

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH  
LOWESTOFT



# Holy Communion

including the Baptism of  
Arthur Shaye Battrick



Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Mass Setting: Thorne

Deacon - Gill

Presiding & Preaching - Canon Simon

**Baptism of:**

Arthur Shaye Battrick

**Parents:**

Shaye Battrick

Lily Coote

**Godparents:**

Mollie Ellis

Elliott Piltam

Simon Ffrench



**WELCOME & Introduction - please remain seated**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

We rejoice today with Arthur's family, as they thank God for the gift of life and come seeking the grace of baptism.

We bring Arthur to baptism knowing that Jesus died and rose again for us. We pray that in Christ he will know the forgiveness of his sins and the new life of the Spirit.

God is the creator of all things, and by the birth of children he gives to parents a share in the work and joy of creation.

**HYMN: 736 - Name of all majesty**

**1 Name of all majesty,  
fathomless mystery,  
King of the ages  
by angels adored;  
power and authority,  
splendour and dignity,  
bow to his mastery,  
Jesus is Lord!**

**2 Child of our destiny,  
God from eternity,  
love of the Father  
on sinners outpoured;  
see now what God has done  
sending his only Son,  
Christ the beloved One,  
Jesus is Lord!**

**3 Saviour of Calvary,  
costliest victory,  
darkness defeated  
and Eden restored;  
born as a man to die,  
nailed to a cross on high,  
cold in the grave to lie,  
Jesus is Lord!**

**4 Source of all sovereignty,  
light, immortality,  
life everlasting  
and heaven assured;  
so with the ransomed, we  
praise him eternally,  
Christ in his majesty,  
Jesus is Lord!**

## Invitation to CONFESSION

Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed for us.  
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil and  
confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

### Confession (please sit or kneel)

When we do not live in the joy of the resurrection  
but are caught up in the demands of the world

Lord have mercy  
**Lord have mercy**

When there are no signs of spring in our hearts  
And we neglect to care for our world

Christ have mercy  
**Christ have mercy**

When we fail to see Christ in friend and stranger  
And we fail to see Christ in ourselves

Lord have mercy  
**Lord have mercy**

May the God of love and power forgive us and free us from our  
sins, heal and strengthen us by his Spirit and raise us to new life  
in Christ our Lord **Amen.**

*Arthur's Parents and Godparents please stand*

Parents and Godparents, Arthur, whom you have brought for baptism, depends chiefly on you for the help and encouragement he needs. Are you willing to give it to him by your prayers, by your example, and by your teaching?

**I am willing**

## **DECISION**

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 turn to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

**I turn to Christ.**

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

**I repent of them.**

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

**I renounce them.**

*Please stand to sing the Gloria*

***Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.  
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.***

***Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.***

***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.***

***Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.***

***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.***

***Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.***

**THE COLLECT** *(Prayer of the week - found on the pew sheet)*

Risen Christ,  
by the lakeside you renewed  
your call to your disciples:  
help your Church  
to obey your command  
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,  
to the glory of God the Father.  
Amen

Please remain standing for the GOSPEL READING:  
John 14: 15-21

Jesus is risen from the dead

**Alleluia!**

He has defeated death

**Alleluia!**

Jesus turns our sorrow into dancing

**Alleluia!**

He has the words of eternal life.

**Alleluia!**

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

***Glory to you, O Lord.***

'If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever.

This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.

