

The Parish Church of St Matthew
Northampton

132nd Patronal Festival

The Feast of Saint Matthew the Apostle



The Parish Mass
with Holy Baptism

Sunday 21 September 2025

10.15 am

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The Feast of St Matthew, Apostle

WELCOME to St Matthew's Parish Church for this celebration of the feast of St Matthew the Apostle, our titular saint and the protector of the church named in his honour.

Today we rejoice as a parish family in our Patronal Festival, giving thanks for the life and witness of St Matthew — apostle, evangelist, and faithful follower of Christ. It was on this date that the founding events of our parish took place culminating in the completion and consecration of this house of prayer 132 years ago. This day is also a celebration of God's enduring faithfulness to our community, and in particular to the people of Kingsley, across the generations. We give thanks for blessings bestowed.

In our Gospel reading we hear again the moment when Jesus calls Matthew from his work as a tax collector into a life of discipleship. Matthew's immediate response — rising and following — is a reminder to each of us that God's call can come in unexpected ways, and that no past or present circumstance is a barrier to grace.

As we worship today, let us give thanks for our calling as a parish, pray for the courage to follow Christ as Matthew did, and renew our commitment to be a place where all may hear Christ's words: *"Follow me."*

Baptism – a pastoral introduction

Also, this morning, we celebrate the baptism of Aaliyah Marie Murphy-Smith. Baptism marks the beginning of a journey with God which continues for the rest of our lives, the first step in response to God's love. For all involved, particularly the candidate but also parents and godparents, it is a joyful moment when we rejoice in what God has done for us in Christ, making serious promises and declaring the faith. The wider community of the church and friends welcome the new Christian, promising support and prayer for the future. Hearing and doing these things provides an opportunity to remember our own baptism and reflect on the progress made on that journey, which is now to be shared with this new member of the Church. Please remember Aaliyah in your prayers, her parents Donna and William, and godparents Rose and Carl.

Jesus said, 'I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.' *John 10.10*

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Order of Service

¶ The Gathering

§ *Please stand at the sound of the bell*

§ *The sanctuary party enters during the introit*

Introit

Choir *Aspire to God my soul, in soaring music,
in art, and words fantastical;
that saints may have true coin for heavens praise.
Cantate domino, cantate domino in excelsis.*

Words Canon John William Dilnot 1936-2020
from The Walter Hussey Centenary Mass
2009 commission

Music David Bednall b 1979

The priest intones

Let us go forth in peace.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Processional Hymn

All **HE sat to watch o'er customs paid,
A man of scorned and hardening trade;
Alike the symbol and the tool
Of foreign masters' hated rule.**

**But grace within his breast had stirred;
There needed but the timely word;
It came, true Lord of souls, from thee,
That royal summons, 'Follow me.'**

**Enough, when thou wast passing by
To hear thy voice, to meet thine eye:
He rose, responsive to the call,
And left his task, his gains, his all.**

**O wise exchange! with these to part,
And lay up treasure in the heart;
Who now with crown of light doth shine
Among the apostolic line.**

**Thy servant who once bore the light
Of gospel truth o'er heathen night,
Still may your work that light impart,
To glad our eyes and cheer our heart.**

**For at thy will he preached the word
Which cured disease, which health conferred;
O may thy healing power once more
Our souls to grace and health restore.**

**That when as judge thy Son shall come,
To bring his ransomed people home,
He may with him pronounce us blest,
And place us in thine endless rest.**

**Come, Saviour, as in days of old;
Pass where the world has strongest hold,
And faithless care and selfish greed
Are thorns which choke the holy seed.**

**Who keep thy gifts, O bid them claim
The steward's, not the owner's name;
Who yield up all for thy dear sake,
Let them of Matthew's wealth partake.**

**Let the round world with songs rejoice,
Let heaven return the joyful voice,
All mindful of the apostle's fame,
Let heaven and earth his praise proclaim.**

**To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, three in one,
Be honour, praise and majesty,
Now and throughout eternity. Amen.**

Words William Bright 1824-1901
and Latin, trans Richard Mant 1776-1848

Music Puer Nobis Nascitur
Melody adapted by Michael Praetorius 1571-1621
Harmony George Ratcliffe Woodward 1848-1934

† In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
All **Amen.**

The Greeting

All This is the day that the Lord has made
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

§ *The presiding priest introduces the feast,
and invites the parents and godparents to bring Aaliyah to the dais step*

Introduction to Baptism

At our Lord's baptism in the river Jordan
God showed himself to all who have eyes to see and ears to hear.
The Father spoke from heaven,
the Spirit descended as a dove
and Jesus was anointed with power from on high.
Here is the door of faith,
through which we enter the kingdom of heaven.
As children of God, we are adopted as his sons and daughters,
and called to proclaim the wonders of him
who called us out of darkness into his marvellous light.

