

**For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

NOTICES

HYMN : Shine Jesus shine

Lord, the light of your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness, shining
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us
Set us free by the truth you now bring us
Shine on me, shine on me

*Shine, Jesus, shine
Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze
Set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow
Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth your word
Lord, and let there be light*

Lord, I come to your awesome presence
From the shadows into your radiance
By the blood I may enter your brightness
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness
Shine on me, shine on me.....

As we gaze on your kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story
Shine on me, shine on me (repeat last 2 lines of chorus)

THE BLESSING

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,
strengthen you by his life-giving Spirit
to walk with him in the paths of righteousness and peace;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.
All Amen

DISMISSAL

Go in the light and peace of Christ. .
All Thanks be to God.

HYMN : You shall go out with joy

*There will be an opportunity to make a donation for the work of the church as you leave.
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St Michael and All Angels Church Hoole **CONFIRMATION SERVICE**



**Sunday 7th March 2021
10.30am
Conducted by Bishop Jill Duff**

Confirmation Candidates:

**Riley Burns
Harrison Coomer
Morgan Cooper
Joe Higham
Isla Peterson
Adam Smith
Grace Wignall**

**Shelley Cuff
Lisa Higham**

WELCOME

HYMN 175: In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace.
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in All.
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

2. In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live.

3.
There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory.
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

4.No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand,
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

All **Defend, O Lord, these your servants with your heavenly grace,
that they may continue yours for ever,
and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more
until they come to your everlasting kingdom. Amen.**

COMMISSION

People of God, those who are baptized are called to worship and serve God.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

All **With the help of God, I will.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil,
and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

All **With the help of God, I will.**

Will you proclaim by word and example
the good news of God in Christ?

All **With the help of God, I will.**

Will you seek and serve Christ in all people,
loving your neighbour as yourself?

All **With the help of God, I will.**

Will you acknowledge Christ's authority over human society
by prayer for the world and its leaders,
by defending the weak, and by seeking peace and justice?

All **With the help of God, I will.**

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith,
that you may be rooted and grounded in love
and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

All **Amen.**

PEACE

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said 'Peace be with you'.
Then were they glad when they saw the Lord.
The peace of the Lord be always with you

All **and also with you.**

The congregation exchange the peace and greet the newly confirmed.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All **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.**

THE BAPTISM

JOE, I baptize you
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
And of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

All **Almighty God,
we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith
with all who have been baptized into your name.
Keep us faithful to our baptism,
and so make us ready for that day
when the whole creation shall be made perfect in your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

SONG Holy is the Lord cont

Worthy, worthy, worthy is the Lord,
Worthy is the Lord God almighty: *(Repeat)*
Who was, and is, and is to come

Glory, glory, glory to the Lord,
Glory to the Lord God almighty.: *(Repeat)*
Who was, and is, and is to come

During the song the bishop returns to the chancel

CONFIRMATION

Our help is in the name of the Lord
who has made heaven and earth.
Blessed be the name of the Lord

All **now and for ever. Amen.**

The bishop extends her hands towards those to be confirmed and says

Almighty and ever-living God,
you have given these your servants new birth
in baptism by water and the Spirit,
and have forgiven them all their sins.
Let your Holy Spirit rest upon them:
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding;
the Spirit of counsel and inward strength;
the Spirit of knowledge and true godliness;
and let their delight be in the fear of the Lord.

All **Amen.**

The bishop addresses each candidate by name.

N, God has called you by name and made you his own.

The bishop then lays her hand on the head of each, saying

Confirm, O Lord, your servant with your Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

THE GREETING

The bishop greets the people

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All **Blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Peace be with you

All **and also with you.**

The bishop introduces the service.

Let us Pray:

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.

All **Amen.**

BIBLE READING: Mark 1: v 40-45.

JESUS HEALS A MAN WITH LEPROSY

A man with leprosy came to him and begged him on his knees, 'If you are willing, you can make me clean.'

Filled with compassion, Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. 'I am willing,' he said. 'Be clean!' Immediately the leprosy left him and he was cured.

Jesus sent him away at once with a strong warning: 'See that you don't tell this to anyone. But go, show yourself to the priest and offer the sacrifices that Moses commanded for your cleansing, as a testimony to them.' Instead he went out and began to talk freely, spreading the news. As a result, Jesus could no longer enter a town openly but stayed outside in lonely places. Yet the people still came to him from everywhere.

SERMON

SONG: MY LIGHTHOUSE

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES

The candidates are presented to the congregation.

The bishop asks JOE:

Do you wish to be baptised

I do

The bishop addresses the candidates for confirmation

Have you been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit?

I have.

The bishop addresses all the candidates

Are you ready with your own mouth and from your own heart to affirm your faith in Jesus Christ?

I am.

TESTIMONIES

The bishop 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 **JOE**

and uphold him in his life in Christ?

All **With the help of God, we will.**

DECISION *The bishop addresses all the candidates*

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?

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.

May God, who has given you the desire to follow Christ,

give you also strength to continue in the Way.

All **Amen.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess together with these candidates 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?

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 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.**

This is the faith of the Church.

All **This is our faith.
We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

SONG Holy is the Lord

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord,
Holy is the Lord God almighty.
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord,
Holy is the Lord God Almighty:
Who was, and is, and is to come
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is the Lord,
Jesus is the Lord God almighty: *(Repeat)*
Who was, and is, and is to come
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is the Lord.

The bishop moves to the font during the song

SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

JOE Christ claims you for his own.
Receive the sign of his cross.
Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

All **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.

All **Amen.**

PRAYER OVER THE WATER

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 Him thanks and praise.**

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