

Today we offer a special welcome to Daisy Evelyn Frances Willmoth and her family and friends as Daisy is baptised this morning.

The service is led by The Revd. Alisdair Laird.

Sunday 18 February 2018 First Sunday of Lent

Processional Hymn

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| 1. Forty days and forty nights,
thou wast fasting in the wild,
forty days and forty nights
tempted and yet undefiled. | 4. And if Satan, vexing sore,
flesh or spirit should assail,
thou, his vanquisher before,
grant we may not faint nor fail. |
| 2. Sunbeams scorching all the day,
chilly dew-drops nightly shed,
prowling beasts about thy way,
stones thy pillow, earth thy bed. | 5. So shall we have peace divine;
holier gladness ours shall be;
round us too shall angels shine
such as ministered to thee. |
| 3. Shall we not thy sorrows share,
and from earthly joys abstain;
fasting with unceasing prayer,
glad with thee to suffer pain? | 6. Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear,
ever constant by thy side;
that with thee we may appear
at the eternal Eastertide. |

Words: G H Smyttan and Francis Pott

Music: AUS DER TIEFE

Collect

Heavenly Father,
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,
and grew closer to you in the desert:
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer
that we may witness to your saving love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Psalm 25

Remember, Lord, your compassion and love.

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To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
O my God, in you I trust;
let me not be put to shame;
let not my enemies triumph over me.

Remember, Lord, your compassion and love.

Let none who look to you be put to shame,
but let the treacherous be shamed and frustrated.
Make me to know your ways, O Lord,
and teach me your paths.

Remember, Lord, your compassion and love.

Lead me in your truth and teach me,
*for you are the God of my salvation;
for you have hoped all the day long.
Remember, Lord, your compassion and love,
for they are from ever-lasting.

Remember, Lord, your compassion and love.

New Testament Reading | Peter 3: 18-end

Gradual Hymn

1. Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?

Will you let My love be shown,
will you let My name be known,
will you let My life be grown
in you, and you in me?

2. Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?

Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?

Will you risk the hostile stare,
should your life attract or scare,
will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?

3. Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?

Will you set the pris'ners free,
and never be the same?

Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?

4. Will you love the 'you' you hide
if I but call your name?

Will you quell the fear inside,
and never be the same?

Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?

5. Lord, Your summons echoes true
when You but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you,
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

Words and Music: Graham Maule & John L. Bell © 1987 Iona Community

Gospel Reading Mark 1: 9-15

Sermon Rev. Alisdair Laird

The Baptism

The Baptism party come to the front of the church, and face the congregation.

The Minister says

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 Daisy and uphold her in her new life in Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

The Minister says to Daisy's parents and godparents

The Church receives Daisy with joy. Today we are trusting God for her growth in faith. Will you pray for her, draw her by your example into the community of faith and walk with her in the way of Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

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

With the help of God, we will.

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 these questions:

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.

*The Minister makes the sign of the cross on Daisy's forehead, saying
Daisy Evelyn Frances, 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.**

*The Minister leads the baptism party to the font. All are invited to gather with them,
or to turn towards the font.*

At the Font

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.

Saving God, give us life

Bless this water, that your servant who is washed in it may be made one with Christ in his death and in his resurrection to be cleansed and delivered from all sin.

Saving God, give us life

Send your Holy Spirit upon her, bring her to new birth in the household of faith and raise her with Christ to full and eternal life; for all might, majesty, authority and power are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Saving God, give us life

The Minister addresses the congregation

Let us affirm 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 him.

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 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?

I 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 Minister pours water on the candidate, saying

Daisy Evelyn Frances, I baptize 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 **Intercessions** follow, with prayers for Daisy and for our own discipleship.*

The Minister leads the baptism party back to the front of the church.

We then welcome Daisy into the family of the Church, saying

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:

Daisy, 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.**

The Service now continues with the Peace, on page 5 of the Parish Communion Booklet

Offertory Hymn

1. Just as I am, without one plea
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidst me come to thee,
 O Lamb of God, I come.

2. Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
 O Lamb of God, I come.

3. Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yea, all I need, in thee to find,
 O Lamb of God, I come.

4. Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve:
because thy promise I believe,
 O Lamb of God, I come.

5. Just as I am, thy love unknown
has broken every barrier down,
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
 O Lamb of God, I come.

6. Just as I am, of that free love
the breadth, length, depth, and height
to prove,
here for a season, then above,
 O Lamb of God, I come.

Words: Charlotte Elliott

Tune: SAFFRON WALDEN

Music during Communion:

Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ (Bach)

The sun shall be no more (Greene)

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God,

you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;

by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope,

and strengthen our love:

teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread,

and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Daisy's parents are presented with a candle

The Minister says

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness
and has given us a place with the saints in light.

Daisy, 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.**

Recessional Hymn

1. Praise to the Holiest in the height,
And in the depth be praise;
In all his words most wonderful,
Most sure in all his ways!

2. O loving wisdom of our God!
When all was sin and shame,
A second Adam to the fight
And to the rescue came.

3. O wisest love! that flesh and blood,
Which did in Adam fail,
Should strive afresh against the foe,
Should strive, and should prevail;

4. And that a higher gift than grace
Should flesh and blood refine:
God's presence and his very self,
And essence all-divine.

5. And in the garden secretly,
And on the cross on high,
Should teach his brethren, and inspire
To suffer and to die.

6. Praise to the Holiest in the height,
And in the depth be praise;
In all his words most wonderful,
Most sure in all his ways!

Words: John Henry Newman

Tune: GERONTIUS

Organ Voluntary

Toccata Suite Gothique (Boëllmann)