§ *The parents and godparents return to their seats*

*The Ordinary of the Mass is sung to a choral setting –
Mass No 2 in G major, D 167 by Franz Schubert 1797-1828*

Gloria in Excelsis

Gloria in excelsis Deo
et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.
Laudamus te. Benedicimus te.
Adoramus te. Glorificamus te.
Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam.
Domine Deus, Rex caelestis,
Deus Pater omnipotens,
Domine Filii unigenite, Jesu Christe.
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris.
Qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

*Glory to God in the highest
and on earth peace to men of goodwill.
We praise you. We bless you.
We worship you. We glorify you.
We give thanks to you for your great glory.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God the Father,
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ.
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.
You take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.*

Qui tollis peccata mundi,
suscipe deprecationem nostram.
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,
miserere nobis.
Quoniam tu solus sanctus. Tu solus Dominus.
Tu solus altissimus, Jesu Christe.
Cum Sancto Spiritu
in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

*You take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
You sit at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you only are holy. You only are the Lord.
You only are the most high, Jesus Christ.
With the Holy Spirit
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

The Collect

Let us pray.

O almighty God,
whose blessed Son called Matthew the tax-collector
to be an apostle and evangelist:
give us grace to forsake the selfish pursuit of gain
and the possessive love of riches
that we may follow in the way of your Son Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All

Amen.

§ Sit

¶ The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Reader A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' who has

shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us.

2 Corinthians 4.1-7

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

§ *Stand*

Holy Gospel

Acclamation



Choir We praise you, O God, we acknowledge you to be the Lord.
The glorious company of apostles praise you.

All **Alleluia.**

§ *We turn to face the Book of the Gospels*

The Lord be with you
All **and also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.



As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him.

And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?' But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'

Matthew 9.9-13

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All



Homily

§ Sit

¶ The Liturgy of Baptism

Presentation of the Candidates

The parents and godparents gather with Aaliyah in the baptistry

The priest addresses the whole congregation:

Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me. Do not stop them'.
We thank God for Aaliyah Marie who has come to be baptized today.
Christ loves her and welcomes her into his Church.
So I ask you all:

Will you support this child as she begins her journey of faith?

All **We will.**

Will you help her to live and grow within God's family?

All **We will.**

The priest then addresses the parents and godparents:

God knows each of us by name and we are his.
Parents and godparents, you speak for Aaliyah today.
Will you pray for her,
and help her to follow Christ?

They respond

We will.

The Decision

§ *The Easter Candle is lit*

The priest address Aaliyah's parents and godparents

We all wander far from God and lose our way:
Christ comes to find us and welcomes us home.
In baptism we respond to his call.

Therefore I ask:

Do you turn away from sin?

I do.

Do you reject evil?

I do.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I do.

Do you trust in him as Lord?

I do.

Signing with the Cross

The priest anoints Aaliyah with the Oil of Baptism making the sign of the cross on her forehead

Christ claims you for his own.

Receive the sign of his cross.

Do not be ashamed of Christ.

You are his for ever.

All **Stand bravely with him against all the powers of evil,
and remain faithful to Christ 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.**

Prayer over the Water

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

All Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

We praise you, loving Father, for the gift of your Son Jesus.
He was baptized in the River Jordan,
where your Spirit came upon him
and revealed him as the Son you love.
He sent his followers to baptize all who turn to him.
Now, Father, we ask you to bless † this water,
that those who are baptized in it may be cleansed in the water of life,
and, filled with your Spirit,
may know that they are loved as your children,
safe in Christ for ever.
All **Amen.**

The Apostles' Creed

Priest Brothers and sisters,
I ask you to profess together with this family the faith of the Church.

All Do you believe and trust in God the Father?
**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

All Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?
**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.**

Baptism

The priest pours water on Aaliyah three times, saying

Aaliyah Marie, I baptize you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

Anointing with the Oil of Chrism

Aaliyah is once more anointed on the crown of the head

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.**

Giving of a Lighted Candle

*On Aaliyah's behalf a godparent is given a lighted candle lit
from the Easter Candle.*

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

All 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.**

Commission

Parents and godparents, we are glad to have welcomed you here for the baptism of Aaliyah Marie. Today she has joined us on our Christian journey. Baptism unites us with Christ and to his whole Church, on earth and in heaven.

Here, we'll do all that we can to ensure that there is a welcoming place for you. We will play our part in helping you guide Aaliyah along the way of faith.

Bringing up children as Christians has its challenges. Aaliyah will need to discover the story of Christ's birth, death and resurrection, the pattern of his loving life, and the teaching that he gave. We pray that she will come closer to God as she grows in faith, explores the Bible, and make her baptismal promises for herself when she comes to confirmation.

