



**PORTSMOUTH
CATHEDRAL**



Eucharist
with the Baptism
of Lucas Yashvin William Gunga

The Sixth Sunday of Easter
Rogation Sunday

Sunday 5 May 2024

1100

**Thank you for joining us in worship. You are in our prayers
– and please pray for all those to whom we minister as a Cathedral.**
If you need any help please ask a sidesperson or churchwarden.

A particular welcome to the family of Lucas Gunga who is to be baptised during this morning's service. Lucas' parents Sachin and Hannah were married here in August 2020, with a virtual choir singing – so we are delighted to have wonderful music today to celebrate Lucas' baptism as a member of the Cathedral family as he is welcomed into God's family. The motet *A Bright Flame* has been written for Lucas by his father Sachin, our Cathedral Sub-Organist. The text is a prayer of St Columba, and the music is based on the notes that make up the letters in Lucas's name, combined with a plainsong psalm tone. It is also affectionately dedicated to Sachin's late father Yash (Dadaji to Lucas).

This morning: the President is the Canon Precentor
and the Preacher is Kitty Price, *Cathedral Reader*.
The Eucharistic setting this morning, sung by the Cathedral Choir (Girl Choristers), is the *Missa Brevis in D* by W. A. Mozart (1659-1695).

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The Gathering

As the Choir and ministers enter please stand, if you are able to, for the hymn.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing: Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
ye clouds that sail in heaven along, O praise him, Alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
ye lights of evening, find a voice...**

**Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for thy Lord to hear, Alleluia, alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
that givest us both warmth and light..**

**Dear mother earth, who day by day
unfoldest blessings on our way, O praise him, Alleluia!
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,
let them his glory also show...**

**Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness, O praise him, Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One...**

*Words: St Francis of Assisi (1182-1226) tr. William Draper (1855-1933)
Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN*

Please remain standing, if you are able to.

GREETING

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

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

All Alleluia! Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The President welcomes the congregation.

INTRODUCTION

God raised Jesus Christ from the dead
and sent the Holy Spirit to recall the whole world to himself.
In baptism we die to sin and rise to newness of life in Christ.
Here we find rebirth in the Spirit,
and set our minds on his heavenly gifts.
As children of God, we are continually created anew,
as we walk the path of faith,
feed on his healing grace
and rejoice in the glory to which we are called.

The Choir sings the Gloria. Please remain standing if you are able.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Gloria in excelsis Deo
et in terra pax
hominibus bonae voluntatis.

*Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace,
goodwill to all people.*

Laudamus te, benedicimus te,
adoramus te, glorificamus te,
gratias agimus tibi
propter magnam gloriam tuam.
Domine Deus, Rex coelestis,
Deus Pater omnipotens.
Domine Fili unigenite,
Jesu Christe.
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,
Filius Patris,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis;
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.

*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,
God the Father almighty.
Lord, the only-begotten Son,
Jesus Christ.
Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sin of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand
of the Father, have mercy on us.*

*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.*

Please remain standing, if you are able to, for the Collect.

THE COLLECT

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Please sit for the reading.

The Liturgy of the Word

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

read by Anne Thomas, Lucas' grandmother

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

(10.44-end)

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand, if you are able to, and face the Gospel as it is carried into our midst.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Choir Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Ask and you will receive, says the Lord,
so that your joy may be complete.

All **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL READING

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.**

Jesus said:

'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.

You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.'

(15.9-17)

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

As the Gospel is carried back, the organist improvises on the Gospel theme. Please sit after the Preacher's introduction.

SERMON

After the sermon, a moment of silence is kept.

The Liturgy of Baptism

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATE

*Lucas and his parents and Godparents come forward.
The president 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 this child
and uphold him in his new life in Christ?

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

Parents and Godparents, the Church receives this child with joy.
Today we are trusting God for his 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?

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

In baptism this child begins his journey in faith.
You speak for him today.
Will you care for him, and help him to take his place
within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

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

THE DECISION

The parents and Godparents are facing West - towards sunset, darkness and death.

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

Therefore, I ask:

Do you turn away from sin?

Answer **I do**

Do you reject evil?

