

You have received the light of Christ:
walk in this light all the days of your life.

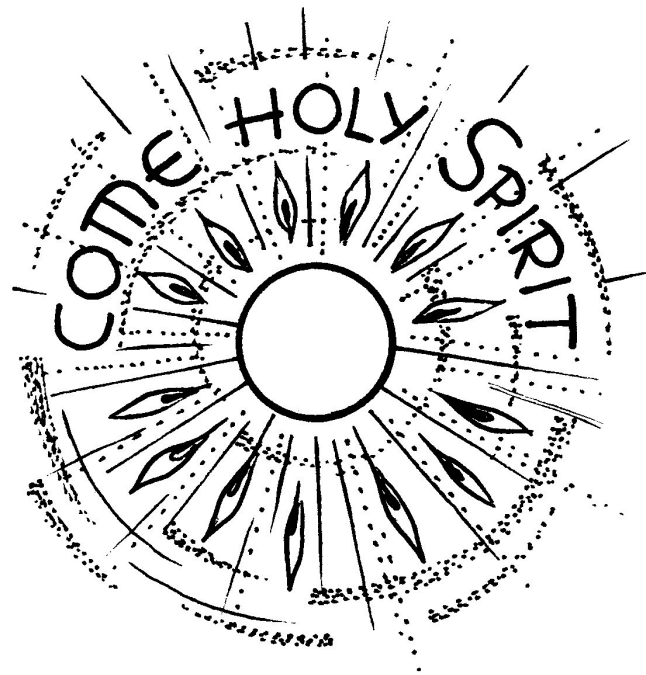
All **Shine as a light in the world
to the glory of God the Father.**

Deacon Go in the light and peace of Christ.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

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

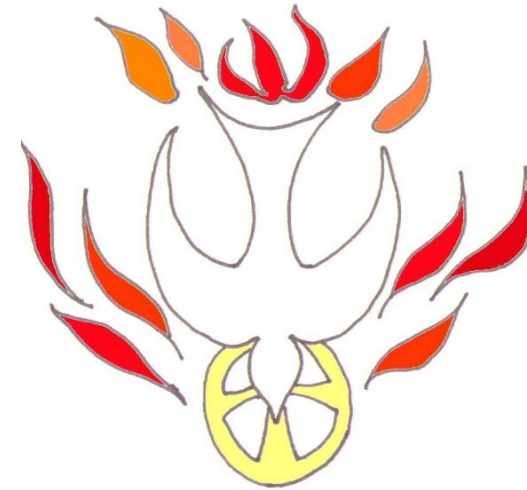
A voluntary is played and the ministers leave.

All are invited to refreshments in the adjoining hall.



St. James' Church, West End

Celebration Eucharist



with the Holy Baptism of

Lo Ying So (Anita) and Yee Yan Hung (Alesha)

and the Confirmation of

**Tom Bint, Milly Bradley, Chloe Dyke-James,
Kimberley-Danielle Jones, Lo Ying So (Anita),
Derek Stevens and Sharon Ann Watton – Bradley**

11th February 202 at 10.30am

A very warm welcome to our visitors this morning.

The Rt Rev'd Geoff Annas is taking the service and preaching.

Before the service you may like to use this prayer to pray for the confirmation candidates:

As your Spirit moved over the face of the waters
bringing light and life to your creation,
pour out your Spirit on Anita, Alesha, Chloe, Derek,
Kimberley, Milly, Sharon and Tom today
that they may walk as children of light
and by your grace reveal your presence.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Christ be my light,
my hope, my way.

Christ be my shield
in the darkest day.

Christ be my song
of joy and delight.

Christ be my steps
through day and night.

Christ be my peace
within my heart.

Christ be my all
and never depart.

Fear not, for I have redeemed you,
I have called you by name, you are mine.
Isaiah 43:1

*During communion a choir anthem and the hymns 592 As the
deer pants for the water and 725 Make me a channel of your
peace are sung.*

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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.**

We stand to sing the **HYMN 484 You shall go out with joy**

We remain standing for the **BLESSING**

Bishop May God's joy be in our hearts
May God's peace be in our world
May God's love be known between us
And the blessing of God almighty,
The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
Be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

GIVING OF A LIGHTED CANDLE

*The candidates receive a candle lit from the Easter candle.
When all have received one the bishop says*

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness
And given us a place with the saints in light.

THE LORDS PRAYER

Deacon As our Saviour taught us, so we pray,
**All Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name;
your kingdom come;
your will be done;
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours,
now and forever.
Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Bishop 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.**

The Giving of Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God,
who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
**All Lord I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

All are invited to come forward, if they wish, to receive communion or a blessing. The candidates and their families receive first. Please return to your seat down the side aisle.

*A welcome is given before the service begins.
Please stand when the choir and ministers process in.*

HYMN - 595 Be thou my vision

Bishop Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
All Blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

There is one body and one spirit.
All There is one hope to which we were called;

one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
All one God and Father of all.

Peace be with you
All and also with you.

The bishop introduces the service.

THE COLLECT *is prayed.*

Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives:
set straight our crooked hearts,
and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

THE GOSPEL READING—Mark 9:2-9 *We remain standing and face the gospeller who reads from the centre of the church.*

All Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia (sung).