As well as worshipping with the Church, Christians follow Jesus by standing up for truth and justice, and showing compassion to those in need. They are to be faithful and loving. The example that you give by prayer and the life that you lead will affect Aaliyah for her whole life.

Remember to ask for God's help, and pray for her often, as we now pray for you.

Faithful and loving God,
bless those who care for Aaliyah
and grant them your gifts of love, wisdom and faith.
Pour upon them your healing and reconciling love,
and protect their home from all evil.
Fill them with the light of your presence
and establish them in the joy of your kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

§ *The congregation turn towards the front and kneel for the prayers*

§ *The baptismal group return to their seats, and the priest and server return to the nave sanctuary*

Prayers of the Faithful

Priest Let us pray to the Father giving thanks for the witness of his apostle, Matthew, and pray for the Church throughout the world, and in this place.

§ *Kneel*

Intercessor Father, keep us faithful to your Son's commission to preach the Gospel to the world.
We pray your blessing on this Diocese of Peterborough, and on this parish and house of prayer consecrated to your glory 132 years ago.
We thank you for the foresight and generosity of benefactors, the skill of craftsmen and artists, and for the witness of the faithful in each generation.

Lord, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

We pray for all who are involved in public service and administration. Grant them the spirit of compassion, patience, and gentleness in their dealings with others; with integrity and honesty may they serve the common good.

Lord, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Illuminate with your holy wisdom, all who seek to promote the gospel by their writings. We pray for all journalists and broadcasters that they may seek in all things to serve what is true and just.

Lord, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, hear us as we pray for all who are sick, for all who need healing, understanding, support and friendship.
(*The acutely ill ...*)

Deliver all who are imprisoned by addictions and compulsions,
whose mind is shackled to neuroses, depression, and fear,
those caught in the web of vice, the marginalised and rejected.

Lord, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

And welcome into your kingdom all who have died:
(*The recently departed, year's mind ...*), and all past worshippers.

Cleanse them from all their sins,
and bring them with the faithful departed
to that fullness of life and joy which you have promised us
in your Son Jesus Christ.

Lord, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Priest Loving Father,
you have built your Church on the foundation
of the apostles and prophets
with Jesus Christ himself as the chief corner-stone.
Join us together in unity of spirit by their doctrine,
that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you.

Lord of the Church

All **hear our prayer,
and make us one in heart and mind
to serve you with joy for ever.
Amen.**

§ *Stand*

¶ The Liturgy of the Sacrament

§ *Aaliyah is brought to the dais step*

The Welcome of the newly Baptized

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:
Aaliyah Marie, 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 certificate of baptism is presented*

Sign of Peace

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles,
I leave you peace, my peace I give you.
Look not on our sins but on the faith of your Church,
and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom,
where you live and reign for ever.

All **Amen.**

All The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer each other a sign of Christ's peace.

The Offertory

§ *The bread and wine are brought forward and given to the presiding priest
The altar is prepared*

Hymn

§ *A monetary collection is taken and placed under the altar.
For alternative ways of giving please refer to the front of this booklet.
Your generosity is much appreciated. Thank you.*

All **COME sing, ye choirs exultant,
Those messengers of God,
Through whom the living gospels,
Came sounding all abroad!
Whose voice proclaimed salvation
That poured upon the night,
And drove away the shadows,
And filled the world with light.**

In our harmonious witness
The chosen four combine,
While each his own commission
Fulfil in every line;
As, in the prophet's vision,
From out the amber flame
In mystic form and image
Four live creatures came.

Lo, these the wingèd chariots
That bring Emmanuel nigh;
The golden staves uplifted
The ark of God on high;
And these the fourfold river
Of paradise above,
Whence flow for all the nations
New mysteries of love.

Foursquare on this foundation
The Church of Christ remains,
A house to stand unshaken
By floods or winds or rains.
O glorious happy treasure
In this safe home to be,
By God, true man, united
With God eternally!

Words Latin, last 12th cent
after Adam of St Victor d 1146
tr Jackson Mason 1833-1888

Music Dies Dominica
John Bacchus Dykes 1823-1876

Invitation to Prayer

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

All **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 Church.**

Prayer over the Gifts

Lord, accept the prayers and gifts we present
on this feast of Saint Matthew.

Continue to guide us in your love
as you nourished the faith of your Church
by the preaching of the apostles;
we ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

All Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good,
that we should give you thanks, praise and glory,
almighty and everlasting God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For after his resurrection he sent out his apostles and evangelists
to preach the gospel to all nations
and lead us in the way of truth.
Himself the chief cornerstone,
he founded his Church upon the apostles
firmly to stand for ever as a sign of your holiness upon earth
and a living witness to all of the way that leads to heaven.

And so with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven
we lift our voices
and join in their unending hymn of praise.

