

Music
Circle of Life
By Tim Rice & Elton John

The Christening of
The Hon. John Alexander Ladi Thynn

St Peter & St Paul Church
Longbridge Deverill

Thursday 19th November 2015
at 5 o'clock

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OFFICIANT

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ARRIVAL MUSIC

Preludes and Fugues

In D Minor and G Minor J.S Bach

CHOIR

Warminster Community Choir

GODPARENTS

M. Hughes Courages

Mr Toby Jermyrn

Mme. Myriam Lafon

Mr Edward Tang

Mr Mark Shanker

Dr. Christopher Rowland Payne

The Greeting

The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Hymn He Who Would Valiant Be

He who would valiant be 'gainst all disaster,
Let him in constancy follow the Master.
There's no discouragement shall make him once relent
His first avowed intent to be a pilgrim.

Who so beset him round with dismal stories
Do but themselves confound - his strength the more is.
No foes shall stay his might; though he with giants fight,
He will make good his right to be a pilgrim.

Since, Lord, Thou dost defend us with Thy Spirit,
We know we at the end, shall life inherit.
Then fancies flee away! I'll fear not what men say,
I'll labour night and day to be a pilgrim.

We rejoice today with The Honourable John Thynn's family as they thank God for the gift of life and bring their son to baptism.

Lord Jesus Christ,
I would come to you,
Live my life for you.
Son of God.

All your commands I know are true,
Your many gifts will make me new,
Into my life your power breaks through,
Living Lord.

Blessing

The God of all grace,
who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, establish,
strengthen and settle you in the faith; 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 the light and peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Hymn

Living Lord, Lord Jesus Christ

Lord Jesus Christ,
You have come to us,
You are one with us,
Mary's Son.

Cleansing our souls from all their sins
Pouring your love and goodness in,
Jesus our love for you we sing,
Living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ,
Now and every day
Teach us how to pray,
Son of God.

You have commanded us to do
This is remembrance, Lord, of You:
Into our lives your power breaks through
Living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ,
You have come to us,
Born as one of us,
Mary's Son.
Led out to die on Calvary,
Risen from death to set us free,
Living Lord Jesus, Help us see
You are Lord.

The Collect

Heavenly Father,
by the power of your Holy Spirit
you give to your faithful people new life,
in the waters 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 forever. **Amen.**

Reading

Matthew 3: 13 – 17

Dr. Christopher Rowland Payne

Then 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.'

If by Rudyard Kipling
Viscount Weymouth

If you can keep your head when all about you
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you,
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,
But make allowance for their doubting too;
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,
Or being lied about, don't deal in lies,
Or being hated, don't give way to hating,
And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise:

If you can dream - and not make dreams your master;
If you can think - and not make thoughts your aim;
If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster
And treat those two impostors just the same;
If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,
Or watch the things you gave your life to, broken,
And stoop and build 'em up with worn-out tools:

If you can make one heap of all your winnings
And risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss,
And lose, and start again at your beginnings
And never breathe a word about your loss;
If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew
To serve your turn long after they are gone,
And so hold on when there is nothing in you
Except the Will which says to them: 'Hold on!'

The Lord's Prayer

**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 Welcome

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

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

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.

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

This is the faith of the Church.

All: This is our faith.

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

Baptism

John, I baptise you in the name of the Father
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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 congregation return to their seats

As parents and godparents, you have the prime responsibility for
guiding and helping John 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 this child in the way of faith.

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

If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,
' Or walk with Kings - nor lose the common touch,
if neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you,
If all men count with you, but none too much;
If you can fill the unforgiving minute
With sixty seconds' worth of distance run,
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,
And - which is more - you'll be a Man, my son!

Short Address

Faith is the gift of God to his people.
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.

The minister says to the parents and Godparents:

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?
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?
With the help of God, we will.

The Decision

In baptism, God calls us to new light.
We die with Christ to all that destroys,
and rise to live with him forever.

Therefore I ask:

Do you reject evil?
I reject evil.

And all its many forms?
And all its many forms.

Do you turn to Christ?
I turn to Christ.

And put your trust in him?
And put my trust in him.

And promise to follow him forever?
And promise to follow him forever.

Signing with the Cross

Christ claims you for his own.
Receive the sign of his cross.

Do not be ashamed of Christ. You are his forever.
**Stand bravely with him. Oppose the power of evil,
and remain his faithful disciple to the end of your life.**

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, re-store in you the image of his glory and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ. **Amen.**

Anthem

For The Beauty Of The Earth
John Rutter

The minister and congregation move to the font

Prayer over the water

We praise you loving Father,
for the gift of your Son Jesus.
On him you poured your Spirit
at his baptism in the river Jordan.
He sent his followers to baptise
all who turn to him.
And so Father we ask you to bless this water,
that those who are baptised 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.**

Profession of faith

Let us affirm, together with John who is being baptised,
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?
All: I 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?
All: I 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 in the world?
All: I believe and trust in him.