



The Parish of Foxcote with Shoscombe

MORNING PRAISE WITH THE BAPTISM OF: OLIVER AND SOFIA WILLIAMS

10am - Sunday 4th Sept 2011 - 11th Sunday after Trinity

“The LORD is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in him, but with an overwhelming flood he will make an end of Nineveh; he will pursue his foes into darkness. Whatever they plot against the LORD he will bring to an end; trouble will not come a second time.” Nahum 1:7-9

Welcome/Notices

Hymn

1 All to Jesus I surrender,
all to Him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust Him,
in His presence daily live.

*I surrender all,
I surrender all,
all to Thee, my blessed Saviour,
I surrender all.*

2 All to Jesus I surrender,
humbly at His feet I bow;
worldly pleasures all forsaken,
take me, Jesus, take me now. *Chorus*

3 All to Jesus I surrender,
make me, Saviour, wholly Thine;
let me feel the Holy Spirit,
truly knowing Thou art mine. *Chorus*

4 All to Jesus I surrender,
Lord, I give myself to Thee;
fill me with Thy love and power,
let Thy blessing fall on me. *Chorus*

5 All to Jesus, I surrender,
now I feel the sacred flame;
oh, the joy of full salvation!
Glory, glory to His name! *Chorus*

Baptism

THE INTRODUCTION

The minister explains the purpose of Christian baptism

God is the creator of all things, and by the birth of children he gives to parents a share in the work and joy of creation. But we who are born of earthly parents need to be born again. In the Gospel Jesus tells us that unless we have been born again, we cannot see the Kingdom of God.

On the day when the apostles first preached the Gospel of Christ's resurrection, Peter urged his hearers, Repent and be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is to you and your children and to all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord calls to him.

Today *Sofia and Oliver* are with us so that we can ask God that this promise and all the promises He has made will be true in *Sofia and Oliver's* life. So we are going to ask God to do something that *Sofia and Oliver* cannot do, nor can we do for *them* - that in due time *they* will be born again, receive God's Holy Spirit, and confess Jesus Christ as *their* Saviour and Lord.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATE

The minister 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 *Sofia and Oliver* and uphold *them* in *their* new life in Christ? **With the help of God, we will.**

The minister then says to the parents and godparents

Parents and godparents, the Church receives *Sofia and Oliver* with joy. Today we are trusting God for *their* growth in faith. Will you pray for *them*, draw *them* by your example into the community of faith and walk with *them* in the way of Christ? **With the help of God, we will.**

In baptism *Sofia and Oliver* begin *their* journey in faith. You speak for *them* today. Will you care for *them*, and help *them* to take *their* place within the life and worship of Christ's Church? **With the help of God, we will.**

THE DECISION

The minister addresses the parents & godparents

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God? **I reject them.**

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil? **I renounce them.**

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour? **I repent of them.**

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour? **I turn to Christ.**

Do you submit to Christ as Lord? **I submit to Christ.**

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

THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

The minister addresses the congregation

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist? **We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again? **We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known to the world? **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.**

THE BAPTISM

The minister baptises Sofia and Oliver in water

THE SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

The minister makes the sign of the cross on Sofia and Oliver's forehead saying

Hymn

1 What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
what a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer!
2 Have we trials and temptations,
is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged:
take it to the Lord in prayer.

Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness:
take it to the Lord in prayer.

3 Are we weak and heavy-laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Saviour, still our refuge-
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer;
in his arms he'll take and shield thee,
thou wilt find a solace there.

You are most welcome to stay for coffee after the end of service

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Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of his cross. Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified. **Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ against sin, the world and the devil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**

THE COMMISSION

The minister addresses the congregation and invites them to pray for Sofia and Oliver

Heavenly Father, in your love you have called us to know you, lead us to trust you, and bound our life with yours. Surround Sofia and Oliver with your love; protect them from evil; fill them with your Holy Spirit; and bring them to saving faith; that they may walk with us in the way of Jesus Christ and grow in the knowledge of your love. Amen.

THE WELCOME

God has received you by baptism into the covenant family of his Church. **We welcome you into the Lord's Family. We will pray for you, we will hold you in our love, we will guide you in the truth of God's word, that you may come to faith in Jesus Christ, and walk with us in the way of His light and truth. We welcome you.**

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

Hymn

1 I lift my eyes
to the quiet hills
in the press of a busy day;
as green hills stand
in a dusty land
so God is my strength and stay.

2 I lift my eyes
to the quiet hills
to a calm that is mine to share;
secure and still
in the Father's will
and kept by the Father's care.

3 I lift my eyes
to the quiet hills
with a prayer as I turn to sleep;
by day, by night,
through the dark and light
my Shepherd will guard his sheep.

