



**ST. GEORGE'S**

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF  
THE BLUE MOUNTAINS

# A Service of Baptism and Holy Eucharist

With the Baptismal Welcome of

**Albert David Paul**

*Sunday August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.*

# **A “Church-on-the-Lawn” Service**

Celebrant and Homilist:

The Rev’d Dr. Grayhame Bowcott

Director of Music: Mrs. Janet Cringle  
with Members of the St. George’s Choir

## **The Holy Day of Saint Mary the Virgin**

# **The Welcoming of the Community**

by The Rev'd Grayhame Bowcott

*The Priest greets the people with these words:*

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

**People: And also with you!**

*The Priest:*

There is one body and one Spirit,

**People: There is one hope in God's call  
to us;**

*The Priest:*

One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

**People: One God and Father of all.**

# **The Opening Hymn**

*as led by members of the choir*

## **~ Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters**

1. Wash, O God, our sons and daughters  
where your cleansing waters flow.

Number them among your people,  
bless as Christ blessed long ago.

Weave them garments bright and sparkling;  
compass them with love and light.

Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit,  
holy dove and heart's delight.

2. We who bring them long for nurture ;  
by your milk may we be fed.

Let us join your feast, partaking  
cup of blessing, living bread.

God, renew us; guide our footsteps;  
free from sin and all its snares,

One with Christ in living, dying,  
by your Spirit, children, heirs.

3.O how deep your holy wisdom!  
Unimagined , all your ways!  
To your name be glory, honour!  
With our lives, we worship, praise!  
We your people stand before you,  
water-washed and Spirit- born.  
By your grace, our lives we offer.  
Recreate us; God , transform!

## The Collect of the Day

*The Priest:*

O God, you have taken to yourself  
the blessed Virgin Mary,  
mother of your incarnate Son.

May we who have been redeemed by  
his blood, share with her the glory of  
your eternal kingdom,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the  
Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.

## **The Proclamation of the Word**

### ***The First Reading***

**Isaiah 7.10-15**

*as read by*

**Psalm 132.6-10, 13-14**

*as read together by the congregation*

We heard of it in Ephrathah;  
we found it in the fields of Jaar.  
‘Let us go to his dwelling-place;  
let us worship at his footstool.’

Rise up, O LORD, and go to your resting-place,

you and the ark of your might.

Let your priests be clothed with righteousness,

and let your faithful shout for joy.

For your servant David's sake

do not turn away the face of your anointed one.

For the LORD has chosen Zion;

he has desired it for his habitation:

'This is my resting-place for ever;

here I will reside, for I have desired it.

**Glory be to the Father and Son and the Holy Spirt. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

## *The Second Reading*

### **Galatians 4.4-7**

*as read by*

## **The Gradual Hymn**

*as led by members of the choir*

### **~ My Soul Proclaims Your Glory, Lord**

1. My soul proclaims your glory, Lord,  
My spirit sings with thankful voice,  
For you my lowly prayer have heard;  
In you, my Saviour, I rejoice.

2. Nations unborn will bless your name,  
Giver of boundless grace to me,  
In every age you are the same:  
You make the humble whole and free.

***The congregation remains standing.***



# **The Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke**

*St. Luke 1.46-55, as proclaimed by  
The Rev'd Grayhame Bowcott*

## **The Gradual Hymn – VERSE 5**

5. Glory to God, all being's Spring,  
To God the Word, salvation's voice,  
To God the Spirit, praise we sing;  
With all the ages we rejoice.

## **The Sermon**

The Rev'd Dr. Grayhame Bowcott

# Presentation of the Candidate to the Priest

## *The Sponsor presents*

Fr. Grayhame, I present to you Albert David Paul as a Baptismal Candidate.

## *The Priests asks the parents and godparents of baby Albert*

Do you desire for your child to be welcomed into the Body of Christ through the sacrament of Baptism?

