

EGLWYS SANT ASA  
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SAINT ASAPH  
PARISH CHURCH



ALL-AGE EUCHARIST & THE BAPTISM  
OF DANTE & AMARI  
TRINITY 19  
SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2023



## ENTRANCE HYMN

In Christ alone, my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my All in All,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save:  
till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied -  
For every sin on Him was laid;  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain:  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am His and He is mine -  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home,  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

*Stuart Townend b.1963  
and Keith Getty b.1974*

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

Grace and peace be with you  
**and keep you in the love of Christ.**

*The priest offers words of welcome and introduces the Eucharist*

*Dante and Amari come to the front of the Church,  
the rest of the congregation sits down*

*The priest addresses the candidates for Baptism*

Dante and Amari, is it your wish to be baptized?  
**It is.**

We thank God for Dante and Amari who have come to be baptised today.  
Christ loves them and welcomes them into his Church.

*The priest addresses the whole congregation*

So I ask you all:

Will you support Dante and Amari as they begin the journey of faith?  
**We will.**

Will you help them to live and grow within God's family?  
**We will.**

GLORIA

*Please Stand*

*Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.  
Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.*

**Lord, God, heavenly King,  
peace you bring to us,  
we worship you, we give you  
thanks,  
we sing our song of praise.**

**Jesus, Saviour of all,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away our sins, O Lord,  
have mercy on us all.**

**At the Father's right hand,  
Lord receive our prayer,  
for you alone are the Holy One,  
and you alone are Lord.**

**Glory, Father and Son,  
Glory Holy Spirit,  
to you we raise our hands up high,  
we glorify your name.**

THE COLLECT *(Please remain Standing)*

Heavenly Father,  
by the power of your Holy Spirit  
you give to 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.**

I JOHN 2. 12-14

*(Please Sit)*

A reading from the first letter of John.

I am writing to you, little children,  
because your sins are forgiven on account of his name.  
I am writing to you, fathers,  
because you know him who is from the beginning.  
I am writing to you, young people,  
because you have conquered the evil one.  
I write to you, children,  
because you know the Father.  
I write to you, fathers,  
because you know him who is from the beginning.  
I write to you, young people,  
because you are strong  
and the word of God abides in you,  
and you have overcome the evil one.

For the word of the Lord  
**thanks be to God.**

## HYMN

*Water of life, cleanse and refresh us:  
raise us to life in Christ Jesus.*

All you who thirst, come to the waters,  
and you will never be thirsty again.

As rain from heaven, so is God's word,  
it waters the earth and bring forth life.

Dying with Christ, so shall we rise with him,  
death shall no longer have power over us.

Turn to the Lord, cast off your wickedness,  
you will find peace in his infinite love.

*Stephen Dean b. 1948*

## MATTHEW 3. 13-17

*Please STAND*

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## THE TALK

*Please SIT*

## THE BAPTISM

*The Candidates for Baptism and their Sponsors gather around the FONT with the Priest*

*The Decision*

*The priest addresses the candidates*

You have declared your wish to be baptised.  
I therefore now invite you to respond to Christ's call.

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 called you out of darkness into light, restore you in the image of his glory and lead you in the way of Christ. **Amen.**

## SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

*The sign of the cross is made on the forehead of each Candidate with the Oil of Catechumens*

*The Signing with the Cross*

By his cross and precious blood, our Lord Jesus Christ has redeemed the world. He has told us that, if any want to become his followers, they must deny themselves, take up their cross and follow him day by day.

*The Sign of the Cross is made with the oil of Catechumens*

Dante, I sign you with the sign of the cross and claim you for our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amari, I sign you with the sign of the cross and claim you for our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
**Fight always against sin, the world and the devil,  
and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING OF THE WATER

We praise you, loving Father,  
for the gift of your Son Jesus.  
At his baptism in the River Jordan  
you poured your Spirit on him.  
He sent his followers  
to baptize all who turn to him.  
And so, Father, we ask you to ✠ bless this water,  
that those who are baptized in it  
may be cleansed in the water of life,  
filled with your Spirit  
and know themselves loved as your children,  
safe in Christ for ever. **Amen.**

Let us affirm, together with these candidates for Baptism,  
our common faith in Jesus Christ.

