

**Sunday Worship
9.30am 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=p1r21lLgFpg>*

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.**

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 Come down O love divine -
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=flvKDgktutI&t=33s>

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.

Thanksgiving for the gift of Holy Baptism

I saw water flowing from the threshold of the temple.

**Wherever the river flows
everything will spring to life. Alleluia.**

On the banks of the river grow trees bearing every kind of fruit.

Their leaves will not wither nor their fruit fail.

Their fruit will serve for food, their leaves for the healing of the nations.

**For the river of the water of life
flows from the throne of God and of the Lamb.**

We share in an act of penitence and dedication

God of truth,
you are faithful to the covenant you have made with us;
look in mercy on your people.

From all our sins, O Lord:

wash us, and we shall be clean.

We have broken the pledges of our baptism,
and failed to be your disciples.

From all our sins, O Lord:

wash us, and we shall be clean.

Though we are saved by Christ
and dead to sin through the deep waters of death,
we have not witnessed to his grace by our manner of life.

From all our sins, O Lord:

wash us, and we shall be clean.

We have shown indifference to those in need
and have been afraid to stand up for justice and truth.

From all our sins, O Lord:

wash us, and we shall be clean.

We have been slow to forgive, and have failed to remember your repeated
forgiveness of our sins.

From all our sins, O Lord:

wash us, and we shall be clean.

Today we rejoice and give thanks because your Son humbled himself to be
baptized in the Jordan.

Through the waters you have given us the mystery of baptism for the
remission of our sins.

From all our sins, O Lord:

wash us, and we shall be clean.

Through water and Spirit
you give us new life as the people of God,
and pour out upon us the gifts of your new covenant.

From all our sins, O Lord:

wash us, and we shall be clean.

Almighty God, in our baptism you have consecrated us
to be temples of your Holy Spirit.

May we, whom you have counted worthy,
nurture your indwelling Spirit with a lively faith,
and worship you with upright lives;
through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*The water may be sprinkled over the people, or they may come and sign themselves with
the cross in it as the president says*

'Come,' say the Spirit and the Bride.

*'Come forward, you who are thirsty, receive the water of life,
the free gift to all who desire it.'*

*May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.***

We sing – Be Thou my vision

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 Go forth and Tell

The Lord be with you

And also with you

May God the Father, who led the wise men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also in your pilgrimage to find the Lord.

Amen

May God the Son, who turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts. **Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit, who came upon the beloved Son at his baptism in the river Jordan, pour out his gifts on you who have come to the waters of new

birth. **Amen.**

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.