## *The parents and godparents respond*

**We do!**

## *The Priest continues towards the gathered community*

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 this baptismal candidate and uphold *him* in *his* new life in Christ?

**All With the help of God, we will.**

Today we are trusting God for *Albert's* growth in faith.

Will you pray for *him*,  
draw *him* by your example into the community of  
faith and walk with *him* in the way of Christ?

**All With the help of God, we will.**

Will you care for *him*,  
and help *him* to take *his* place  
within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

**All With the help of God, we will.**

## The Examination

*The Priest continues with the examination of the  
parents and godparents on behalf of baby Albert*

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?

**We reject them.**

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

**We renounce them.**

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God  
and neighbour?

**We repent of them.**

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

**We turn to Christ.**

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

**We submit to Christ.**

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the  
life?

**We come to Christ.**

*The Priest continues*

## **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 thank you, almighty God, for the gift of water  
to sustain, refresh and cleanse all life.

Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of  
creation.

Through water you led the children of Israel  
from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the Promised  
Land.

In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John  
and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah,  
the Christ,  
to lead us from the death of sin to newness of life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism.

In it we are buried with Christ in his death.

By it we share in his resurrection.

Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.

Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son,  
we baptize into his fellowship those who come to  
him in faith.

Now sanctify this water that, by the power of your  
Holy Spirit,  
they may be cleansed from sin and born again.

Renewed in your image, may they walk by the light of  
faith  
and continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ  
our Lord;  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be all honour and glory, now and for ever.

**All** Amen.

## **Profession of Faith**

Brothers and sisters, you are most welcome to join  
with *Albert's family* in professing the faith of our  
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.**

# Prayers for the Candidate

*The Priest then says to the congregation:*

Let us now pray for *Albert* who is to receive the sacrament of baptism.

*As led by Donna Whiteside*

*Leader* Open *Albert's* heart to your grace and truth.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Fill *him* with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Teach *him* to love others in the power of the Spirit.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Send *him* into the world in witness to your love.



*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Bring *him* to the fullness of your peace and glory.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*The Priest concludes*

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend Albert and his family, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Priest continues with the parents assisting*

## **Baptism**

*Albert David*, I baptize you  
in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

# Signing with the Cross

Christ claims you for his own.

Receive the sign of his cross.

May almighty God protect you and bless you,  
May He shape you in you the image of his glory,  
and lead you in the light and grace of Christ.

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

**All Amen.**

## *The Priest leads in prayer*

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 Priest continues*

# The Commissioning

God of grace and life,  
in your love you have given us  
a place among your people;  
keep us faithful to our baptism,  
and prepare us for that glorious day  
when the whole creation will be made perfect in your  
Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. **All Amen.**

*Albert*, today God has touched you with his love and  
given you a place among his people.  
God promises to be with you  
in joy and in sorrow,  
to be your guide in life,  
and to bring you safely to heaven.  
In baptism God invites you on a life-long journey.

Together with all God's people  
you must explore the way of Jesus  
and grow in friendship with God,  
in love for his people,  
and in serving others.

With us you will listen to the word of God  
and receive the gifts of God.

## **Giving of a Lighted Candle**

God has delivered us from the fear 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.

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

## **The Welcome and Peace**

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

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

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**All and also with you.**

*The members of the community, ministers and people, may greet one another (while observing social distancing protocols) in the name of the Lord.*

## **The Celebration of the Eucharist**

### **The Preparation of the Gifts**

#### **Prayer over the Gifts**

*The Priest then prays:*

God of mercy,  
receive all we offer you this day.  
May we share with the Virgin Mary  
the joys of your eternal kingdom,  
and live with you in unending love.  
We ask this in the name of  
Jesus Christ our Lord  
**Amen.**

# **The Great Thanksgiving**

*Children's Prayer #1,*

*The Church of England*

*Priest* The Lord is here.

*People* **His Spirit is with us.**

*Priest* Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

*Priest* It is always right to give you thanks, God our Creator, loving and faithful, holy and strong.

