

Parish of Upper Coquetdale

**A Service of Thanksgiving
and Renewal of Baptismal Vows**

Lady's Well, Holystone, Thursday 22 March 2012

Hymn (*O when the saints*)

O when the saints go marching in,
O when the saints go marching in,
I want to be in that number
when the saints go marching in.

O when they crown him Lord of all,
O when they crown him Lord of all,
I want to be in that number
when they crown him Lord of all.

O when they sing the Saviour's praise,
O when they sing the Saviour's praise,
I want to be in that number
when they sing the Saviour's praise.

O when the saints go marching in,
O when the saints go marching in,
I want to be in that number
when the saints go marching in.

The Archbishop says

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all
and also with you.

Our Lord Jesus Christ has told us
that to enter the kingdom of heaven
we must be born again of water and the Spirit,
and has given us baptism as the sign and seal of this new birth.
Here we are washed by the Holy Spirit and made clean.
Here we are clothed with Christ,
dying to sin that we may live his risen life.
As children of God, we have a new dignity
and God calls us to fullness of life.

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father,
by the power of your Holy Spirit
you give 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.

Reading *Matthew 28. 16–20*

Read by Marion Farndale, Church Warden

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

Address *The Archbishop*

The Archbishop says

God in Christ gives us water welling up for eternal life.
With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.
Lord, give us this water and we shall thirst no more.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, sovereign God of all,
to you be glory and praise for ever.
You are our light and our salvation.
From the deep waters of death
you have raised your Son to life in triumph.
Grant that all who have been born anew by water and the Spirit
may daily be renewed in your image,
walk by the light of faith,
and serve you in newness of life;
through your anointed Son, Jesus Christ,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
we lift our voices of praise.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.

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?

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?

With the help of God, I will.

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

With the help of God, I will.

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

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?

With the help of God, I will.

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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.**

Almighty God,
in our baptism you have consecrated us
to be temples of your Holy Spirit.
May we, whom you have counted worthy,
nurture this gift of your indwelling Spirit with a lively faith
and worship you with upright lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

*During the hymn, the Archbishop sprinkles water
on the congregation standing around the Well.*

Hymn (St Columba)

The King of love my Shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
And he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul he leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow
With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love he sought me,
And on his shoulder gently laid,
And home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
Thy unction, grace bestoweth:
And O what transport of delight
From thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good shepherd, may I sing thy praise
Within thy house for ever.

The Archbishop says
As we follow the Way of Christ,
we affirm the presence of God among us,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
God calls us to share in worship.

The Rector says
Jesus said, where two or three are gathered in my name,
I am there among them.

Jesus, you are the Way: guide us on our journey.

The Archbishop says
God calls us to share in prayer.

The Rector says
Jesus said, remain in me, and I will remain in you.

Jesus, you are the Way: guide us on our journey.

The Archbishop says
God calls us to share the Scriptures.

The Rector says
Jesus met his disciples on the road
and opened the Scriptures to them.

Jesus, you are the Way: guide us on our journey.

The Archbishop says
God calls us to share in communion.

The Rector says
Jesus said, do this in remembrance of me.

Jesus, you are the Way: guide us on our journey.

The Archbishop says
God calls us to share in service.

The Rector says
Jesus said, as you do it for the least of these, you do it for me.

Jesus, you are the Way: guide us on our journey.

The Archbishop says
God calls us to share the good news.

The Rector says
Jesus said, go and make disciples of all nations.

Jesus, you are the Way: guide us on our journey.

The Archbishop says
We are all one in Christ Jesus.
We belong to him through faith,
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.
Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

During the hymn the Archbishop goes to the Altar.

Hymn (*Woodlands*)

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord:
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
Tender to me the promise of his word;
In God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name:
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;
His holy name, the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might:
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word:
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
To children's children and for evermore.

The Archbishop says

May God, who in Christ gives us a spring of water
welling up to eternal life,
perfect in you the image of his glory;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.