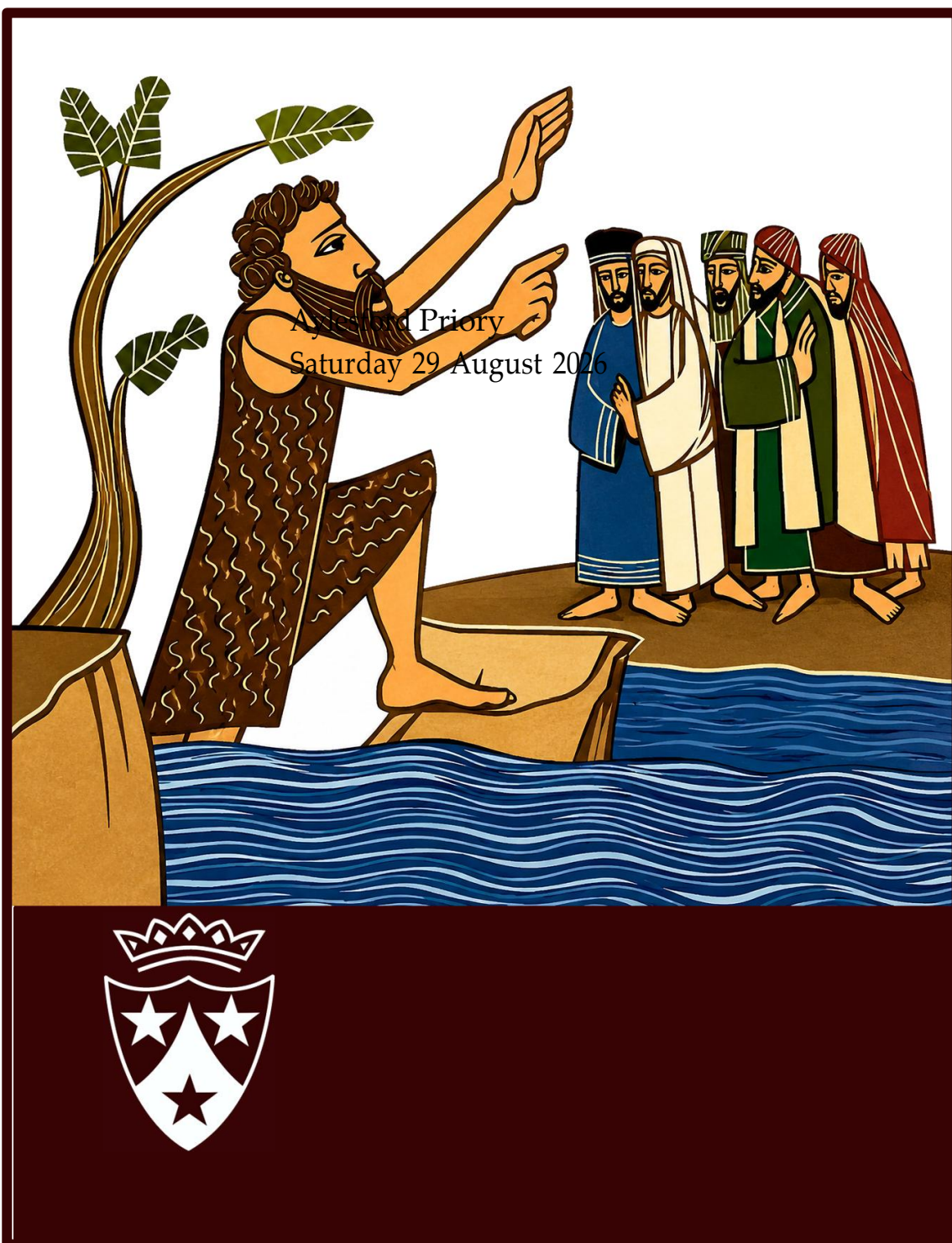


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August 29

THE PASSION OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

OPENING HYMN

ON Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Come then and harken, for he brings
Glad tidings from the King of kings.

Then cleansed be every Christian breast,
And furnished for so great a guest!
Yea, let us each our hearts prepare
For Christ to come and enter there.

