



# THE EUCHARIST

ON THE

BAPTISM OF CHRIST

*The First Sunday of Epiphany*

**Sunday 9 January 2022**

**at 11.00am**

Welcome to this service of Holy Communion on the Feast of the Baptism of Christ, the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Epiphany.

We also welcome those live-streaming from home, who share this service with those present in the Minster.

*Today's services are sung by the Songmen and Choral Scholars. The setting of the Eucharist is the MASS FOR THREE VOICES by William Byrd.*

*The Preacher is the Revd Abigail Davison, Curate.*

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- ◆ It is now mandatory for all those attending worship to wear a face covering unless exempt.
- ◆ We encourage everyone to leave seats between their households and maintain physical distancing.
- ◆ We have reduced the capacity for all services.
- ◆ When we anticipate a high level of demand, services will be fully ticketed, in order to keep to a safe capacity and enable physical distancing.
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*Please join in saying together the words printed in bold type.*

# The Gathering

*Please stand for the Processional Hymn.*

## Processional Hymn



1. Hail to the Lord's anointed!

Great David's greater Son;  
hail, in the time appointed,  
his reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression,  
to set the captive free;  
to take away transgression,  
and rule in equity.

2. He comes with succour speedy  
to those who suffer wrong;  
to help the poor and needy,  
and bid the weak be strong;  
to give them songs for sighing,  
their darkness turn to light,  
whose souls, condemned and dying,  
were precious in his sight.

3. He shall come down like showers  
upon the fruitful earth,  
and love, joy, hope, like flowers,  
spring in his path to birth:  
before him on the mountains  
shall peace the herald go;  
and righteousness in fountains  
from hill to valley flow.

4. Kings shall fall down before him,  
and gold and incense bring;  
all nations shall adore him,  
his praise all people sing;  
to him shall prayer unceasing  
and daily vows ascend;  
his kingdom still increasing,  
a kingdom without end.

5. O'er every foe victorious,  
he on his throne shall rest,  
from age to age more glorious,  
all-blessing and all-blest:  
the tide of time shall never  
his covenant remove;  
his name shall stand for ever;  
that name to us is Love.

*Words* James Montgomery (1771–1854) based on Psalm 72  
*Tune* CRUGER, NEH 55, adapted by W H Monk (1823–89)

## The Greeting

*The President says:*

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

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

*The President welcomes those joining from home and introduces the service.*

*Please remain standing.*

## Prayer of Preparation

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## Prayers of Penitence

*A Minister says:*

Because God was merciful,  
he saved us through the water of rebirth  
and the renewing power of the Holy Spirit.  
But through sin we have fallen away from our baptism.  
Let us return to the Lord and renew our faith in his promises  
by confessing our sins in penitence.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour,  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry,  
and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,  
who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*The President says:*

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## Gloria in Excelsis

*The choir sings:*

Gloria in excelsis Deo, et in terra pax  
hominibus bonae voluntatis.  
Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te,  
glorificamus te, gratias agimus tibi propter  
magnam gloriam tuam.

Domine Deus, Rex coelestis, Deus  
Pater omnipotens. Domine Fili unigenite,  
Jesu Christe: Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,  
Filius Patris, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
suscipe deprecationem nostram. Qui sedes ad  
dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.

Quoniam tu solus sanctus,  
tu solus Dominus,  
tu solus altissimus, Jesu Christe,  
cum Sancto Spiritu,  
in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

*Please remain standing.*

## The Collect

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

Eternal Father,  
who at the baptism of Jesus  
revealed him to be your Son,  
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:  
grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,  
that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please sit.*

*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.*

*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.*

*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. Amen.*

# The Liturgy of the Word

## Old Testament Reading

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

But now thus says the Lord,  
    he who created you, O Jacob,  
    he who formed you, O Israel:  
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
    I have called you by name, you are mine.  
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
    and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
    and the flame shall not consume you.  
For I am the Lord your God,  
    the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.  
I give Egypt as your ransom,  
    Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.  
Because you are precious in my sight,  
    and honoured, and I love you,  
I give people in return for you,  
    nations in exchange for your life.  
Do not fear, for I am with you;  
    I will bring your offspring from the east,  
    and from the west I will gather you;  
I will say to the north, 'Give them up',  
    and to the south, 'Do not withhold;  
bring my sons from far away  
    and my daughters from the end of the earth—  
everyone who is called by my name,  
    whom I created for my glory,  
    whom I formed and made.'

ISAIAH 43.1-7

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*



## Gradual Hymn



1. When Jesus comes to be baptized,  
he leaves the hidden years behind,  
the years of safety and of peace,  
to bear the sins of humankind.
2. The Spirit of the Lord comes down,  
anoints the Christ to suffering,  
to preach the word, to free the bound,  
and to the mourner comfort bring.
3. He will not quench the dying flame,  
and what is bruised he will not break,  
but heal the wound injustice dealt,  
and out of death his triumph make.
4. Our everlasting Father praise  
with Christ, his well-belovèd Son,  
who with the Spirit reigns serene,  
eternal Trinity in One.

*Words* Community of Stanbrook Abbey, © 1974 and 1995, Stanbrook Abbey  
*Tune* HERONGATE, AM 109, English traditional arr. R Vaughan Williams

*Please sit.*

## New Testament Reading

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

ACTS 8.14–17

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

## Gospel Reading

*The Gospel may be heralded by music played on the organ.*

*When the Gospel is announced the reader says:*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

LUKE 3.15–17, 21–22

*After the Gospel the reader says:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Music is played to honour the Gospel.*

*Please sit for the sermon.*

## **Sermon**

The Revd Abigail Davison, Curate

*The organist improvises a reflective response.*

*Please stand to say the Creed.*

## The Creed

Let us affirm our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Please sit or kneel.*

## Prayers of Intercession

*The President introduces the prayers with these words:*

In the power of the Spirit,  
and in union with Christ,  
let us pray to the Father.

*Please sit or kneel.*

*One of these responses may be used:*

Lord, in your mercy                  OR                  Lord, hear us.  
**hear our prayer.**    **Lord, graciously hear us.**

*The prayers may conclude:*

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

*Please stand.*

## The Liturgy of the Sacrament

### The Peace

*The President introduces the Peace:*

We are the body of Christ.  
In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.  
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace  
and builds up our common life.

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*Members of the congregation are invited to exchange a sign of peace.*

## Offertory Hymn



O thou who camest from above  
the pure celestial fire to impart,  
kindle a flame of sacred love  
on the mean altar of my heart.

There let it for thy glory burn  
with inextinguishable blaze,  
and trembling to its source return  
in humble prayer and fervent praise.

Jesus, confirm my heart's desire  
to work and speak and think for thee;  
still let me guard the holy fire  
and still stir up thy gift in me.

Ready for all thy perfect will,  
my acts of faith and love repeat;  
till death thy endless mercies seal,  
and make the sacrifice complete.

*Words* Charles Wesley (1707–88)

*Tune* HEREFORD, NEH 431, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810–76)

## Taking of the Bread and Wine

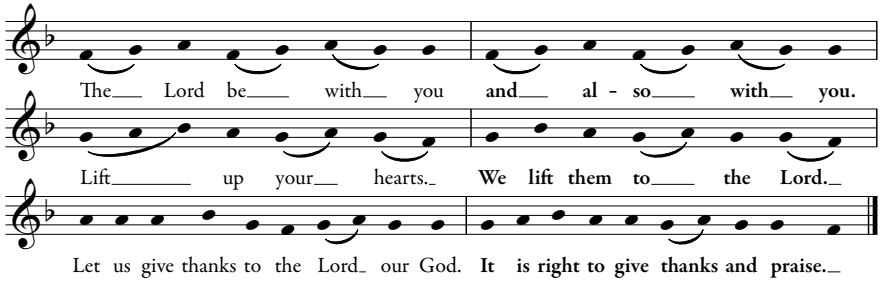
*This prayer is said as the gifts are presented:*

Open the heavens, Holy Spirit,  
for us to see Jesus interceding for us;  
may we be willing to share his baptism,  
ready to share his cup and strengthened to serve him for ever.

