

The Benefice of Bedale

St Mary the Virgin
Thornton Watlass



Confirmation

Sunday 15 June 2025

The Rt Rev'd Anna Eltringham,
Bishop of Ripon in the Diocese of

Choir Introit

422 Praise my soul the King of Heaven

HYMN

THE GREETING

The bishop greets the people and introduces the service

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Peace be with you, **and also with you.**

GLORIA

Glory to God, glory to God, Glory to the Father.

Glorify God, glorify God, glorify the Father.

To God be glory forever. **To God be glory forever.**

Alleluia, Amen. **Alleluia, Amen. X3**

Glory to God, glory to God, Glory to the Son.

Glory to God, glory to God, Glory to the Spirit.

THE COLLECT

Heavenly Father, by the power of your Holy Spirit
you give your faithful people new life in the water of baptism.
Guide and strengthen us by the same Spirit,
that we who are born again may serve you in faith and love,
and grow into the full stature of your Son, Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit now and for ever. **Amen**

Romans 5.1-5

NEW TESTAMENT READING

At the end the reader says

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

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John 16.12-15

THE GOSPEL

When the gospel is announced the reader says

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glorify to you, O Lord.

At the end

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

SERMON

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES

The bishop asks the candidate for baptism

Do you wish to be baptised?

I do.

The other candidates are presented to the congregation and the bishop asks:

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

I have.

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

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 life in Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

THE DECISION

Therefore I ask: Do you turn to Christ?

I turn to Christ.

Do you repent of your sins?

I repent of my sins.

Do you renounce evil?

I renounce evil.

May God who has given you the desire to follow Christ
give you strength to continue in the Way. **Amen.**

PRAYER OVER THE WATER

Praise God who made heaven and earth,
who keeps his promise for ever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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. **Amen.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The bishop addresses the congregation

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, who made all things?
We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ,
who redeemed the world? **We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in his Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God? **We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God:
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

BAPTISM

The bishop may address the candidate for baptism, saying

Sam, is this your faith? **This is my faith.**

Sam, I baptize you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The bishop signs the newly baptised with oil and says

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. **Amen.**

Then this prayer

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

CONFIRMATION

The bishop stands says to those to be confirmed:

Our help is in the name of the Lord

who has made heaven and earth.

Blessed be the name of the Lord **now and for ever. Amen.**

The bishop extends her hands towards those to be confirmed:

Almighty and ever-living God,
you have given these your servants new birth in baptism
by water and the Spirit, and have forgiven them all 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. **Amen.**

The bishop addresses each candidate by name

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

The Bishop lays her hand on the head of each, saying

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

The bishop then anoints the head of each with the oil of Chrism, saying

N be sealed with the seal of the Holy Spirit.

The bishop invites the congregation to pray

**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.**

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 **and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace

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HYMN

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

**Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things
come from you,
and of your own do we give you.**

The Lord is here. **His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Father, you made the world and love your creation.
You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.
His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death.
And so we gladly thank you,
with saints and angels praising you, and saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord

**God of power and might, 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.

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord;
and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.

He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my
body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.

Again he praised you, 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.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with
confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,

we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with St. Mary, St John and St Gregory and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours,
O loving Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray together, in the words that Jesus taught us,

**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.**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

THE AGNUS DEI

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy have mercy on us. (REPEAT)**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us, grant us, peace.**

GIVING OF COMMUNION

The bishop says the invitation to communion

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord
to the glory of God the Father.**

Choir Piece

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, our beginning and our end, preserve in your people the new life of baptism; as Christ receives us on earth, so may he guide us through the trials of this world, and enfold us in the joy of heaven, where you live and reign, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

COMMISSION

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

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord? **With the help of God, I will.**

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ? **With the help of God, I will.**

Will you seek and serve Christ in all people, loving your neighbour as yourself? **With the help of God, I will.**

Will you acknowledge Christ's authority over human society, by prayer for the world and its leaders, by defending the weak, and by seeking peace and justice? **With the help of God, I will.**

Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth? **With the help of God I will**

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HYMN

The bishop then blesses the people

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. and the blessing of God almighty..... **Amen.**

Choir Blessing

The bishop gives each of the newly confirmed a lighted candle saying

God has delivered us from the dominion 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.

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

Go in the light and peace of Christ **Thanks be to God.**