 of the *Book of Common Prayer*.  
Collect - page 278 / Psalm 85:7-13/ For the readings see 10:30 am

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### **Choral Eucharist at 10:30 am**

Clergy: The Reverend Geoffrey Sangwine, The Reverend Jennifer Matthews  
Deacon/Preacher: The Reverend Michael Perry  
Mass Setting: Sanctus/Benedictus - *A New Plainsong* – David Hurd  
Agnus Dei – *A Simple Communion Service* – Wm Harris

### **The Gathering of the Community**

**Prelude** *Gabriel's Obe*

ENNIO MORRICONE

**Processional Hymn 12** *We Bless you, God of Israel*

ST. VENANTIUS

*Celebrant* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with you all.

**All** **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God,

**All** **to you all hearts are open,**  
**all desires known,**  
**and from you 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**

## Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* Almighty God, you called John the Baptist to give witness to the coming of your Son and to prepare his way. Give your people the wisdom to see your purpose, and the openness to hear your will, that we too may witness to Christ's coming and so prepare his way; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

## Proclamation of the Word

**First Lesson** *Isaiah 40:1-11*

Read by Colin Bird

*Reader* A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

*Reader* The word of the Lord

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 85: 8-13**



*Cantor:*<sup>8</sup> I will hearken what the **Lord** God will say: /  
for he shall speak peace unto his people and to his saints,  
and unto them that **turn** their heart to him.



*All:* <sup>9</sup> Surely his salvation is nigh **them** that fear him, /  
that glory may  **dwell** in our land.

*Cantor:* <sup>10</sup> Mercy and truth are **met** to-gether: /  
righteousness and peace have **kiss-ed** each o-ther.

*All:* <sup>11</sup> Truth springeth **out** of the earth; /  
and righteousness hath looked **down** from hea-ven.

*Cantor:* <sup>12</sup> Yea, the Lord shall **give** what is good; /  
and our land shall **yield** her in-crease.

*All:* <sup>13</sup> Righteousness shall **go** be-fore him, /  
and shall direct his **go**-ing in the way.

## **Second Lesson Acts 13:14b–26**

Read by Stephanie Woodside

*Reader* A reading from the Book of Acts.

But they went on from Perga and came to Antioch in Pisidia. And on the Sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down. After the reading of the law and the prophets, the officials of the synagogue sent them a message, saying, ‘Brothers, if you have any word of exhortation for the people, give it.’ So Paul stood up and with a gesture began to speak: ‘You Israelites, and others who fear God, listen. The God of this people Israel chose our ancestors and made the people great during their stay in the land of Egypt, and with uplifted arm he led them out of it. For about forty years he put up with them in the wilderness. After he had destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan, he gave them their land as an inheritance for about four hundred and fifty years. After that he gave them judges until the time of the prophet Samuel. Then they asked for a king; and God gave them Saul, son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, who reigned for forty years. When he had removed him, he made David their king. In his testimony about him he said, ‘I have found David, son of Jesse, to be a man after my heart, who will carry out all my wishes.’ Of this man’s posterity God has brought to Israel a Saviour, Jesus, as he promised; before his coming John had already proclaimed a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. And as John was finishing his work, he said, ‘What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. No, but one is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of the sandals on his feet.’ ‘My brothers, you descendants of Abraham’s family, and others who fear God, to us the message of this salvation has been sent.

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn 405** *Alleluia No. 1* (verses 1 and 2)

**The Holy Gospel** *Luke 1.57–80*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you

*All* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke.

*All* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her neighbours and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. But his mother said, ‘No; he is to be called John.’ They said to her, ‘None of your relatives has this name.’ Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. He asked for a writing-tablet and wrote, ‘His name is John.’ And all of them were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. Fear came over all their neighbours, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. All who heard them pondered them and said, ‘What then will this child become?’ For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him. Then his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke this prophecy: ‘Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favourably on his people and redeemed them. He has raised up a mighty saviour for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us. Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins. By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.’ The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.

*Celebrant* The Gospel of Christ.

*All* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Homily**

## The Apostles' Creed

*Celebrant* Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

**All** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. 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.

**Prayers of the People** *Please kneel or stand, as able.*

*Led by Diane Marshall*

### Anointing and Laying on of Hands for Healing

*Celebrant* Holy Scripture teaches us that in acts of healing and restoration our Lord Jesus and his disciples laid hands on the sick and anointed them. By so doing they made known the healing power and presence of God. Pray that as we follow our Lord's example, we may know his unfailing love.

*Those who would like to be anointed are invited at this time to the St. Peter's altar at the south side of the church.*

**Hymn 67** *God of All Time, All Seasons of Our Living*

HIGHWOOD

## Confession and Absolution

*The Celebrant invites the confession of sin. Then is said:*

*Celebrant* Most merciful God,

**All** We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen. *The Absolution is pronounced.*

## The Peace

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All** And also with you.

*We invite you to share a sign of peace with those near you – a handshake, slight bow or other form of greeting. Please respect the wishes of those who prefer not to shake hands.*

## Celebration of the Eucharist

**Hymn 270** *Lamb of God, to Thee We Raise*

LÜBECK

### Prayer over the Gifts & Great Thanksgiving

*Celebrant* God of our salvation, accept all we offer you this day, and free us to worship you without fear, in holiness and righteousness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**All** **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

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

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*Celebrant* Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who in the fullness of time came among us in our flesh, and opened to us the way of salvation. Now we watch for the day when he will come again in power and great triumph to judge this world, that we, without shame or fear, may rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name.

**All** **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,** (CP 689)  
**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.**

*Celebrant* We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.” Therefore, Father, according to his command,

**All**        **we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection,  
we await his coming in glory;**

*Celebrant* and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **Lord’s Prayer**

#### **Breaking of the Bread**

*Celebrant* God of promise,  
you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

**All**        **Happy are those who are called  
to the supper of the Lamb.**

*Celebrant* The gifts of God for the People of God.

**All**        **Thanks be to God.**

#### **Agnus Dei**

*Choir*    *O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: grant us thy peace.*

### **Holy Communion**

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion.*

*Please do not dip the consecrated bread into the wine - Drinking from the chalice is considered safe from the point of view of public health. You are also welcome to receive only the bread, if you prefer. Indicate this by holding your arms crossed over your chest as the chalice passes; this is also a way to receive a blessing rather than communion.  
Gluten-free communion wafers are available – please let the administering priest know.*

**Hymn 60** *I Come with Joy*

LAND OF REST

**Motet** *Behold the Tabernacle of God*

WM HARRIS

*Behold, the tabernacle of God is with you,  
and the Spirit God dwelleth within you.  
For the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.  
For the love of whom ye do this day celebrate the joys of the temple  
with a season of festivity. Alleluia*

**Prayer after Communion** *Please stand.*

*Celebrant* We thank you, Lord, for your word and your table which give us the knowledge of salvation. Your compassion has broken on us like the dawn; guide now our feet into the way of peace. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

**Amen.**

*Celebrant* Glory to God,

*All* **whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Blessing**

**Announcements** *Please be seated.*

**Recessional Hymn 385** *Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness*

ÜTTINGEN  
(WAS LEBET)

**Dismissal**

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia.

*All* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

**Postlude** *The Lark Ascending – Ross Pearson, Flute*

RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS