

Sixth Sunday after Trinity, 12th July 2026
St Peter Mancroft Church
10.00am Sung Eucharist with the Baptism of Sebastian Horwood

Welcome to this service, which is also being live-streamed on the St Peter Mancroft YouTube channel. Please refrain from filming or recording during the service. A hearing loop is available for use. Please join us for refreshments in the Octagon Room after the service.

*A particular welcome to all those who are here to support Sebastian Horwood as he is baptised today. This service sheet includes song words for the hymns, and all the words that are spoken by the ministers and the congregation. All are invited to speak or sing the words printed in **bold**.*

Organ music before the service begins – played by Julian Haggett, Organist
Symphonie Gothique: Andante sostenuto Op.70 by Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

Short notices are given just before 10.00am.

Proclamation Hymn

Please stand if you're comfortable doing so.



**Come down, O Love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.**

O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity
mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing:
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace,
till he become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

Discendi, amor santo by Bianco da Siena (d. 1434)
translated by Richard Frederick Littledale (1833–1890)
A&M 238i

Welcome and Introduction

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.

The presiding minister continues:

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 Gloria (Setting: Missa Brevis in D - Mozart)

If you are comfortable doing so, please remain standing as the choir sings the Gloria.

*Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
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.*

The Collect

Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love you
such good things as pass our understanding:
pour into our hearts such love toward you
that we, loving you in all things and above all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
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. **Amen.**

First reading: Romans 8.1-11, read by Sam Ip

Please sit.

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm: 65.8-13

Please remain seated. The choir sings the refrain through once and then the congregation joins in singing the refrain each time it is repeated.



Be joyful in God, all the earth.

You visit the earth and water it; you make it very plenteous.
The river of God is full of water; you prepare grain for your people,
for so you provide for the earth.

You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;
you soften the ground with showers and bless its increase.

You crown the year with your goodness,
and your paths overflow with plenty.
May the pastures of the wilderness flow with goodness
and the hills be girded with joy.
May the meadows be clothed with flocks of sheep
and the valleys stand so thick with corn that they shall laugh and sing.

Gospel Reading – Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23

Please stand if you're comfortable doing so for the gospel reading, and turn to face the centre of the Nave, from where the gospel will be read.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

I am the light of the world, says the Lord.
Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness
but will have the light of life.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!'

'Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord,

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon, given by Edward Carter

Please sit.

The Baptism of Sebastian Clement Horwood

The ministers and baptism party gather at the font, and everyone is invited to turn in their seats or to join the group at the font (especially children and families) in order to participate in welcoming Sebastian to the church family.

The minister conducting the baptism 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 Sebastian

and uphold him in his 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 Sebastian 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?

With the help of God, we will.

In baptism Sebastian 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?

With the help of God, we will.

The Decision

The minister addresses the parents and godparents:

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 minister makes the sign of the cross on Sebastian's forehead, 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.

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness,

restore in you the image of his glory,

and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ. **Amen.**

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.

We thank you, almighty God, for the gift of water
to sustain, refresh and cleanse all life.

Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation.

Through water you led the children of Israel
from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the Promised Land.

In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John
and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ,
to lead us from the death of sin to newness of life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism.

In it we are buried with Christ in his death.

By it we share in his resurrection.

Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.

Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son,
we baptize into his fellowship those who come to him in faith.

Now sanctify this water that, by the power of your Holy Spirit,
Sebastian may be cleansed from sin and born again.

Renewed in your image, may he walk by the light of faith
and continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Lord;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be all honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Profession of Faith

The minister addresses the congregation:

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

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.

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.

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.

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 pours water on Sebastian, saying:

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

The minister then says:

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.**

The Commission

We have brought Sebastian 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 he will know the forgiveness of his sins and the new life of the Spirit. As he grows up, he will need the help and encouragement of the Christian community, so that he may learn to know God in public worship and private prayer, follow Jesus Christ in the life of faith, serve his 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 Sebastian by prayer, example and teaching. As his parents and godparents, you have the prime responsibility for guiding and helping him in his 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 Sebastian in the way of faith.

Prayers, led by Yosif Antonov, one of Sebastian's Godparents

Faithful and loving God,
bless those who care for Sebastian,
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.**

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

Giving of a Lighted Candle to Sebastian as he is Welcomed into the Church

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness
and has given us a place with the saints in light.
Sebastian, you have received the light of Christ;
walk with us in this light all the days of your life.

**Shine as a light in the world
to the glory of God the Father.**

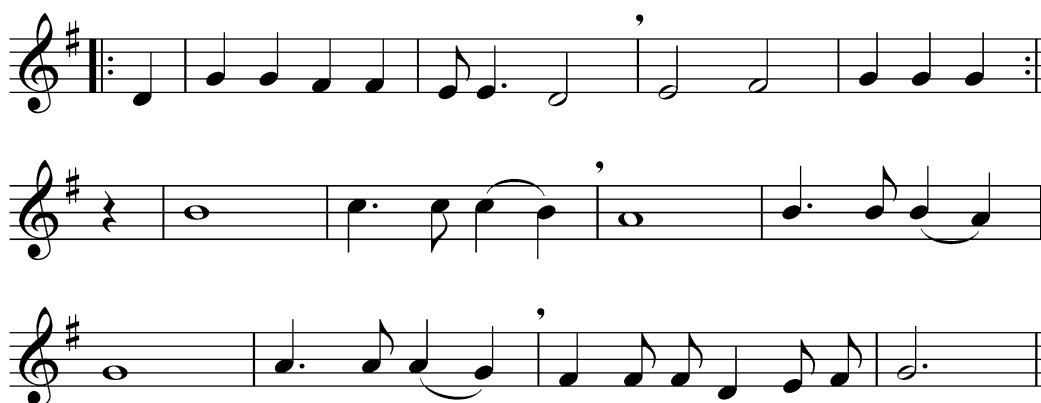
The deacon then says:

We are the body of Christ.
In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace
and builds up our common life.