Answer **I do**

The parents and Godparents turn to face East - towards sunrise, light and life.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

Answer **I do**

Do you trust in him as Lord?

Answer **I do**

SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

The president uses holy oil, as a mark of God's protection, and makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of the child.

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.**

As the family moves to the font, we sing this chant.

U-bi ca-ri - tas et a - mor, u-bi ca-ri - tas, De-us i - bi est.

The image shows a musical score for a Latin hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 2/4. The music is marked with a piano (*p*) dynamic. The lyrics are written below the notes. The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with the bass staff providing a harmonic accompaniment. There are some triplets and slurs in the melody.

PRAYER OVER THE WATER

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

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

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ
 was baptized in the river Jordan:
 we thank you for the gift of water to cleanse us and revive us.
All **Saving God, give us life.**

We thank you that through the waters of the Red Sea
 you led your people out of slavery to freedom
 in the promised land.
All **Saving God, give us life.**

We thank you that through the deep waters of death
 you brought your Son, and raised him to life in triumph.
All **Saving God, give us life.**

Bless this water, that your servants who are washed in it
 may be made one with Christ in his death and in his resurrection,
 to be cleansed and delivered from all sin.
All **Saving God, give us life.**

Send your Holy Spirit upon them,
 bring them to new birth in the household of faith,
 and raise them with Christ to full and eternal life;
 for all might, majesty, authority, and power are yours,
 now and for ever. Amen.
All **Saving God, give us life.**

Please stand, if you are able to.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

President Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess,
together with Lucas's parents and Godparents,
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.**

All Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?
**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.**

THE BAPTISM

Lucas Yashvin William, I baptize you
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
All **Amen.**

The president 'christens' the newly-baptised with oil of Chrism, anointing him with God's royal blessing and special favour.

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 family stay at the font for the intercessions.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

led by Lucas' Godfather Graham

Father, we thank you that by baptism
you have raised Lucas with Christ
to new life in the Spirit.
Guide and protect him,
and all who care for him, with your grace,
that he may follow you all his days
and grow in knowledge and love of you.

All Father, by the victory of your Son,
give light to the world.

May Christ who conquered sin and death
keep his whole Church faithful to his gospel.
Help us always to hold fast to truth
and to walk in the way of life.

All Father, by the victory of your Son,
give light to the world.

May the Holy Spirit fill the hearts and minds of all nations
to unite the world in peace and love.
By your healing power restore all that is broken
and unite us with you, our God and Father.

All Father, by the victory of your Son,
give light to the world.

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

Please stand, if you are able to, for the Peace.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

THE PEACE

By prayer and supplication with thanksgiving,
let your requests be made known to God.
And the peace of God which passes all understanding
will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

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

Deacon Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All are invited to exchange a gesture of peace with those nearby.

Please remain standing, if you are able to, for the hymn during which the altar table is prepared and bread and wine are placed on it. A collection is taken.



**God is Love, let heav'n adore him;
God is Love, let earth rejoice;
let creation sing before him
and exalt him with one voice.
He who laid the earth's foundation,
he who spread the heav'ns above
he who breathes through all creation,
he is Love, eternal Love.**

**God is Love: and he enfoldeth
all the world in one embrace;
with unfailing grasp he holdeth
every child of every race.
And, when human hearts are breaking
under sorrow's iron rod,
then they find that selfsame aching
deep within the heart of God.**

**God is Love: and though with blindness
sin afflicts the souls of men,
God's eternal loving-kindness
holds and guides them even then.
Sin and death and hell shall never
o'er us final triumph gain;
God is Love, so Love for ever
o'er the universe must reign.**

*Words: Timothy Rees (1874-1939)
Tune: ABBOT'S LEIGH*

Please remain standing, if you are able to, for the Eucharistic Prayer.

Blessed be God, by whose grace creation is renewed,
by whose love heaven is opened,
by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

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 to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and Father, through Jesus Christ your Son.
Through him you have created us in your own image,
and made us stewards of your good creation.