They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

***Praise to you, O Christ.***

SERMON Canon Simon

*At the font or facing the font we remain standing  
As we affirm our Faith*

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

**We 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?

**We 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?

**We 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. Amen.**

## **HYMN: 805 - There is a Redeemer**

*During this hymn Arthur with his parents and Godparents move to the font*

**1 There is a redeemer,  
Jesus, God's own son,  
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
Holy One.**

***Thank you, O my Father,  
for giving us your Son,  
and leaving your Spirit  
till the work on earth is done***

**2 Jesus my redeemer,  
name above all names,  
precious Lamb of God, Messiah.  
O for sinners slain.**

***Thank you, O my Father,  
for giving us your Son,  
and leaving your Spirit  
till the work on earth is done***

**3 When I stand in glory,  
I will see his face,  
and there I'll serve my King for ever,  
in that holy place.**

***Thank you, O my Father,  
for giving us your Son,  
and leaving your Spirit  
till the work on earth is done***

KEITH GREEN (1953 – 1982) and MELODY GREEN (b.1946)

*At the end of the hymn everybody turns to face the font*

## **PRAYER OVER THE WATER**

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ was baptised 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. Bless this water that Arthur, 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. Send your Holy Spirit upon him to bring him to new birth in the family of your Church and raise him with Christ to full and eternal life. For all might, majesty, authority and power are yours, now and forever. **Amen.**

*The Minister pours water on Arthur saying:*

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

*The Minister then makes the sign of the cross on Arthur's forehead saying:*

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

*The Parents and Godparents also make the sign of the cross on the forehead of Arthur.*

Arthur, you have received the sign of the 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.**

*Everyone return to their seats (please be seated)*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION – led by Rev Pauline

*Please sit or kneel*

*These responses may be used*

Risen Christ Jesus

**Open the tombs of our hearts**

*at the end*

God of the Easter faith

**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour  
Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*Notices and time of sharing*

**THE PEACE** *(please stand)*

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said,  
'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you

**And also with you. Alleluia.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## **OFFERTORY HYMN: 644 - God is love**

(During the hymn the bread & wine are brought forward and the altar is prepared. The collection is also offered at the Altar)

***1 God is love: let heav'n adore him;  
God is love: let earth rejoice;  
let creation sing before him,  
and exalt him with one voice.  
He who laid the earth's foundation,  
he who spread the heav'ns above,  
he who breathes through all creation,  
he is love, eternal Love.***

***2 God is love: and he enfoldeth  
all the world in one embrace;  
with unfailing grasp he holdeth  
ev'ry child of ev'ry race.  
And when human hearts are breaking  
under sorrow's iron rod,  
then they find that self-same aching  
deep within the heart of God.***

***3 God is love: and though with blindness  
sin afflicts the souls of all,  
God's eternal loving-kindness  
Holds and guides us when we fall.  
Sin and death and hell shall never  
o'er us final triumph gain;  
God is love, so love for ever  
o'er the universe must reign.***

Timothy Rees (1874-1939)

Risen Lord Jesus Christ, we believe you, and all we have heard is true.

When you break bread

**May we recognise you as the fire that burns within us  
that we may bring light to your world. Amen**

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

*[Please sit or kneel - The choir may remain standing]*

*The Lord be with you  
and also 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.*

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 sent your Son to live among us,  
Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child.  
He suffered on the cross;  
he died to save us from our sins;  
he rose in glory from the dead,  
and we share his risen life.

You send your Spirit  
to bring new life to the world,  
and clothe us with power from on high.

And now we give you thanks that  
The day of resurrection has come,  
scattering fear and gloom.  
And so we rejoice with all your people of every time and place,  
and with angels and archangels,  
For ever praising you and singing

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna, in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna, in the highest.***

Father, on the night before he died,  
Jesus shared a meal with his friends.  
He took the bread, and thanked you.  
He broke it, and gave it to them, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.



After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine.  
He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you.  
This is my blood,  
the new promise of God's unfailing love.  
Do this in remembrance of me.



Great is the mystery of faith:

***Christ has died:***

***Christ is risen:***

***Christ will come again.***

Father, as we bring this bread and wine,  
and remember his death and resurrection,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
that we who share these gifts  
may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.

Pour your Spirit on us  
that we may love one another,  
work for the healing of the earth,  
and share the good news of Jesus,  
as we wait for his coming in glory.