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

Hymn

Please stand if you're comfortable doing so.



**Jesus promised life to all,
walk, walk in the light;
the dead were wakened by his call,
walk, walk in the light.**

**He died in pain on Calvary,
walk, walk in the light;
to save the lost like you and me,
walk, walk in the light.**

**We know his death was not the end,
walk, walk in the light;
he gave his Spirit to be our friend,
walk, walk in the light.**

**By Jesus' love our wounds are healed,
walk, walk in the light;
the Father's kindness is revealed,
walk, walk in the light.**

**The Spirit lives in you and me,
walk, walk in the light;
his light will shine for all to see,
walk, walk in the light.**

Damian Lundy (1944–1996)
A&M 264

The Preparation of the Altar Table

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.
**All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

Please remain standing for the first part of the prayer if you're comfortable doing so.

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 thanks and praise.

You are worthy of our thanks and praise,

Lord God of truth,

for by the breath of your mouth

you have spoken your word,

and all things have come into being.

You fashioned us in your image

and placed us in the garden of your delight.

Though we chose the path of rebellion

you would not abandon your own.

Again and again you drew us into your covenant of grace.

You gave your people the law and taught us by your prophets

to look for your reign of justice, mercy and peace.

As we watch for the signs of your kingdom on earth,

we echo the song of the angels in heaven,

evermore praising you and singing:

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.

Please sit or kneel as the Eucharistic Prayer continues.

Lord God, you are the most holy one,

enthroned in splendour and light,

yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ

you reveal the power of your love

made perfect in our human weakness.

Embracing our humanity,
Jesus showed us the way of salvation;
loving us to the end,
he gave himself to death for us;
dying for his own,
he set us free from the bonds of sin,
that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

On the night he gave up himself for us all
he 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 we proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross,
we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb,
we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high
and we long for his coming in glory.

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption,
Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation
be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
form us into the likeness of Christ
and make us a perfect offering in your sight.

Look with favour on your people
and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts.
Bless the earth, heal the sick,
let the oppressed go free
and fill your Church with power from on high.

Gather your people from the ends of the earth
to feast with all your saints at the table in your kingdom,
where the new creation is brought to perfection
in 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. **Amen.**

*We invite you to say the Lord's Prayer in the language in which you're most comfortable.
The presiding minister introduces the Lord's Prayer, saying:*

As our Saviour taught us, so together 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.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

The president breaks the consecrated bread, saying:

**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

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: grant us peace.*

The president invites the people to receive communion, saying:

**Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed 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.**

Please follow the guidance of the Sidespeople as you come forward to receive Communion or a Blessing. Those sitting in the side aisles are invited forward first, and then those in the central nave starting from the back. Please approach down the central aisle and return to your place using one of the side aisles. Communion is given at the chancel step in the form of a bread wafer (please ask if you require gluten-free) and wine from the shared chalice. Following national guidance issued for health reasons, please note it is not permitted to dip your wafer in the shared chalice. If you do not wish to drink from the shared chalice simply return to your place after receiving the wafer.

Communion Anthem: Blessed be the God and Father - Wesley

Communion Hymn

Please remain seated for the singing of this hymn.



**Rise and hear! The Lord is speaking,
as the gospel words unfold;
we, in all our agelong seeking,
find no firmer truth to hold.**

**Word of goodness, truth, and beauty,
heard by simple folk and wise,
word of freedom, word of duty,
word of life beyond our eyes.**

**Word of God's forgiveness granted
to the wild or guilty soul,
word of love that works undaunted,
changes, heals, and makes us whole.**

**Speak to us, O Lord, believing,
as we hear, the sower sows;
may our hearts, your word receiving,
be the good ground where it grows.**

Howard Charles Adie Gaunt (1902–1983)
A&M 387

Post Communion Prayers

Please remain seated or kneeling.

God of our pilgrimage,
you have led us to the living water:
refresh and sustain us
as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.

Final Hymn

Please stand if you're comfortable doing so, turning to face the West end as the choir, servers and ministers process out.



Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;
be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,
be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;
be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

**Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might;
be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower:
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.**

**Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise:
be thou mine inheritance now and always;
be thou and thou only the first in my heart;
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys after victory is won;
great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.**

Rop tu mo baile, a Choindiu cride(Irish, 8th century)
translated by Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880–1931)
versified by Eleanor Henrietta Hull (1860–1935)
A&M 595

Final Blessing

The presiding minister uses these words:

The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

The deacon dismisses the people using these words:

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

Organ Voluntary: played by Julian Haggett, Organist
Chorale Prelude on Croft's 136th by Charles HH Parry (1848-1918)

Please remain standing while the crucifer and choir return down the South Aisle to the Vestry. You're then invited to sit for the organ voluntary, or feel free to depart.

A collection is not being taken during the service at present, but if you wish to make a donation to the work of St Peter Mancroft please use the box or plate by the door, or the contactless donation point at the back of church, to give by card.

Following the service coffee is being served in the Octagon Room. Access is via the entrance on Hay Hill, for which please exit the church by the South door and head down the churchyard path. There are steps on this route – to avoid the steps please go out of the gate and down Hay Hill, re-entering the churchyard by the Octagon.

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