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

**I believe and trust in God the Father.**

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

**I believe and trust in God the Son.**

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

**I believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

*The priest baptizes the candidates, saying:*

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

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



*The priest anoints the newly baptised on the crown of the head with the Oil of Chrism, saying:*

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.

*A baptismal candle is given to the newly baptized:*

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.**

Dante and Amari, we are glad to have welcome you here today for your baptism. There will always be a place for you here. Your baptism joins you to Christ and to his whole Church, in every part of the world, in the past and in the future, on earth and in heaven. Even before today, God began his work in you, but it will take the whole of your life to complete that work. There will be moments when the journey ahead is a delight and there will be times when it is hard, but you will never be alone. You will always have the support of other Christians. There will be many milestones on your journey:

Confirmation will be one of them.

Remember that in Jesus heaven has touched our world. Belonging to him will change your life and, through reading the Bible, you will learn more deeply the story of God's love. Through worship, prayer and caring for others you will grow more and more like Jesus. Stand up for fairness, truth and kindness.

God's love is for you, and for everyone. Share with other people the good news of his love.

*The priest presents the newly baptized to the congregation*

WE PRAY

*Please Sit*

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Father,

**accept these prayers**

**for the sake of your Son,**

**our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

WE SHARE GOD'S PEACE      *Please STAND*

God's love has been poured into our hearts  
through the Holy Spirit he has given us.

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of the Lord's peace.

#### HYMN

Lord, the light of your love is shining,  
in the midst of the darkness, shining;  
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,  
set us free by the truth you now bring us.  
Shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;  
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;  
send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.*

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,  
from the shadows into your radiance;  
by the blood I may enter your brightness,  
search me, try me, consume all my darkness.  
Shine on me, shine on me.

As we gaze on your kingly brightness,  
so our faces display your likeness,  
ever changing from glory to glory;  
mirrored here may our lives tell your story.  
Shine on me, shine on me.

*Graham Kendrick b.1950*

WE GIVE THANKS OVER BREAD AND WINE AND SHARE COMMUNION

With this bread that we bring  
**we shall remember Jesus.**

With this wine that we bring  
**we shall remember Jesus.**

Bread for his body,  
wine for his blood,  
gifts from God to his table we bring.  
**We shall remember Jesus.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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 him thanks and praise.**

Lord of all life,  
you created the universe,  
where all living things reflect your glory.  
You give us this great and beautiful earth,  
to discover and to cherish.

You give us happy times and things to celebrate.  
In these we taste your kingdom, a feast for all your children.

You made us all, each wonderfully different,  
to join with the angels and sing your praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
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 thank you, loving Father,  
because, when we turned away,  
you sent Jesus, your Son.  
He gave his life for us on the cross  
and shows us the way to live.

Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine  
may become Christ's body and his blood.

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen,  
Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it,  
and shared it with his disciples, saying:

'This is my body, given for you.  
Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine,  
gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:

'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many,  
for the forgiveness of sins.'

Let us proclaim the mystery of Faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come in glory.**

So Father, with this bread and this cup  
we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.  
As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit,  
and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Help us, Father, to love one another,  
as we look forward to that day  
when suffering is ended,  
and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.

And now with all your saints we give you glory,  
through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit,  
today and for ever. **Amen.**

*Silence is kept*

Jesus taught us to call God our Father,  
so in faith and trust we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread,  
forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

*The Priest breaks the bread*

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
**Though we are many, we are one body  
for we all share in one bread.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.**

THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.  
Happy are those who are called to his supper.  
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you  
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

*We warmly invite all those who are baptized (Christened) to receive Holy Communion with us today.  
(Children at the discretion of parents). Those not receiving Holy Communion are welcome to receive a*

*blessing. If you want to receive a blessing just hold your booklet in front of you when you come forward to the altar. Thank you!*

HYMN AT THE END OF COMMUNION:

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,  
in the Lord I will rejoice!  
Look to God, do not be afraid.  
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near;  
lift up your voices, the Lord is near.                      *Sing through 3 times*

*Taize Community*

*After Communion a short period of Silence is kept*

THE SENDING OUT                      *Please Stand*

Give thanks to the Lord for he is gracious:  
**his love is everlasting.**

God of grace and life,  
in your love you have given us  
a place among your people;  
keep us faithful to our baptism,  
and prepare us for that glorious day  
when the whole of creation will be made perfect  
in your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

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

May the God of all faithfulness grow your faith and give you grace to follow Jesus.  
And the blessing of God almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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

## FINAL HYMN

To God be the glory! great things he hath done;  
so loved he the world that he gave us his Son;  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord!  
let the earth hear his voice;  
praise the Lord, praise the lord!  
let the people rejoice:  
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory; great things he hath done.*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!  
to ev'ry believer the promise of God;  
the vilest offender who truly believes,  
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,  
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
but purer, and higher, and greater will be  
our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.