You made the whole universe and filled your world with life.

You sent your Son to live among us, Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child.

He suffered on the cross; he died to save  
us from our sins;  
he rose in glory from the dead.

You sent the Holy Spirit to bring new  
life to the world,  
and clothe us with power from on high.

And so we join with the angels to  
celebrate and sing:

*(Sung by all)*

Common Praise #719

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power  
and might,**

**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.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*Priest* Father, on the night before he died, Jesus shared a meal with his friends.

He took the bread, and thanked you.  
He broke it, and gave it to them, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for  
you.  
Do this to remember me.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of  
wine.  
He gave thanks to you, and gave it to  
them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you. This is my blood,  
the new promise of God's unfailing  
love.  
Do this to remember me.



Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

Father, as we bring this bread and wine,  
and remember his death and  
resurrection,

send your Holy Spirit, that we who  
share these gifts may be fed by Christ's  
body and his blood.

Pour your Spirit on us that we may love  
one another,

work for the healing of the earth,  
and share the good news of Jesus,  
as we wait for his coming in glory.

For honour and praise belong to you,  
Father, with Jesus your Son,  
and the Holy Spirit:  
one God, for ever and ever.

*People* **Amen.**

*Priest* And now, as our Saviour Christ  
has taught us,  
we are bold to pray,

*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.

*Silence*

# The Breaking of the Bread

*The Priest breaks the consecrated bread for distribution, and then prays:*

*Priest* Lord, we died with you on the cross.

*All* Now we are raised to new life.

*Priest* We were buried in your tomb.

*All* Now we share in your resurrection.

*Priest* Live in us, that we may live in you.

*Instructions on the Administration of the Bread will be shared with the Congregation and Holy Communion will be brought to the congregation as they remain seated.*

## The Communion

*The Priest invites the people to share in communion, saying:*

The gifts of God for the People of God.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Communion Music:** *as led by members of  
the Saint George's Choir*

**Change My Heart O God**

Change my heart, O God; Make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God. May I be like You.  
( sing 2X)

You are the potter. I am the clay.  
Mold me and make me. This is what I pray.  
Change my heart, O God; Make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God. May I be like You.

**Prayer after Communion**

*The congregation joins the Priest  
in standing.*

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*The Priest then prays:*

Gracious God, lover of all,  
by this sacrament you make us one  
family in Christ your Son,  
one in the sharing of his body and  
blood, one in the communion of his  
Spirit.

Help us to grow in love for one another  
and come to the full maturity of the  
Body of Christ.

We ask this in his name.

**Amen.**

*Sung by all.*

**Glory to God,  
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.**

# The Blessing

The God of all grace,  
who called you to his eternal glory in Christ  
Jesus,  
establish, strengthen and settle you in the  
faith;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**All Amen.**

## *Closing Hymn* **~ We Are Called**

1. Come! Live in the light!  
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!  
We are called to be light for the kingdom,  
To live in the freedom of the city of God.

REFRAIN:

We are called to act with justice,  
We are called to love tenderly ;  
We are called to serve one another,  
To walk humbly with God.

2. Come! Open your heart!

Show your mercy to all those in fear!  
We are called to be hope for the hopeless  
So hatred and blindness will be - no more.

REFRAIN..

3. Sing! Sing a new song!

Sing of that great day when all will be one!  
God will reign, and we'll walk with each  
other

As sisters and brothers - united in love.

REFRAIN...

*The Dismissal*

*We are pleased to have you worship with us on  
this day of celebration in the life of our St.  
George's family of faith. It is our prayer that you  
will find your faith strengthened and your hope  
renewed in this celebration.*

*If this service has inspired your own faith and you  
are seeking to know more about Baptism or  
membership in the Anglican Church of Canada  
please come back to visit us any time  
or call (519) 599-3047  
to arrange a pastoral visit.*

*Seekers and new members are always welcome!  
May Christ bless you in your faith journey.*

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