

Baptism of Christ
January 10th 2021

The Gathering

Music will be played before the service

*The kingdom of God is justice and joy,
for Jesus restores what sin would destroy;
God's power and glory in Jesus we know,
and here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.*

*The kingdom of God is mercy and grace,
the captives are freed, the sinners find place,
the outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share,
and hope is awakened instead of despair.*

*The kingdom of God is challenge and choice,
believe the good news, repent and rejoice.
His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross,
our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.*

*God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal,
in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole;
the heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call,
and all things cry glory to God all in all.*

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The Greeting

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

All Amen.

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

All and also with you.

Prayers of Penitence

The grace of God has dawned upon the world
through our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own.
Let us confess our sins.

Silence is kept.

Christ, by your baptism, the waters were hallowed to save us:
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Christ, at your baptism the gift of the Holy Spirit was revealed:
Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Christ, at your baptism the Father acclaimed you as his Son:
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

May almighty God,
who sent his Son into the world to save sinners,
bring you his pardon and peace,
now and for ever.

All Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

*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.*

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.

All Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Genesis 1.1-5

A reading from the Book of the Genesis

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 29.1-4, 9-10

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

O give the Lord, you children of God,
give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name.

Adore the Lord, resplendent and holy. **R.**

The Lord's voice resounding on the waters,
the Lord on the immensity of waters;
the voice of the Lord, full of power,
the voice of the Lord, full of splendour. **R.**

The God of glory thunders.

In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!'

The Lord sat enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits as king for ever. **R.**

Second Reading

Acts 19.1-7

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the inland regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, 'Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?' They replied, 'No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.' Then he said, 'Into what then were you baptized?' They answered, 'Into John's baptism' Paul said, 'John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.' On

hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— altogether there were about twelve of them.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia!

This is my Son, the beloved, with whom I am well pleased.

All Alleluia!

Gospel Reading *Mark 1.4-11*

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.' In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Creed

All **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.**

Prayers of Intercession

Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

God has made us one in Christ.
He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come,
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.
The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you.

The Offertory

The bread and wine are brought to the altar

*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.*

*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.*

*He shall come down like showers
upon the fruitful earth;
that 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*

*Kings shall bow 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.*

*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,
his changeless name of Love.*

Pray, beloved,
that our sacrifice may be acceptable
to God the almighty Father.

**All May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands,
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good, and for the for the good
of all his holy Church.**

Lord, accept the gifts of your faithful people,
presented on this day when Jesus was proclaimed
your beloved Son.

Let our offering become the sacrifice of him who has washed away the sins of the world
and who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

- The Lord be with you
All and also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
All We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is truly right and good, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.
In the waters of the Jordan you revealed a new baptism
through signs and wonders:
a voice came down from heaven to waken our faith
in your Word dwelling among us;
your Spirit descended as a dove to make it known that Christ,
your servant, was anointed with the oil of gladness
and was sent to preach the good news to the poor.
With joyful hearts we echo on earth the song of the angels in
heaven as they praise your glory without end:

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

Lord, you are holy indeed,
the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine may be
for us the body and blood
of our Lord Jesus Christ;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.
In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
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.
Jesus Christ is Lord:

**All Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

And so, Father,
calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins
of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection
and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
As we offer you this our sacrifice
of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.
Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of blessed Mary, Francis
and all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours,
almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All Amen.

Silence will be kept

The Lord's Prayer

Believing the promises of God,
let us pray as our Saviour has taught us:
All Our Father...

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All **Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

All **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.**

Giving of Communion

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

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

It is not possible for us to receive holy communion together so the priest will do so on our behalf, but you might like to make an act of spiritual communion

All **My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Eucharist,
through Word and Sacrament.
I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come spiritually into my soul
so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever.
Amen.**

*The race that long in darkness pined
has seen a glorious light:
the people dwell in day, who dwelt
in death's surrounding night.*

*To hail thy rise, thou better Sun,
the gathering nations come,
joyous as when the reapers bear
the harvest treasures home.*

*To us a child of hope is born,
to us a Son is given;
him shall the tribes of earth obey,
him all the hosts of heaven.*

*His name shall be the Prince of Peace,
for evermore adored,
the Wonderful, the Counsellor,
the great and mighty Lord.*

*His power increasing still shall spread,
his reign no end shall know;
justice shall guard his throne above,
and peace abound below.*

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.
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.

All Amen.

The Dismissal

The Lord be with you
All and also with you.

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.
All Amen.

We have come to Christ, the living water.
Go in the peace of Christ.
All Thanks be to God.

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