Go and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord.
Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.
cf Matthew 28:19, 20

All Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

After the Gospel procession we sit.

THE LITURGY OF INITIATION

The candidates are presented to the bishop and congregation.

The bishop asks the candidate for baptism:

Do you wish to be baptised?

Anita **I do.**

We thank you, loving Father, because, when we turned away, you sent Jesus, your Son. He gave his life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live.

Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen, Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his disciples, saying: 'This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying: 'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins.'

So Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life. As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit, and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Help us, Father, to love one another, as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended, and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.

And now with Mary, James and all your saints we give you glory, through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit, today and forever.

All **Amen.**

We sit or kneel and silence is kept.

*We stand to sing **HYMN 667 I danced in the morning**
During the hymn the children return from their activities.
The altar is prepared for communion.*

*We remain standing for **THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER***

The Lord is here.

All His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

Lord of all life, you created the universe, where all living things reflect your glory. You give us this great and beautiful earth, to discover and to cherish.

You give us happy times and things to celebrate. In these we taste your kingdom, a feast for all your children.

You made us all, each wonderfully different, to join with the angels and sing your praise:

**All: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord,
Holy is the Lord God almighty,
Who was and is and is to come,
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord.**

**Blessed, blessed, blessed is the Lord,
Blessed is the Lord God almighty,
Who was and is and is to come,
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

The bishop asks Chloe, Derek, Kimberley, Milly, Sharon and Tom, the candidates for confirmation who have been baptised:

Have you been baptised in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit?

Candidates I have.

The bishop asks all the candidates

Are you ready with your own mouth and from your own heart to affirm your faith in Jesus Christ?

Candidates I am.

The bishop addresses the whole congregation:

Faith is the gift of God to his people. In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling. People of God, will you welcome these candidates and uphold them in their new life in Christ?

All With the help of God we will.

The bishop addresses Alesha's parents and godparents.

Parents and godparents, the Church receives Alesha with joy. Today we are trusting God for her growth in faith. Will you pray for her, draw her by your example into the community of faith and walk with her in the way of Christ?

Parents and godparents With the help of God, we will.

In baptism Alesha begins her journey of faith. You speak for her today. Will you care for her and help her to take her place within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

Parents and godparents With the help of God, we will.

THE DECISION

The bishop addresses the confirmation candidates and the parents and godparents of Alesha.

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 turn away from sin?

**Candidates, parents
& godparents**

I turn away from sin.

Do you reject evil?

C, P & G

I reject evil.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

C, P & G

I turn to Christ as Saviour.

Do you trust in Christ as Lord?

C, P & G

I trust in Christ as Lord.

SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

The bishop makes the sign of the cross on Anita's and Alesha's foreheads with holy oil saying:

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

Then the bishop says:

Do not be ashamed of Christ. You are his for ever.

**All Stand bravely with him against the powers of evil,
and remain faithful to him to the end of your life.**

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

All Amen.

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 recognise 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.

All Amen.

THE PEACE

The bishop introduces the Peace.

God has made us one in Christ. He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come, has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you.

Deacon Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We greet those around us from our places, with a handshake or wave and the words 'peace be with you'.

THE WELCOME *The newly confirmed and baptised are welcomed.*

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

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

A presentation is made to the candidates.

*The bishop prays for the children and during the next hymn they
leave for an activity.*

We stand for **HYMN 748 O Jesus, I have promised**

We sit for the **SERMON**

We sit or kneel for the **PRAYERS**

Response: Father of life
All: make known your glory.

At the end: Merciful Father,
**All: Accept these prayers,
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ, Amen.**

COMMISSION *We stand*

Those who are baptised are called to worship and serve
God.
Will you continue in the apostles teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of the bread and in prayers?

All With the help of God, I will.

PRAYER OVER THE WATER

At the font the bishop says:

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.

The bishop blesses the water in the font.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess, together with
these candidates, 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.**

The bishop addresses the candidate for baptism by name saying:

Anita, is this your faith?

Anita This is my faith.

The bishop baptises Anita and Alesha with the words

Anita/Alesha, I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

The candidates for confirmation who have previously been baptised come forward to the font and sign themselves with water as a remembrance of their baptisms.

The bishop addresses the congregation

Almighty God,
we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith
with all who have been baptized in your name.
Keep us faithful to our baptism
and make us ready for that day
when the whole creation shall be made perfect in your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

CONFIRMATION

The bishop stands before those who are to be confirmed

Our help is in the name of the Lord

All who made heaven and earth.

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

All now and for ever. Amen.

The bishop extends his hands towards the candidates saying

Almighty and ever-living God,
you have given these your servants new birth
in baptism by water and the Spirit,
and have forgiven them their sins.
Let your Holy Spirit rest upon them:
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding;
the Spirit of counsel and inward strength;
the Spirit of knowledge and true godliness;
and let their delight be in the fear of the Lord.

All Amen.

The bishop addresses each candidate by name and anoints them with the oil of chrism

N, God has called you by name and made you his own.

He then lays his hands on the head of each, saying

Confirm, O Lord, your servant with your Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

The bishop invites the congregation to pray for all those on whom hands have been laid

**All Defend, O Lord,
these your servants with your heavenly grace,
that they may continue yours for ever,
and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more
until they come to your everlasting kingdom.
Amen**