4 I lift my eyes
to the quiet hills
and my heart to the Father's throne;
in all my ways
to the end of days
the Lord will preserve his own.

Reading – Nahum 1:1-15

[1] An oracle concerning Nineveh. The book of the vision of Nahum the Elkoshite.[2] The LORD is a jealous and avenging God; the LORD takes vengeance and is filled with wrath. The LORD takes vengeance on his foes and maintains his wrath against his enemies.[3] The LORD is slow to anger and great in power; the LORD will not leave the guilty unpunished. His way is in the whirlwind and the storm, and clouds are the dust of his feet.[4] He rebukes the sea and dries it up; he makes all the rivers run dry. Bashan and Carmel wither

and the blossoms of Lebanon fade.[5] The mountains quake before him and the hills melt away. The earth trembles at his presence, the world and all who live in it.[6] Who can withstand his indignation? Who can endure his fierce anger? His wrath is poured out like fire; the rocks are shattered before him.[7] The LORD is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in him,[8] but with an overwhelming flood he will make an end of [Nineveh]; he will pursue his foes into darkness.[9] Whatever they plot against the LORD he will bring to an end; trouble will not come a second time.[10] They will be entangled among thorns and drunk from their wine; they will be consumed like dry stubble. [11] From you, [O Nineveh,] has one come forth who plots evil against the LORD and counsels wickedness.[12] This is what the LORD says: “Although they have allies and are numerous, they will be cut off and pass away. Although I have afflicted you, [O Judah,] I will afflict you no more.[13] Now I will break their yoke from your neck and tear your shackles away.”[14] The LORD has given a command concerning you, [Nineveh]: “You will have no descendants to bear your name. I will destroy the carved images and cast idols that are in the temple of your gods. I will prepare your grave, for you are vile.”[15] Look, there on the mountains, the feet of one who brings good news, who proclaims peace! Celebrate your festivals, O Judah, and fulfill your vows. No more will the wicked invade you; they will be completely destroyed. This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Talk – The loving God who is slow to anger – *Tina Trevett*

Song

My Jesus, my Saviour,	<i>Shout to the Lord all the earth, let us sing</i>
Lord, there is none like You.	<i>Power and majesty, praise to the King.</i>
All of my days I want to praise	<i>Mountains bow down</i>
The wonders of Your mighty love.	<i>And the seas will roar</i>
My comfort, my shelter,	<i>At the sound of Your name.</i>
Tower of refuge and strength,	<i>I sing for joy at the work of Your hands.</i>
Let every breath, all that I am,	<i>Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand.</i>
Never cease to worship You.	<i>Nothing compares to the</i>
	<i>Promise I have in You.</i>

Prayers of Intercession

Living God, we thank you today for the message of hope that lies at the heart of the gospel, the assurance that, whatever may seem to deny it, your love will emerge victorious. You have given us hope, **and hope does not disappoint us.**

We thank you for your word of hope that runs through the Scriptures your promise to Abraham that, through his offspring, all the world would be blessed, to Moses, that you would lead the Israelites out of Egypt and into the Promised Land, to Isaiah, that your people's exile in Babylon would be ended, to your prophets, that the Messiah would come, to the followers of Jesus, that he would rise again on the third day, to the disciples, that, as he had departed into

heaven, so he would return. You have given us hope, **and hope does not disappoint us.**

We thank you that you fulfilled those promises, just as you said you would - your Son born from the line of Abraham, your chosen nation set free from slavery, your people returning joyfully to Jerusalem, your promised deliverer, born in Bethlehem, your power seen in the resurrection of Christ, and we thank you that in the fullness of time that final promise will also be fulfilled, your kingdom established when Jesus comes again in glory. You have given us hope, **and hope does not disappoint us.**

We thank you for what that means for us today that we can live each moment with confidence, and look forward with anticipation, whatever our circumstances may be, whatever times of testing may befall us. Though dreams may be dashed and plans thwarted, though life may be hard and the future look bleak, we know that your steadfast love continues and your purpose endures, our trust not in things seen but in the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things unseen. You have given us hope, **and hope does not disappoint us.**

Living God, we thank you that we can put our hand in yours, and walk where you will lead us, confident that, though all else may fail, you will not, though heaven and earth pass away, your words will endure for ever. So we come in faith, with joyful hearts and in glad thanksgiving, to offer our worship, and to dedicate our lives once more to your service. You have given us hope, **and hope does not disappoint us.**

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

Blessing and Dismissal

We stand for the Blessing and Dismissal

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and strengthen you to proclaim the word and works of God; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Whoever you are, wherever you go, whatever your strengths, whatever your weaknesses, God will be with you, to hold, to heal, to guide and to bless. Go, then, in peace, assured of his love. Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **In the name of Christ. Amen.**