

**Sunday Worship
5pm Sunday 10th January 2021 on Zoom**

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe.
**From the rising of the sun to its setting
your name is proclaimed in all the world.**

*We sing our opening hymn On Jordan's Banks the Baptist cries -
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p1r21LgFpg>*

In the name of the (+) Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The service is introduced

At our Lord's baptism in the river Jordan God is revealed to all who have eyes to see and ears to hear. God spoke from heaven, the Spirit descended as a dove and Jesus was anointed with power from on high. Here is the door of faith, through which we enter the kingdom of heaven. As children of God, we are adopted as his sons and daughters, and called out to proclaim the wonders of him who called us out of darkness and into his marvellous light. Prepare us Holy God, as we give thanks for the ways you are manifest in the world, and as we are reminded of the gift of our own baptism.

**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.**

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.

Lord Jesus, illuminate the darkness in our hearts:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord Jesus, open our eyes to your saving love:
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, unstop our ears to hear your living word:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

We are reminded of God's Forgiveness

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**

We give thanks as we sing the Gloria (standard one)

*Refrain: 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. Refrain:**

**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. Refrain:**

**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. Refrain.**

The Collect is said

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.**

Liturgy of the Word

Genesis 1: 1-5

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.

Thanks be to God.

Acts 19: 1-7

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.

Thanks be to God.

As we prepare to hear the Gospel we sing Spirit of the living God

The Gospel is announced.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Glory to You, O Lord.

Mark 1: 4-11

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.'

At the end.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

We sit to listen to listen to the sermon after church there is a period of silence to reflect on the theme of the day.

We reflect on the gift of Jesus Baptism as we sing Take this moment

We kneel or sit as we prayer for the Church, the World and for this community.

Jesus calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light.
Washed clean by the waters of baptism,
let us pray that we may live the life to which he has called us.

Lord Jesus, eternal Word,
proclaimed as the Christ by John the forerunner,
hear us as we pray for all who proclaim your word,
we pray for preachers and prophets of our own time
We pray for Bishops Sarah and Pete and all who lead us in these challenging
times...

(allow moment of silence)

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, baptizing with the Spirit and with fire,
strengthen all who face trials at this time.
For those who live with the inhumanity of war and violence,
for all who love for a voice of peace in the wilderness.
Strengthen all who bring hope.

(allow moment of silence)

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, bringing forgiveness to all who repent,
teach your Church dependence on your grace.
Guide us in these times of struggle, and give to all who need it
strength in the face of the pandemic.

(allow moment of silence)

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, fulfilment of the promises of old,
give hope to all who suffer or are ignored,
be with those who are isolated and marginalised

all who are homeless and afraid
all who seek comfort at this time.

(allow moment of silence)

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, beloved Son of the Father,
anoint us with the gifts of your Holy Spirit
bring healing and grace, love and comfort to all in need.

We particularly pray for Peter, Pearl, Yvonne, Rute, Patience, Ron, Evelyn, Linda,
John, Josephine, John, Cecilia and Ruth....

(allow moment of silence)

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, bringer of hope,
share with all the faithful the riches of eternal life as we remember Mifley and
Ann, and all who have died recently as well as those whose anniversaries fall at
this time including Bert Gotobed, Joseph Lyon and James Dunn...

Rest Eternal, Grant unto them O Lord
And may light perpetual shine upon them.

May they rest in peace

And rise in Glory

Lord Jesus Christ,
in you the Father makes us and all things new.
Transform the poverty of our nature
by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory as we pray in the words you 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**

We sing together Be Thou my vision

The Lord be with you

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. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.