For thou art our salvation, Lord,
Our refuge and our great reward;
Without thy grace our souls must fade,
And wither like a flower decayed.

Stretch forth thine hand, to heal our sore,
And make us rise to fall no more;
Once more upon thy people shine,
And fill the world with love divine.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee
Whose advent sets thy people free,
Whom, with the Father, we adore,
And Spirit, blest, for evermore. Amen.

Words: Latin, Charles Coffin, 1676-1749

tr. John Chandler, 1806-1876

Tune: WINCHESTER NEW,

adapted from a chorale in

Musicalisches Hand-Buch, 1690

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

✠ In the name of the Father and of the
Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Peace be with you.

And with your spirit.

*The Bishop introduces today's Mass,
and invites us to call to mind our sins.*

Brothers and sisters,
let us acknowledge our sins,
and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

**I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do**

And, striking their breast, they say:

**through my fault,
through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;**

**therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-
Virgin, all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

Amen.

Lord,___ have mer - cy. Lord,___ have mer - cy.

Christ,___ have mer - cy. Christ,___ have mer - cy.

Lord,___ have mer - cy. Lord,___ have mer - cy.

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Dom Gregory Murray OSB, 1905-1992

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Glo - ry to God in the high - est,___ and

peace to his peo-ple on earth.___ Lord God,

hea - ven-ly King,___ al - migh - ty God and Fa -

ther,___ we wor - ship you, we give you

thanks, we praise you. for your glo - ry. Lord,
Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord
God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world: have mer - cy on
us; you are seat - ed at the right hand
of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.
For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -
lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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THE COLLECT

Let us pray.

O GOD,
who willed that Saint John the Baptist
should go ahead of your Son
both in his birth and in his death,
grant that, as he died a Martyr for truth and justice,
we, too, may fight hard
for the confession of what you teach.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Please be seated.



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 1:4, 17-19

'Say to them everything that I command you.

Do not be dismayed by them.'

A reading from the Prophet

Jeremiah. In those days:

⁴ The word of the LORD came to me, saying,

¹⁷ 'Dress yourself for work;

arise, and say to them everything that I command you.
Do not be dismayed by them, lest I dismay you before
them.

¹⁸ And I, behold, I make you this day
a fortified city, an iron pillar, and bronze
walls, against the whole land,
against the kings of Judah, its officials, its
priests, and the people of the land.

¹⁹ They will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail against you,
for I am with you, declares the LORD, to deliver you.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

WILD and lone the prophet's voice
Echoes through the desert still,
Calling us to make a choice,
Bidding us to do God's will:
"Turn from sin and be baptized;
Cleanse your heart and mind and soul.
Quitting all the sins you prized,
Yield your life to God's control.

"Bear the fruit repentance sows:
Lives of justice, truth, and love.
Trust no other claim than those;
Set your heart on things above.
Soon the Lord will come in power,
Burning clean the threshing floor:
Then will flames the chaff devour;
Wheat alone shall fill God's store."

With such preaching, stark and bold,
John proclaimed salvation near,
And his timeless warnings hold
Words of hope to all who hear.
So we dare to journey on,
Led by faith through ways untrod,
Till we come at last like John
To behold the Lamb of God.

Words: Carl P Daw Jr, b.1944

Tune: ABERYSTWYTH, Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

Please stand

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL Matt 5:10

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are those who are persecuted
for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

THE HOLY GOSPEL Mark 6:17-29

'I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.'

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time:

- ¹⁷ Herod had sent and seized John
and bound him in prison for the sake of
Herodias, his brother Philip's wife,
because he had married her.
- ¹⁸ For John had been saying to Herod,
'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.'
- ¹⁹ And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to
put him to death. But she could not,
- ²⁰ for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous
and holy man, and he kept him safe.
When he heard him, he was greatly
perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly.
- ²¹ But an opportunity came
when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his
nobles and military commanders and the leading
men of Galilee.

- ²² For when Herodias's daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests.
And the king said to the girl,
'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you.'
- ²³ And he vowed to her,
'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom.'
- ²⁴ And she went out and said to her mother, 'For what should I ask?'
And she said, 'The head of John the Baptist.'
- ²⁵ And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying,
'I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.'
- ²⁶ And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests
he did not want to break his word to her.
- ²⁷ And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head.
He went and beheaded him in the prison
- ²⁸ and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother.
- ²⁹ When his disciples heard of it,
they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE HOMILY

The Bishop of Richborough

THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY HYMN

FOR all your saints still active,
For those whose work is done;
For saints with you in glory
Whose earthly race is run.
You rose as King and Sov'reign,
That they the crown might wear,
Reserved for those who humbly
Your earthly pathway share.

Give thanks for John the Baptist,
Forerunner of the Word,
Who went ahead preparing
The way for Christ our Lord.
Greatest among the prophets,
He saw in Christ the One
Whom God had sent to save us,
Jesus, his only Son.

We praise you, God our Father,
We worship Christ, your Son,
We glorify your Spirit,
Forever three, yet one.
On earth we see you dimly,
In heaven face to face;
And then with all who've served you,
We'll praise you, God of Grace.

Words: various

Tune: THORNBURY, Basil Harwood, 1859-1949

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**



PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

THROUGH these offerings
which we bring you, O Lord,
grant that we may make straight your paths,
as taught by that voice crying in the desert,
Saint John the Baptist,
who powerfully sealed his teaching
by the shedding of his blood.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and just.

Preface

The mission of the Precursor

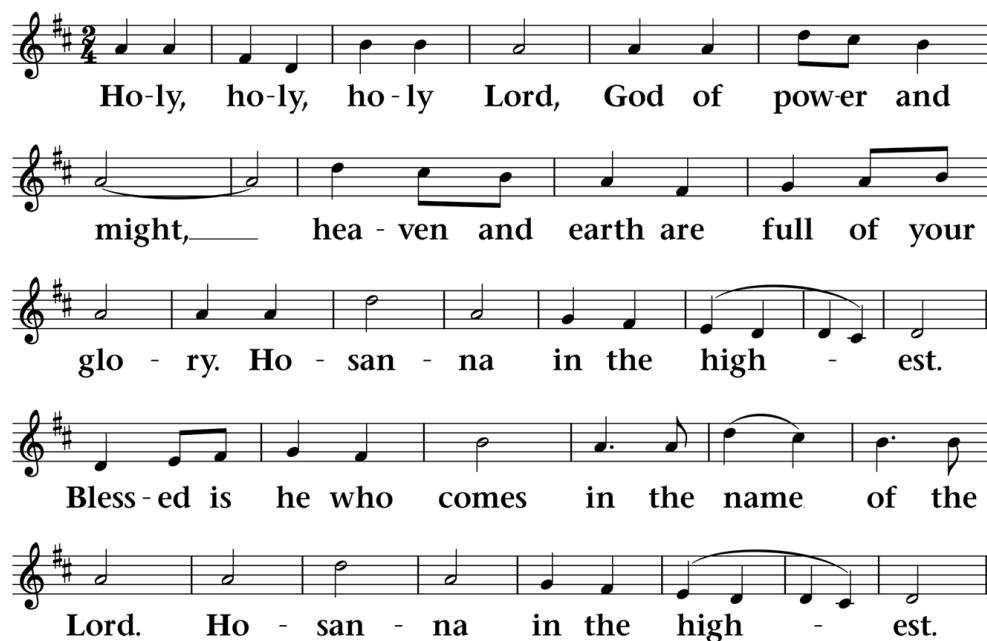
IT is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
Through Christ our Lord.

In his Precursor, Saint John the Baptist,
we praise your great glory,
for you consecrated him for a singular honour
among those born of women.

His birth brought great rejoicing;
even in the womb he leapt for joy
at the coming of human salvation.
He alone of all the prophets
pointed out the Lamb of redemption.

And to make holy the flowing waters,
he baptized the very author of Baptism
and was privileged to bear him supreme witness
by the shedding of his blood.

And so, with the Powers of heaven,
we worship you constantly on earth,
and before your majesty
without end we acclaim:



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of power and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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The Bishop continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

After the words of Jesus, he says:

The mystery of faith:

**We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.**

*The Prayer continues and leads into the doxology, to
which all respond boldly:*

Amen.