**Amen.**

# The Eucharistic Prayer

*The following dialogue is said or sung:*



The musical notation consists of three staves of music in a single system, all in a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature change from one flat to two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you and also with you." The second staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature change from two flats to one flat. The lyrics are: "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." The third staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature change from one flat to two flats. The lyrics are: "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give thanks and praise."

It is truly right and just,  
our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.  
You celebrated your new gift of baptism  
in signs and wonders at the Jordan.  
Your voice was heard from heaven  
to awaken faith in the presence among us  
of your Word made flesh.  
Your Spirit was seen as a dove,  
revealing Jesus as your servant,  
and anointing him with the oil of gladness  
to preach the good news to the poor.  
Therefore, as we celebrate the union of earth and heaven,  
we rejoice to echo the song of the angels in heaven  
for ever praising you and singing:

*The choir sings:*

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,  
Dominus Deus Sabaoth,  
pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.  
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

Benedictus qui venit in nomine  
Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.

*Blessed is he who comes in the name  
of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

*The congregation is invited to sit or kneel.*

We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
that broken bread and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.  
On the night before he died he had supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he praised you.  
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.  
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection  
until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

Lord of all life,  
help us to work together for that day  
when your kingdom comes  
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.



Look with favour on your people,  
gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
Peter the Apostle, William of York, and all the saints,  
to feast at your table in heaven.  
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,  
for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

*A short silence is kept.*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

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.**

## **Breaking of the Bread**

*The President breaks the consecrated bread, saying:*

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.**

## Giving of Communion

*The President says an invitation to communion:*

God's holy gifts  
for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

The body and blood of Christ keep you in eternal life.

*During the distribution of Communion the choir sings:*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
grant us thy peace.

*and*

Here we bring new water from the well so clear,  
for to worship God with, this Happy New Year.

*Sing levy dew, the water and the wine;  
the seven bright gold wires and the bugles that do shine.*

Sing reign of Fair Maid, with gold upon her toe,  
open you the Westy Door, and turn the Old Year go.

*Sing levy dew, the water and the wine;  
the seven bright gold wires and the bugles that do shine.*

Sing reign of Fair Maid, with gold upon her chin,  
open you the East Door, and let the New Year in.

*Sing levy dew, the water and the wine;  
the seven bright gold wires and the bugles that do shine.*

*Words* A NEW YEAR CAROL, Anonymous

*Music* Benjamin Britten (1913–76)

*Communion is administered at a number of places. You will be guided by the Stewards.*

# Prayer after Communion

*The congregation stands.*

*The President says*

Lord of all time and eternity,  
you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father  
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:  
by the power of your Spirit  
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth  
through the waters of the new creation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out  
in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work  
to your praise and glory. Amen.**

## Hymn

The image shows four staves of musical notation for a hymn. The key signature is G major (one sharp) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final double bar line at the end of the fourth staff.

1. When Jesus came to Jordan  
to be baptized by John,  
he did not come for pardon,  
but as his Father's Son.  
He came to share repentance  
with all who mourn their sins,  
to speak the vital sentence  
with which good news begins.

2. He came to share temptation,  
our utmost woe and loss,  
for us and our salvation  
to die upon the cross.  
So when the Dove descended  
on him, the Son of Man,  
the hidden years had ended,  
the age of grace began.

3. Come, Holy Spirit, aid us  
to keep the vows we make,  
this very day invade us,  
and every bondage break.  
Come, give our lives direction,  
the gift we covet most:  
to share the resurrection  
that leads to Pentecost.

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*Tune* OFFERTORIUM, AM 108, adapted from J M Haydn (1737–1806)

## The Dismissal

*Please remain standing.*

*The President 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.**

*The Deacon says:*

Go in the peace of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Recessional Psalm

*Psalm 150 is sung by the choir as the procession leaves.*