**Amen.**



## The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation, as our Saviour taught us, so 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 forever.**

**Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE 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*

***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.***

Come to this table, because Jesus loved you  
and gave himself for you.  
Come and meet the risen Christ,  
for we are his Body.

All are welcome to come forward to receive the bread and the wine  
or a blessing. It is helpful for us if you say your name when you  
come to the front. The choir will receive Holy Communion first at  
the High Altar, followed by the rest of the congregation who will  
receive Holy Communion at the Chancel step.

An anthem is usually sung by the Choir and then a Hymn is also  
sung during communion (please remain seated)

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ  
which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you.  
Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on  
him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

**Anthem: Irish Blessing (Chilcott)**

**HYMN: 249 - Holy Spirit, living breath of God**

***1 Holy Spirit, living Breath of God,  
breathe new life into my willing soul.  
Bring the presence of the risen Lord  
to renew my heart and make me whole.  
Cause your word to come alive in me,  
give me faith for what I cannot see;  
give me passion for Your purity;  
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.***

***2 Holy Spirit, come abide within,  
may your joy be seen in all I do.  
Love enough to cover every sin  
in each thought and deed and attitude:  
kindness to the greatest and the least,  
gentleness that sows the path of peace.  
turn my strivings into works of grace;  
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.***

***3 Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,  
giving life to all that God has made,  
show your power once again on earth,  
Cause your church to hunger for your ways.  
May the fragrance of our prayers arise;  
lead us on the road of sacrifice,  
that in unity the face of Christ  
may be clear for all the world to see.***

Keith Getty (b. 1974) and Stuart Townend (b. 1963)

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God our Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ  
gives the water of eternal life:  
may we thirst for you,  
the spring of life and source of goodness,  
through him who is alive and reigns,  
now and for ever.  
Amen

## THANKSGIVING PRAYER

**Thank you, O Christ, for this feast of life.  
We are fed by your love,  
we are strengthened by your life.  
We are sent forth into this world  
to live your way and share your joy.  
We are now commissioned to:  
feed as we have been fed,  
forgive as we have been forgiven,  
love as we have been loved.  
Thanks be to God.  
Amen.**

**HYMN: 507 - We have a gospel**

**1 We have a gospel to proclaim,  
good news for all throughout the earth;  
the gospel of a Saviour's name:  
we sing his glory, tell his worth.**

**2 Tell of his birth at Bethlehem,  
not in a royal house or hall,  
but in a stable dark and dim,  
the Word made flesh, a light for all.**

**3 Tell of his death at Calvary,  
hated by those he came to save;  
in lonely suffering on the cross:  
for all he loved, his life he gave.**

**4 Tell of that glorious Easter morn,  
empty the tomb, for he was free;  
he broke the power of death and hell  
that we might share his victory.**

**5 Tell of his reign at God's right hand,  
by all creation glorified.  
He sends his Spirit on his Church  
to live for him, the Lamb who died.**

**6 Now we rejoice to name him King:  
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.  
This gospel message we proclaim:  
we sing his glory, tell his worth.**

EDWARD JOSEPH BURNS (b.1938)

*Arthur his parents and Godparents come to the front*

## **THE WELCOME OF ARTHUR**

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

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

## **GIVING OF A LIGHTED CANDLE**

*When Arthur has received his candle the minister & people say:*



**Loving God,  
As the sun shines in the sky,  
may your light shine always  
for Arthur.  
May he go safely through life,  
knowing your love and goodness.  
May he be like a light for others,  
bringing hope and joy to friend  
and stranger.  
May he know you are always there,  
to guide, to lead and to protect.  
Amen.**

## **THE 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 us perfect in every good work to do his will,  
Working in us that which is well-pleasing in his sight;  
And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you,  
be upon those you love, pray for and care for  
now and for evermore.

**Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord  
Alleluia, Alleluia

**In the name of Christ**  
**Alleluia, Alleluia**

