

## Eucharist for the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

*The priest greets everyone*

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

**All Amen**

The Lord be with you.

**All And also with you.**

1. On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry  
announces that the Lord is nigh;  
awake, and harken, for he brings  
glad tidings of the King of kings.
2. Then cleansed be every breast from sin;  
make straight the way for God within;  
prepare we in our hearts a home,  
where such a mighty guest may come.
3. For thou art our salvation, Lord,  
our refuge, and our great reward;  
without thy grace we waste away,  
like flowers that wither and decay.
4. To heal the sick stretch out thine hand,  
and bid the fallen sinner stand;  
Shine forth, and let thy light restore  
earth's own true loveliness once more.

### First hymn

5. All praise, eternal Son, to thee  
whose advent doth thy people free,  
whom with the Father we adore,  
and Holy Ghost for evermore. Amen.

*The priest invites the people to call to mind their sins*

Let us prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred  
mysteries of Christ's love by calling to mind our sins.

Lord Jesus, you are mighty God and Prince of peace:  
Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you are Son of God and Son of Mary:  
Christ, have mercy.

**All Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you are Word made flesh  
and splendour of the Father:  
Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

*The priest assures the people of God's forgiveness*

May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

**All Amen**

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

*We praise God in the words of the Gloria in Excelsis*

**All    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.**

## **Collect**

*The priest introduces a period of silent prayer, after which the collect for the day is prayed.*

Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God,  
when the spirit descended upon Jesus  
at his baptism in the Jordan, you revealed him as your  
own beloved Son. Keep us, your children,  
born of water and the Spirit, faithful to our calling.  
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever.

**All    Amen**

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

*We hear the first scripture reading, read by Sue.*

A reading from the prophet 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.”

Reader        This is the word of the Lord.

**All            Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel reading**

*The priest sings*

Alleluia, alleluia!

John saw Jesus coming towards him, and said:

This is the Lamb of God,

who takes away the sin of the world.

**All Alleluia!**

*The priest introduces the gospel reading*

The Lord be with you

**All and also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to St Mark (1.4-11)

**All Glory to you, O Lord**

“John the baptiser 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 baptised 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 baptised you with water; but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.’

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptised 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**

*The Sermon is preached by Douglas.*

## **The Creed**

Let us declare our faith in God, Father,  
Son and Holy Spirit:

**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**

*The prayers of intercession are led by Bruce.  
The following response is used throughout the prayers*

Lord, in your mercy.

**All Hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude with the following prayer:*

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

## Liturgy of the Sacrament

### The Peace

*The priest introduces the peace:*

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles:  
'Peace I leave you, my peace I give to you.'  
Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your church,  
and graciously grant us the peace and unity  
of your kingdom. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

**All Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you,

**All and also with you .**

### Preparation of the Altar

*As the altar is prepared with offerings of bread and wine we take a moment to remember many blessings God has given us.*

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*As the bread is placed on the Altar the priest says:*

Blessed are you. Lord God of all creation,  
for through your goodness we have received  
the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth  
and the work of human hands.  
It will become for us the bread of life.

**All Blessed be God for ever.**

*As the chalice is placed on the Altar the priest says:*

Blessed are you. Lord God of all creation,  
for through your goodness we have received  
the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine  
and the work of human hands.  
It will become our spiritual drink.

**All Blessed be God for ever.**

*The priest prays over the gifts on the altar*

Lord, we celebrate the revelation of Christ your Son  
who takes away the sins of the world.  
Accept our gifts  
and let them become one with his sacrifice,  
for he is Lord 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 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:

**All Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts  
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 to 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.

*The priest genuflects in adoration*

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.

*The priest genuflects in adoration*

Great is the mystery of faith.  
**All Christ has died, Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**

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 the Blessed Virgin Mary the Mother of God,  
St Peter, St Paul,  
St Thomas of Canterbury ,  
the blessed Apostles,  
and all the Saints who have pleased you  
throughout the ages,  
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**

## **The Lord's prayer**

Formed by divine teaching  
and at our saviour's command,  
with boldness we pray:

**All 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**

*As the priest breaks the bread we use the following response:*

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup  
**All we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

**All** O Lamb of God,  
you take away the sins of the world  
have mercy on us.

O Lamb of God,  
you take away the sins of the world  
have mercy on us.

O Lamb of God,  
you take away the sins of the world  
grant us your peace.

*The priest genuflects in adoration*

## **Invitation to Communion**

*The priest invites the people to make their spiritual communion,*

Behold the Lamb of God,  
behold him who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**All** Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

## **Prayer of spiritual communion**

*As you look at the sacrament on the altar you might use these words to express your desire to receive Christ into your heart.*

**All** My dear Lord Jesus Christ,  
I believe that you are present  
in the most holy sacrament.  
I love you above all things,  
and I desire to receive you into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment  
receive you sacramentally,  
come spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace you as if you were already with me,  
and I unite myself wholly to you.  
Never permit me to be separated from you.  
Amen.

## Post communion prayers

Lord, you feed us with bread from heaven.  
May we hear your Son with faith  
and become your children in name and truth.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

**All Amen.**

**All 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.**

## Final 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 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 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.
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 forever,  
his changeless name of love.

## **Blessing and 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.**

Go in the peace of Christ.

**All Thanks be to God.**