

# ST NICHOLAS' ANGLICAN CHURCH, HELSINKI

A diverse and inclusive community of Word and Sacrament

**Sung Eucharist with Baptism on The Second Sunday of Easter**  
**16<sup>th</sup> April 2023**



*Doubting Thomas, by Leendert van der Cooghen (1654)*

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We warmly welcome you to our Sunday Eucharist! We hope you will stay for a chat and refreshments after the service.

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## Pastoral Introduction

*This may be read by those present before the service begins.*

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 candidates but also parents, godparents and sponsors, 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 local 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.

The service paints many vivid pictures of what happens on the Christian way. There is the sign of the cross, the badge of faith in the Christian journey, which reminds us of Christ's death for us. Our 'drowning' in the water of baptism, where we believe we die to sin and are raised to new life, unites us to Christ's dying and rising, a picture that can be brought home vividly by the way the baptism is administered. Water is also a sign of new life, as we are born again by water and the Spirit. This reminds us of Jesus' baptism. And as a sign of that new life, there may be a lighted candle, a picture of the light of Christ conquering the darkness of evil. Everyone who is baptized walks in that light for the rest of their lives.

As you pray for the child being brought to baptism today, picture them with yourself and the whole Church throughout the ages, journeying into the fullness of God's love.

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

*Please stand as the clergy enter*

## THE GATHERING

Like new born infants, alleluia!  
long for the pure spiritual milk, alleluia!  
that by it you may grow into salvation, alleluia, alleluia! (1 Peter 2.2)

Let us proceed in peace! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!  
**In the name of Christ, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

## Proclamation Hymn: 754 Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem

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

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*Words of welcome or introduction may be said.*

## PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES

*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 them in their new life in Christ?

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

*The president then says to the parents and godparents:*

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

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

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

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

Our Lord Jesus Christ has told us that to enter the kingdom of heaven we must be born again of water and the Spirit, and has given us baptism as the sign and seal of this new birth.

Here we are washed by the Holy Spirit and made clean.

Here we are clothed with Christ, dying to sin that we may live his risen life.

As children of God, we have a new dignity and God calls us to fullness of life.

*The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray' or a more specific bidding. The Collect is said.*

Almighty Father,  
you have given your only Son to die for our sins  
and to rise again for our justification:  
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice  
and wickedness  
that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth;  
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

**The First Reading: Acts 2.14a, 22-32.** Read by Rebecca Maaranto. *We sit.*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

On the day of Pentecost, Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: 'You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say:

Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know – this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

“I saw the Lord always before me,  
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;  
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;  
moreover, my flesh will live in hope.  
For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,  
or let your Holy One experience corruption.  
You have made known to me the ways of life;  
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.”

‘Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

“He was not abandoned to Hades,  
nor did his flesh experience corruption.”  
This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.’

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 16** sung to a chant by Charles Hylton Stewart (1884-1932)

- 1 Preserve me, O God: for in thee have I put my trust.
- 2 O my soul, thou hast said unto the Lord: Thou art my God, my goods are nothing unto thee.
- 3 All my delight is upon the saints, that are in the earth: and upon such as excel in virtue.
- 4 But they that run after another god: shall have great trouble.
- 5 Their drink-offerings of blood will I not offer: neither make mention of their names within my lips.
- 6 The Lord himself is the portion of mine inheritance, and of my cup: thou shalt maintain my lot.
- 7 The lot is fallen unto me in a fair ground: yea, I have a goodly heritage.
- 8 I will thank the Lord for giving me warning:  
my reins also chasten me in the night-season.
- 9 I have set God always before me: for he is on my right hand, therefore I shall not fall.
- 10 Wherefore my heart was glad, and my glory rejoiced: my flesh also shall rest in hope.
- 11 For why? thou shalt not leave my soul in hell: neither shalt thou suffer thy Holy One to see corruption.
- 12 Thou shalt shew me the path of life; in thy presence is the fulness of joy: and at thy right hand there is pleasure for evermore.

**The Second Reading: 1 Peter 1.3-9.** Read by Paul Graves. *We sit.*

A reading from the first epistle of St Peter

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith – being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire – may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn: 365** Jesus, These Eyes have Never Seen

**Gospel Reading: John 20.19-31.** *Please remain standing*

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

Peace I leave with you, says the Lord; my peace I give to you. Alleluia! (John 14.27)

The Lord be with you

**and also with you.**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it."

A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them.

Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon** By The Revd Tuomas Mäkipää. *Please sit*

## THE LITURGY OF BAPTISM

**The Decision** *We Stand*

*The congregation gathers at the font. The president addresses the whole congregation:*

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light.  
To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.  
Therefore I ask:

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.**

## Signing With The Cross

*The president makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of the candidates, saying:*

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.**

## 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.**

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.  
We thank you that through the waters of the Red Sea  
you led your people out of slavery  
to freedom in the Promised Land.  
We thank you that through the deep waters of death  
you brought your Son,  
and raised him to life in triumph.  
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.  
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.

## **Profession Of Faith**

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess on behalf of this child the faith of the Church.

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

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?  
**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**

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

You have been clothed with Christ. As many as are baptized into Christ have put on Christ.



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.**

## Commission

We have brought this child to baptism knowing that Jesus died and rose again for him and trusting in the promise that God hears and answers prayer. We have prayed that in Jesus Christ they will know the forgiveness of her sins and the new life of the Spirit. As they grow up, they will need the help and encouragement of the Christian community, so that they may learn to know God in public worship and private prayer, follow Jesus Christ in the life of faith, serve their neighbour after the example of Christ, and in due course come to confirmation.

As part of the Church of Christ, we all have a duty to support them by prayer, example and teaching. As their parents and godparents, you have the prime responsibility for guiding and helping them in their early years. This is a demanding task for which you will need the help and grace of God. Therefore let us now pray for grace in guiding this child in the way of faith.

*Silence is kept.*

Faithful and loving God, bless those who care for this child 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. **Amen.**

## Prayers of Intercession *please sit or stand*

As a royal priesthood, let us pray to the Father through Christ who ever lives to intercede for us.

Reveal your kingdom among the nations; may peace abound and justice flourish.  
Your name be hallowed. **Your kingdom come.**

Send down upon us the gift of the Spirit and renew your Church with power from on high.  
Your name be hallowed. **Your kingdom come.**

Deliver the oppressed, strengthen the weak, heal and restore your creation.  
Your name be hallowed. **Your kingdom come.**

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the Church on earth,  
we join our prayers with all the saints in glory.  
Your name be hallowed. **Your kingdom come.**

# THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

## The Peace *please stand*

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism: by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.

**We welcome you into the fellowship of faith; we are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you.**

We are all one in Christ Jesus. We belong to him through faith, heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## Preparation of the Table

*During the offertory hymn a collection is taken to support the continuing mission of the Chaplaincy. The Chaplaincy does not benefit from 'church tax'. We also have mobile pay (number 24140) or a contactless payment option at the back of Church. Thank you for your donation.*

## Offertory Hymn: 137 Crown Him with Many Crowns TUNE 2: DIADEMATA

*Please stand whilst the table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it. One or more prayers may be said.*

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this bread to set before you, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life. **Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this wine to set before you, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the cup of salvation. **Blessed be God for ever.**

*This, or another suitable prayer may be read:*

Lord Jesus Christ,  
in baptism you give us your Spirit of forgiveness and peace:  
by this sacrament of unity,  
grant us to know your victory over sin and death;  
for you are alive and reign, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

## The Eucharistic Prayer *please stand*

The Lord be with you



And\_\_ al - so with you.

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 \_\_\_\_\_


It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
almighty and eternal Father,  
and in these days of Easter  
to celebrate with joyful hearts  
the memory of your wonderful works.  
For by the mystery of his passion  
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,  
has conquered the powers of death and hell  
and restored in men and women the image of your glory.  
He has placed them once more in paradise  
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.  
And so, in the joy of this Passover,  
earth and heaven resound with gladness;  
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation  
sing for ever the hymn of your glory:



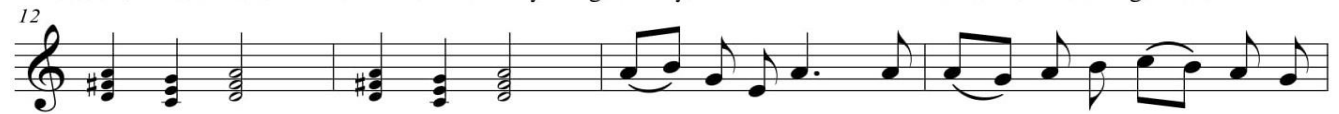
Ho - ly, ho - ly,



ho - ly Lord. God of power \_\_\_\_\_ and might, \_\_\_\_\_



Heaven 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.