Through him you teach us to exult in the birds of the air,
the lilies of the field,
the life-giving harvest of land and sea.
Through him you free us from the slavery of sin,
giving him to die upon the cross
and to rise again for our salvation.
Through him, you begin your work of new creation,
as we look for a new heaven and a new earth
in which your righteousness dwells.
Therefore, we join with angels and archangels
and give voice to every creature under heaven,
for ever praising you and singing:

The Choir sings.

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus	<i>Holy, holy, holy</i>
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.	<i>Lord God of hosts.</i>
Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.	<i>Heaven and earth are full of your glory.</i>
Hosanna in excelsis.	<i>Hosanna in the highest.</i>
Benedictus qui venit	<i>Blessed is he who comes</i>
in nomine Domini.	<i>in the name of the Lord.</i>
Hosanna in excelsis.	<i>Hosanna in the highest.</i>

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.

Deacon
All

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 Mary, Thomas of Canterbury
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.

All

Amen.

Please kneel or sit. A time of silence is kept.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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.**

The Choir sings the Agnus Dei.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis *Lamb of God, you take away*
peccata mundi, miserere nobis. *the sin of the world: have mercy upon us.*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis *Lamb of God, you take away*
peccata mundi, miserere nobis. *the sin of the world: have mercy upon us.*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis *Lamb of God, you take away*
peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem. *the sin of the world: grant us peace.*

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
All **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

All are encouraged to come forward for Communion or a blessing.

Please follow the instructions of the sidespeople. If you would prefer a blessing, please carry this service booklet as a signal to the minister.

No one is obliged to receive the wine if they prefer not to – but intinction (dipping the wafer into the cup) will not be permitted, so as to ensure the best safety of all.

During Communion the Choir sings.

O my dearest Lord, be thou a bright flame before me.
Be thou a guiding star above me.
Be thou a smooth path beneath me.
Be thou a kindly shepherd behind me, today and for evermore. Amen.

*Words: a prayer of St Columba
Music: S. Y. Gunga (b.1986)*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness,
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
All **Amen.**

After any notices please stand, if you are able to, for the final hymn.

1 Sing of the Lord's good-ness, Fa-ther of all wis-dom,

come to him and bless his name. Mer-cy he has shown us,

Descant
You peo - ple

his love is for ev - er, faith-ful to the end of days.

come sing praise, sing praise to

Refrain

Come then, all you na-tions, sing of your Lord's good-ness, me-lo - dies of praise and

God. Come and

thanks to God. Ring out the Lord's glo - ry, praise him with your mu - sic,

Last time

wor-ship him and bless his name.

2. **Power he has wielded, honour is his garment,
risen from the snares of death.
His word he has spoken, one bread he has broken,
new life he now gives to all.**

*Come, then, all you nations,
sing of your Lord's goodness,
melodies of praise and thanks to God.
Ring out the Lord's glory,
praise him with your music,
worship him and bless his name.*

3. **Courage in our darkness, comfort in our sorrow,
Spirit of our God most high;
solace for the weary, pardon for the sinner,
splendour of the living God...**

4. **Praise him with your singing, praise him with the trumpet,
praise God with the lute and harp;
praise him with the cymbals, praise him with your dancing,
praise God till the end of days...**

*Words: Ernest Sands (b.1949)
Tune: SING OF THE LORD'S GOODNESS*

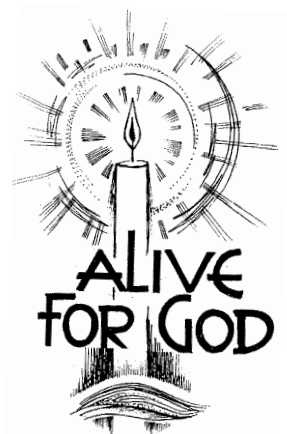
*Please remain standing as a baptism candle is given to Lucas,
lit from the Easter Candle.*

GIVING OF A LIGHTED CANDLE

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

Lucas, 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.**



BLESSING

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

God the Father,
by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,
strengthen you by his life-giving Spirit
to walk with him in the paths of righteousness and peace;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

All Go in the light and peace of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Nun danket alle Gott (Op. 65, No. 59) – Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

Please stay on for refreshments after the service.