



Parish of Mottingham St Andrew with St Alban

29th August, 2021, 10.30 am, Trinity 13 – St Andrew's & St Alban's Churches

Today we welcome Zaki, his Parents and Godparents for the joyous occasion of his Baptism

Opening Hymn

Introduction to worship: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

Lord, your compassion is over all the earth. Lord have mercy.

All: Lord have mercy.

Your loving kindness is for all, and brings healing to our souls. Christ have mercy.

All: Christ have mercy.

Your faithfulness is revealed from generation to generation. Lord have mercy.

All: Lord have mercy.

Absolution

Gloria: (Said together): *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 sins 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.*

Collect: The Collect/Prayer for the Day.

First Reading: (James 1: 17-27) Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act – they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

This is the word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia: *Pray for the Holy Spirit's grace to purify your hearts and minds.* **Alleluia.**

Gospel Reading: (Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23). *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 the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, "This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines."'

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.' For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'

*This is the Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.***

Sermon

Baptism (At St Andrew's)

Prayers (At St Alban's) Lord in your mercy. **All: Hear our prayer**

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

The Peace The Peace of the Lord be always with you. **All: And also with you.**

Hymn

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.

All: It is right to give thanks and praise.

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power & might, heaven & 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: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: All: Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

The Lord's Prayer.

Celebrant: 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.

All: Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. (X2)

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world. Grant us peace.

Celebrant: God's holy gifts, for God's holy people. **All: Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

Prayer after Communion: 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.

Blessing The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

Closing Hymn

Dismissal Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **All: In the name of Christ. Amen.**_____

Notices.

Aid for Afghan Refugees coming to Greenwich and Lewisham. Donations of clothes and electrical goods would be greatly appreciated. Please deliver these to St Andrew's Church, on Sunday and Wednesday mornings, or call the Rectory, 020 8488 8783 to arrange delivery.

Mid-week Eucharist: Wednesday 1st September, St Andrew's, 10.00 am.

Morning Prayer: Friday 3rd September, 9 am, on Zoom.

PCC Meeting, Tuesday Tuesday 14th September, 7.30 pm, St Andrew's Church.

PCC Treasurer, from January 2022: If anybody would be interested in filling this vacancy, please contact Revd Ian..

Prayers for the sick: John Potts, Pip Bampton, Tom Biro, Roger Welch, Chloe Sissons, Jim Bulford, Helen Donaldson, Baby Cody, Baby Ruby, David and Janet Hughes, Betty Walsh, Sally Edwards, Wynne Bowen, Tracey Harison, Marion Harison, Baby Niamh King, Humphrey Butts, Everest Ungar, Eve Palmer, Baby Indigo, Elizabeth McKenzie, Mark Burkitt, Ivor and Anne Harper, John Symons, Victoria Adeniran, Mary Clotilda.

We continue to hold our dear departed loved ones & friends in our prayers, In particular: Revd Dave Warren, Joyce Hails, David Howard, Paul Baldwin Alexander Campbell, and all whose Year's Mind falls at this time.