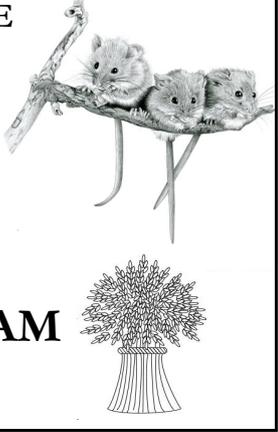


ST JOHN'S BOLDRE
HARVEST
FESTIVAL
 and
BAPTISM
 of
MAGNUS WILLIAM
SPENCER



WELCOME

remain seated

Sung

HYMN 301

Please stand

God is here! As we his people
 Meet to offer praise and prayer,
 May we find in fuller measure
 What it is in Christ we share.
 Here, as in the world around us,
 All our varied skills and arts
 Wait the coming of the Spirit
 Into open minds and hearts.

Here are symbols to remind us
 Of our lifelong need of grace;
 Here are table, font and pulpit;
 Here the cross has central place.
 Here in honesty of preaching,
 Here in silence, as in speech,
 here, in newness and renewal,
 God the Spirit comes to each.

Here our children find a welcome
 In the Shepherd's flock and fold;
 Here when bread and wine are taken,
 Christ sustains us as of old.
 Here the servants of the Servant
 Seek in worship to explore
 What it means in daily living
 To believe and to adore.

Lord of all, of Church and Kingdom,
 In an age of change and doubt,
 Keep us faithful to the Gospel;
 help us work your purpose out.
 Here, in this day's dedication,
 All we have to give, receive;
 We, who cannot live without you,
 We adore you! We believe! *F Pratt Green 1903-2000*

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

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

THE GENERAL CONFESSION

Let us humbly confess our sins before God. *sit or kneel*
(All) O God, our Father, we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed: we have not loved thee with all our heart; we have not loved our

Magnus, today God has touched you with his love [6] and given you a place among his people. God promises to be with you in joy and in sorrow, to be your guide in life, and to bring you safely to heaven. In baptism God invites you on a life-long journey. Together with all God's people you must explore the way of Jesus and grow in friendship with God, in love for his people, and in serving others. With fellow Christians you will listen to the word of God and receive the gifts of God. **Amen.**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray: **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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE GIVING OF THE LIGHTED CANDLE

Hector lights a Baptism candle from the Paschal candle and gives it to Kit to hold for Magnus:

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

HYMN

Praise and thanksgiving, Father we offer,
 for all things living thou madest good;
 Harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard
 hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.

Bless thou the labour we bring to serve thee,
 that with our neighbour we may be fed.
 Sowing or tilling, we would work with thee;
 Harvesting, milling, for daily bread.

Father, providing food for thy children,
 thy wisdom guiding teaches us share
 one with another, so that rejoicing
 with us, our brother may know thy care.

Then will thy blessing reach every people;
 all men confessing thy gracious hand.
 Where thy will reigneth no man will hunger;
 thy love sustaineth; fruitful the land.

Albert F Bayly 1901-1984

NOTICES

remain seated

THE BLESSING

May God keep you in all your days. May Christ shield you in all your ways. May the Spirit bring you healing and peace. May God the Holy Trinity drive all darkness from you and pour upon you blessings and light. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Go in the light and peace of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God

ORGAN POSTLUDE

A Paschal Fanfare - Malcolm Archer

BLESSING THE WATER [5]

Praise God who made heaven and earth,

All: **who keeps his promise for ever.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Loving Father, we thank you for your servant Moses, who led your people through the waters of the Red Sea to freedom in the Promised Land. We thank you for your Son Jesus, who has passed through the deep waters of death and opened for all the way of salvation. Now send your Spirit, that those who are washed in this water may die with Christ and rise with him, to find true freedom as your children, alive in Christ for ever. **Amen.**

PROFESSION OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

(all stand) Let us affirm, together with these who are being baptized 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**

(please be seated children are welcome to come to the font to see)

THE BAPTISM

Magnus' parents hold him over the font and pour the water of baptism over him three times as the priest says:

Magnus William I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *(All:)* **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.**

Magnus, there is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.