Choir

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.
Osanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God of power and might.
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.*

Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domine.
Osanna in excelsis

*Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:

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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

All

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

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
 his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world,
 rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
 and looking for his coming in glory,
 we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
 As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
 we bring before you this bread and this cup
 and we thank you for counting us worthy
 to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
 and gather into one in your kingdom
 all who share this one bread and one cup.
 Welcome into your kingdom
 all who have faithfully worshipped you in this house of prayer
 and left this world in your friendship.
 In the company with Mary, the Virgin Mother of God,
 Matthew the apostle, and all the saints,
 may we with them praise and glorify you for ever,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
 for ever and ever.

All



The Blessed Sacrament is elevated and bells are rung

§ *Kneel*

The Lord's Prayer

Let us join with Matthew and the whole company of heaven
 in the prayer Jesus taught us:

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.**

Breaking of the Bread

God of promise,
you prepared a banquet for us in your kingdom.

All **Blessed are those who are called
to the supper of the Lamb!**

Agnus Dei

<i>Choir</i>	Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.	<i>Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.</i>
	Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.	<i>Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.</i>
	Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.	<i>Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.</i>

Invitation to Communion

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin 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.**

Giving of Communion

Jesus said, 'I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'

§ *Baptised persons who are communicant members of other Churches are warmly invited to receive Holy Communion.*

Alternatively, if you wish to receive a blessing, please bring this booklet with you as a sign. Thank you.

Motet

○ *sacrum convivium*

Grayston Ives b.1948

Choir

How holy this feast in which Christ is our food;
his passion is recalled;
grace fills our hearts;
and we receive a pledge of the glory to come.
Alleluia.

Translation of original Latin text

Hymn

All

**○ SON of Alphaeus, saint of Christ's own calling,
What did that wond'rous moment mean to thee,
When on thine ears the voice divine was falling,
That longing, love-constraining, 'Follow me'?**

**○ happy saint, who from that invitation
Henceforward counted earthly gain as loss;
Without delay, rose up in self-oblation,
And turned from Caesar's gold to Jesu's cross.**

**○ wisest choice, yea, wise beyond the telling,
Since neither eye nor ear nor heart may know
The things prepared in heaven's all-glorious dwelling
For those forsaking aught for Christ below.**

**Look down, O Lord, from thine eternal splendour,
And grant that whensoever we hear thy voice
We may with like whole-hearted self-surrender
At that dread moment make saint Matthew's choice.**

**Until within that radiant city glorious,
Whose gates are pearl, whose very streets are gold,
Thou shalt, thyself our priceless crown victorious,
That wealth eternal unto us unfold.**

Words Gertrude Hollis 1883-1968
'S Matthew's, Northampton
'The Oxford Movement in an English Parish'
Alfred Richard Mowbray & Co Ltd 1932

Music Strength and Stay
John Bowers Dykes 1823-1876

§ *We sit for a period of silent reflection and thanksgiving*

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

§ *Stand*

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All

Amen.

**Merciful God,
you have called us to your table
and fed us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation.
Draw us with your pilgrim people
to follow the good example of the apostles
and so serve your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

Hymn

All

**YE watchers and ye holy ones,
Bright seraphs, cherubim and thrones,
Raise the glad strain, Alleluya!
Cry out, dominions, principedoms, powers,
Virtues, archangels, angels' choirs,
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!**

**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!**

**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!**

Words John Athelstan Riley 1858-1945

Music Lasst uns erfreuen

Melody adapted by David Corner c1585-1648

Gross Catolisch Gesangbuch, 1631; from original in Geistliche Kirchengesäng, 1623

further adapted and harmonized by Ralph Vaughan Williams 1872-1958



Sending Out

All

**The Lord be with you
and also with you.**

Solemn Blessing

May God,
who kindled the fire of his love in the hearts of the apostles,
pour upon you the riches of his grace.

All **Amen.**

May he give you joy and fellowship
and a share in their praises.

All **Amen.**

May he strengthen you to follow them in the way of holiness
and to come to the full radiance of glory.

All **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty
the Father, the Son †, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

The Dismissal

The Mass is ended, go in light and peace of Christ

All **Thanks be to God.**

Organ Voluntary

Final [Sonata I, Opus 42]

Alexandre Guilmant 1837-1911

§ *Remain standing until the procession has departed*

§ *Those leaving immediately are asked to be aware of those who wish to listen to the organ voluntary*

§ *Refreshments are being served in church. Do please join us.*

§ *If you are a newcomer to the parish, please introduce yourself to the clergy or speak to a member of our Welcome Team.*

Our Patronal celebrations continue ...

This evening at 5.30 pm

Solemn Choral Evensong and Benediction

Next Sunday

132nd Dedication Festival

10.15 am The Parish Mass and Procession

Celebrant and Preacher

The Right Reverend John Stroyan

5.30 pm Solemn Choral Evensong

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