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and as we follow his example and obey his command,

grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us his body and his blood;  
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.

Therefore, heavenly Father,  
we remember his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross;  
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;  
we look for the coming of your kingdom,  
and with this bread and this cup  
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,  
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,  
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts  
in the presence of your divine majesty,  
renew us by your Spirit,  
inspire us with your love  
and unite us in the body of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty,  
in songs of everlasting praise:

Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever.  
Amen.

## The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has 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.**

## The Breaking of Bread

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 *We sing*

Agnus Dei



Je - sus, Lamb of God: have  
mer - cy on us. Je - sus bear-er of our sins: have  
mer - cy on us. Je - sus, re-deem-er of the  
world: grant us your peace.

## Giving of Communion

*The president says the invitation to communion:*

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*The president and people receive communion. The Church of England invites to Holy Communion all baptised persons who are communicant members of other Churches which subscribe to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity, and who are in good standing in their own Church. Those who are prevented by conscience or the rules of their own Churches from receiving the Blessed Sacrament are invited to receive a blessing. Gluten-free bread is available upon request.*

**Music During Communion:** *the choir sings or the organ is played.*

*Silence is kept.*

*The minister says:*

We have been buried with Christ by baptism into death, so that, just as he was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we might walk in newness of life, alleluia!  
(Romans 6.4)

**Post Communion Hymn: 408** Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendour TUNE 1: ST HELEN

Lord God our Father,  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ  
you have assured your children of eternal life  
and in baptism have made us one with him:  
deliver us from the death of sin  
and raise us to new life in your love,  
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

*Please stand*

**Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood  
of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you  
our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out  
in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

## Blessing

The God of peace,  
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
that great shepherd of the sheep,  
through the blood of the eternal covenant,  
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,  
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

## 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. 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.**

*Some brief announcements may be made by the president*

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

## Recessional Hymn: Rejoice, the Lord is King! (verses 2-4)

**His kingdom cannot fail;  
He rules o'er earth and heaven;  
The keys of death and hell  
To Christ the Lord are given.  
Lift up your heart,  
Lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

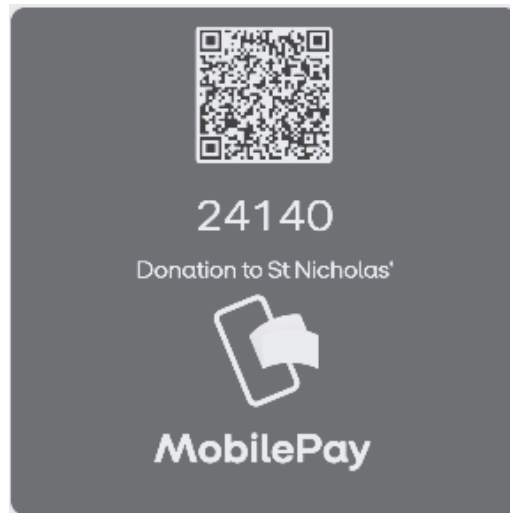
**He sits at God's right hand  
Till all his foes submit,  
Bow down at his command,  
And fall beneath his feet.  
Lift up your heart,  
Lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**Rejoice in glorious hope;  
For Christ, the judge, shall come  
To gather all his saints  
To their eternal home:**

**We soon shall hear  
The archangel's voice;  
The trump of God shall sound, Rejoice!**

*The ministers and people depart.*

Thank you for joining us in worship today, we hope to welcome you again soon!  
Please join us in the crypt for refreshments.



*Any donations to support our mission are gratefully received. Thank you.*

## NOTICES

You are welcome to donate food and clothing for Ukrainian refugees on the table by the door as you enter/exit the church.

### **Celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III**

Anointed, Blessed & Consecrated: Father Tuomas will be giving an informative talk on the rituals and symbols at the Coronation of HM King Charles III in Westminster Abbey. La 22.4.23 Klo 11:00 - 13:00 Suomeksi / Sat 29.4.23 at 11:00 - 13:00 in English

Coronation Prayer Books are available at the back of Church. You are very welcome to take a book home with you.

Sunday 7.5.23: Service at 10.00am in Mikael Agricola Church followed by a Pot-luck Coronation lunch & party in the crypt! Please bring a dish to share! We need some raffle prizes (eg.tickets, vouchers..) – please get in touch with Sarah at office@anglican.fi if you are able to help!

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