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

SONG OF WELCOME

Magnus' brothers, Byron and Kit sing verses from "All things bright and beautiful"

PRAYERS

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

neighbours as ourselves. Have mercy upon us, [2] we beseech thee; cleanse us from our sins; and help us to overcome our faults; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE ABSOLUTION

May the Almighty and merciful Lord grant unto you pardon and remission of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

HARVEST COLLECT

Bountiful God, you crown the year with your goodness and give us the fruits of the earth in due season: give us grateful hearts that we may sincerely thank you for all your loving kindness, and truly care for your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR A BAPTISM

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.**

PRAYER FOR MAGNUS AND FAMILY

God our Creator, we thank you for the wonder of new life and for the mystery of human love. We give thanks for all whose support and skill surround and sustain the beginning of life. As Jesus knew love and discipline within a human family, may Magnus grow in strength and wisdom. As Mary knew the joys and pains of motherhood, give his parents and brothers your sustaining grace and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON *remain seated*

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy chapter eight, verses 7-18

The Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you. Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do

not say to yourself, "My power and the might of my [3] own hand have gotten me this wealth." But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

This is the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God**

ANTHEM *remain seated*

For the Beauty of the Earth - David Evans

THE SECOND LESSON *remain seated*

A reading from the Gospel according St Mark, chapter 4, verses 26-29

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come." He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." This is the Gospel of the Lord:

thanks be to God

SERMON

HYMN 275 *please stand*

*Any gifts are brought up to the Altar
as this hymn is sung*

We plough the fields, and scatter
the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered
by God's almighty hand;
he sends the snow in winter,
the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes and the sunshine,
and soft refreshing rain.

*All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above,
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his love.*

He only is the Maker
of all things near and far;
he paints the wayside flower,
he lights the evening star;
the winds and waves obey him,
by him the birds are fed;
much more to us, his children,
he gives our daily bread. *Refrain:*

We thank thee, then, O Father,
for all things bright and good,
the seed time and the harvest,
our life, our health, and food.
Accept the gifts have we to offer,
for all thy love imparts,
and, what thou most desirest,
our humble, thankful hearts. *Refrain:*

SERMON *be seated*

HYMN *please stand* [4]

We bring this child, dear Lord, today
as once they did in Galilee,
embrace him with your love, we pray
and bless his home and family.

On his behalf and in his name
our own commitment we renew,
with him we die to sin and shame,
with him we live again in you.

Help us in all our ways to show
this growing soul your truth and grace,
till he shall come himself to know
the beauty of our Father's face.

THE BAPTISM

*The Godparents return to their seats,
Magnus and his parents make their way to the font*

Do you receive Magnus a gift from God? **We do.**

Do you wish to give thanks to God
and seek his blessing? **We do.**

Will you do all that you can to help and support
Magnus' parents in the bringing him up?

With the help of God we will.

Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me.
Do not stop them'.

A question for everyone to answer:

We thank God for Magnus who has come to be baptized
today. Christ loves him and welcomes him into his
Church. So I ask you all: Will you support Magnus as he
begins his journey of faith? **All: We will.**

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

A question for parents and godparents only

God knows each of us by name and we are his. Parents
and godparents, you speak for Magnus today. Will you
pray for him and help him to follow Christ?

Parents and godparents: We will.

THE DECISION

Parents and godparents, we all wander far from God and
lose our way. Christ comes to find us and welcomes us
home. In baptism we respond to his call. Therefore I
ask: Do you turn away from sin? **I do.**

Do you reject evil? **I do.**

SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

Magnus is anointed by one of his parents as the priest says:

Magnus William, Christ claims you for his own. Receive
the sign of his cross. On your forehead for your
thoughts, on your mouth for your words, on your heart
for your soul. Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of
Christ crucified. You are his forever.

(All) **Stand bravely with him against all the
powers of evil, and remain faithful to Christ
to the end of your life.**

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of
darkness and lead you in the light and obedience
of Christ. **Amen.**

*The godparents return to their places,
the parents and priest, with Magnus, move to the font.*