*Fanny Crosby 1820-1915  
Tune: To God be the glory*

## NOTICES

**Refreshments.** Please do join us for refreshments after the service if you can.

**Foodbank.** The Foodbank box is now back in the Parish Church. Donations gratefully received.

**Praying for Growth.** Please pray for the growth and renewal of the Church here in this place. Here is the Leading Your Church into Growth Prayer (*card copies are available at the back of the Church*):

*God of Mission,*

*Who alone brings growth to your Church,*

*Send your Holy Spirit to give*

*Vision to our planning,*

*Wisdom to our actions,*

*Joy to our worship,*

*And power to our witness.*

*Help our church to grow in numbers,*

*In spiritual commitment to you,*

*And in service to our local community,*

*Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**The Community Fridge** takes place every Sunday from 5-7pm at the Parish Church.

**Sunday Sheet.** Please take this sheet home with you for the notices for the week and to pray for what is happening in the life of our Church.

**All Souls.** There will be a Requiem Eucharist at the Parish Church at 10am on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. If you would like departed loved ones remembered by name at this, please add names to the list at the Cathedral or Parish Church.

**Mother's Union** Wednesday 18th October at 2pm. Our Speaker will be Mrs. Rachael Scott-Hunter on the progress of the "Alexandra House of Joy Project " Please come along. All welcome. Refreshments and a Raffle.

**Change to Services** During the weeks beginning Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October, Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October and Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November, Morning Prayer and the Eucharists that take place in the morning (i.e. Monday, Wednesday & Friday) will take place in the Parish Church. This is because the organ builders will be in working to put the organ back after its recent repair work.

**Lectern.** The new lectern will be dedicated during the 9.30am Parish Eucharist next Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October.

**Singing Group.** The next meeting takes place on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October. All welcome!

**St Luke's Day** falls this week on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October. St Luke is very much linked with the Healing Ministry of the Church. During the 10.30am Eucharist at the **Parish Church** there will be the opportunity to receive anointing.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

**16<sup>th</sup> Monday – Daniel Rowland,  
Priest & Teacher**  
9am Morning Prayer *at the Parish Church*  
9.30am Holy Eucharist *at the Parish Church*  
5pm Evening Prayer *at the Cathedral*



**17<sup>th</sup> Tuesday – Ignatius, Bishop &  
Martyr**

9am Morning Prayer *at the Parish Church*

5pm Evening Prayer *at the Cathedral*

6pm Holy Eucharist *at the Cathedral*

7pm Bread of Life Study Group *at the  
Parish Church*

**18<sup>th</sup> Wednesday – Luke, Evangelist**

9am Morning Prayer *at the Parish Church*

10.30am Holy Eucharist & Anointing *at  
the Parish Church*

6.15pm Sung Evening Prayer *at the  
Cathedral*

**19<sup>th</sup> Thursday – Henry Martin,  
Translator**

9am Morning Prayer *at the Parish Church*

10am Holy Eucharist *at the Parish Church*

10.45am Prayer Group *at the Parish Church*

5pm Evening Prayer *at the Cathedral*

7pm Singing Group *at the Parish Church*

**20<sup>th</sup> Friday – Feria**

9am Morning Prayer *at the Parish Church*

9.30am Offeren (*Welsh Eucharist*) *at the  
Parish Church*

6pm Choral Evensong *at the Cathedral*

**21<sup>st</sup> Saturday – Feria**

9am Morning Prayer *at the Cathedral*

2pm Order of St John Service *at the  
Cathedral*

5pm Evening Prayer *at the Cathedral*

**22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday – Trinity 20**

9.30am Parish Eucharist

11am The Cathedral Eucharist

3.30pm Choral Evensong

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