Silence is kept.

THE COMMUNION RITE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

At the Saviour's command
and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**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.**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as
we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**For the kingdom,
the power and the glory are yours
now and for ever.**

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles:
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,
look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and
graciously grant her peace and unity
in accordance with your will.
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And with your spirit.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin_

of the world, have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin_

of the world, have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin_

of the world, grant us peace.

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HOLY COMMUNION

BEHOLD the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of the world,
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.
Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION HYMNS

BREAD of heaven, on thee we feed,
For thy flesh is meat indeed;
Ever may our souls be fed
With this true and living
bread, Day by day with
strength supplied Through
the life of him who died.

Vine of heaven, thy blood supplies
This blest cup of sacrifice;
'Tis thy wounds our healing give;
To thy cross we look and live:
Thou our life! O let us be
Rooted, grafted, built on thee.

Words: Josiah Conder, 1789-1855

Tune: BREAD OF HEAVEN,

William Dalrymple MacLagan, 1826-1910

arr. John Birch, 1929-2012



LORD, accept the gifts we offer
At this Eucharistic feast,
Bread and wine to be transformed now
Through the action of thy priest.
Take us too, Lord, and transform us,
May thy grace in us increase.

May our souls be pure and spotless
As the host of wheat so fine;
May all stain of sin be crushed out,
Like the grape that forms the wine,
As we, too, become partakers,
In the sacrifice divine.

Take our gifts, almighty Father,
Living God, eternal, true,
Which we give through Christ our Saviour,
Pleading here for us anew.
Grant salvation to all present,
And our faith and love renew.

Words: Sister M. Teresine, 1897-1988

Tune: WESTMINSTER ABBEY, *adapted from Purcell*
for BELVILLE in The Psalmist 1843

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

GRANT, O Lord,
as we celebrate
the heavenly birth of Saint John the Baptist,
that we may revere, for what it signifies,
the saving Sacrament we have received and,
even more, may rejoice
at its clear effects in us.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

THE BLESSING

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Bow down for the blessing.

May the Christian people exult, O Lord,
at the glorification of the illustrious members
of your Son's Body,
and may they gain a share in the eternal lot
of the Saints on whose feast day
they reaffirm their devotion to you,
rejoicing with them for ever in your glory.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,
the ✠ Father, and the ✠ Son, and the ✠ Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you for ever.

Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

FINAL HYMN

**YE watchers and ye holy ones,
Bright Seraphs, Cherubim and Thrones,
Raise the glad strain, Alleluya!
Cry out Dominions, Princedoms, Powers,
Virtues, Archangels, Angels' choirs:
Alleluya, Alleluya,
Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya!**

**O higher than the Cherubim, More
glorious than the Seraphim,
Lead their praises, Alleluya!
Thou Bearer of the eternal Word,
Most gracious, magnify the Lord,
Alleluya, Alleluya,
Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya!**

**Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
Ye Patriarchs and Prophets blest,
Alleluya, Alleluya!
Ye holy Twelve, ye Martyrs strong,
All Saints triumphant, raise the song,
Alleluya, Alleluya,
Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya!**

**O friends, in gladness let us sing,
Supernal anthems echoing,
Alleluya, Alleluya!
To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Alleluya, Alleluya,
Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya!**

Words: John Athelstan Riley, 1858-1945

Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN,

Melody adapted by David Corner, c1585-1648



THE ANGELUS

The angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary. Luke 1: 26-35
And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Luke 1:28
 Blessed art thou among women,
 and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Luke 1:42
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, Luke 1:43
now, and at the hour of our death. Amen. cf Luke 2:35

Behold the handmaid of the Lord. Luke 1:38
Be it unto me according to thy Word.
 Hail Mary...

And the Word was made flesh, John 1:14
And dwelt among us.
 Hail Mary...

Pray for us, holy Mother of God.
That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

WE beseech thee, O Lord,
 pour thy grace into our hearts;
 that as we have known the incarnation
 of thy Son Jesus Christ
 by the message of an angel,
 so by his cross ✠ and passion
 we may be brought to the glory of his resurrection.
 Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



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