



# The Baptism of Christ Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2022, 10am

## The Gathering

#### Words of welcome

#### Hymn

Please stand

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne; hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own! Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Virgin's Son, the God incarnate born, whose arm those crimson trophies won which now his brow adorn: Fruit of the mystic Rose, as of that Rose the Stem; the Root whence mercy ever flows, the Babe of Bethlehem.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side, those wounds yet visible above in beauty glorified: no angel in the sky can fully bear that sight, but downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time, creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime: all hail, Redeemer, hail! for thou hast died for me; thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

Matthew Bridges (1800-1894)

## The president says

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

# The Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you **and also with you.** 

# **Prayers of Penitence**

The grace of God has dawned upon the world through our Saviour Jesus Christ. Let us confess our sins.

#### Silence is kept.

Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen. 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
<b>Firmly</b> ( $J = 108$ )
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right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. For
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Spi - rit, in the glo-ry of God the_ Fa-ther. A men.

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** 

# The Liturgy of the Word

## Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 43:1-7

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.' This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

## **Gospel Reading**

Please stand.

CELTIC ALLELUIA



The Gospel is announced.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke **Glory to you, O Lord.** 

## Gospel reading: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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 winnowingfork 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.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**  CELTIC ALLELUIA



Sermon

Revd Dr Laura Biron-Scott

#### **Affirmation of Faith**

Please stand.

Let us declare our faith in God:

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Prayers of Intercession** 

Please sit or kneel.

These responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer. We pray for those who are sick or in particular need: Naomi Lawrence, Charles Reade, Kate Samuel, Mary Jenkins, Barbara Farrar, Josie, Grace, Sue Saville, Vincent, Wilfred Wong, Bob Nind.

*Those who have died recently: Stuart William Douglas. John Stubbles. Rosemary Hill.* 

*Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time: Alvin Jeremy, Beryl Payne, Patrick Reck, Raymond Clare, Janet Collins, Lesley Trinder, Allan Evans-Smith.* 

And at the end

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

## **The Peace**

Please stand

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you are called to peace. The peace of the Lord be always with you **and also with you.** 

Let us offer one another a sign of Peace.

You are invited to exchange a sign of peace with a bow or a wave or a smile – please remain in your place.

#### Hymn

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, 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.

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.

James Montgomery (1771-1854) based on Psalm 72

## Taking of the Bread and Wine

The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

Gracious God, accept the offering of your Church, the hearts of your people joined in praise and thanksgiving, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.** 

Please sit or stand as you are most comfortable

## **The Eucharistic Prayer**

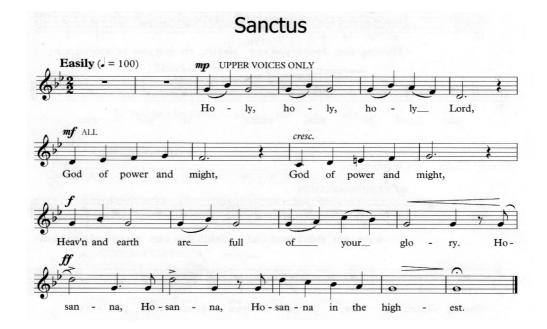
The Lord be with you and also with you.

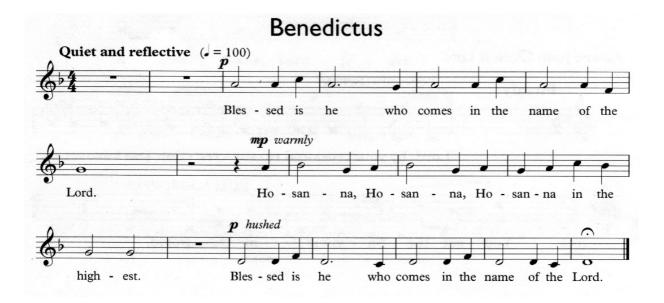
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give thanks and praise.

All honour and praise be yours always and everywhere, mighty creator, ever-living God, through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord: for at this time we celebrate your glory made present in our midst. In the coming of the magi the King of all the world was revealed to the nations.

In the waters of baptism Jesus was revealed as the Christ, the Saviour sent to redeem us. In the water made wine the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast. Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy. Therefore with all the angels of heaven we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name and sing our joyful hymn of praise:





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.

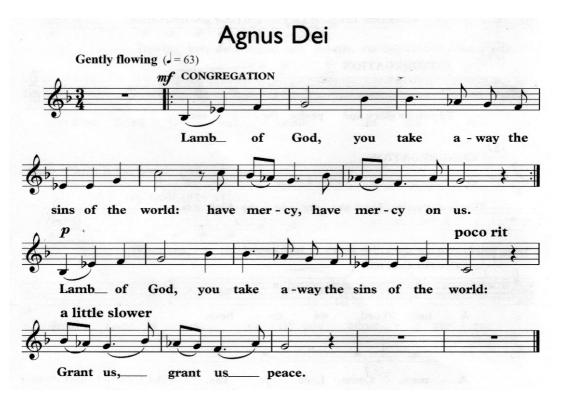
Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with the blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and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

#### The Lord's Prayer

As our saviour taught us, so we pray. Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

## **Breaking of the Bread**

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**

God's holy gifts for God's holy people. Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

As the president receives the bread and wine, all who wish to receive communion join in saying 'Amen'.

The body of Christ, keep you in eternal life. **Amen**. The blood of Christ, keep you in eternal life. **Amen**.

This is God's table and all are welcome here. Please follow the directions of the steward and follow the one-way system as you return to your seat. Please do also come forwards if you would like a prayer of blessing instead, and hold onto this booklet to indicate this.

#### Hymn

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. 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.

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.

Our everlasting Father praise with Christ, his well-belovèd Son, who with the Spirit reigns serene, eternal Trinity in One.

Community of Stanbrook Abbey

## **Prayer after Communion**

Silence is kept.

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.** 

You have opened to us the Scriptures, O Christ, and you have made yourself known in the breaking of the bread. Abide with us, we pray, that, blessed by your royal presence, we may walk with you all the days of our life, and at its end behold you in the glory of the eternal Trinity, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

# The Sending Out

#### Hymn

Please stand

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to his feet thy tribute bring; ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who like me his praise should sing? Alleluia, alleluia, praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour to our fathers in distress; praise him still the same for ever, slow to chide and swift to bless: Alleluia, alleluia, glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us, well our feeble frame he knows; in his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes: Alleluia, alleluia, widely as his mercy flows.

Frail as summer's flower we flourish; blows the wind and it is gone; but, while mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on: Alleluia, alleluia, praise the high eternal One.

Angels, help us to adore him; ye behold him face to face; sun and moon bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space: Alleluia, alleluia, praise with us the God of grace.

Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847) based on Psalm 103

Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.** 

## **The Dismissal**

We have seen his glory, the glory revealed to all the nations. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. In the name of Christ. Amen.

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#### Notices: January 9th

#### Sunday Jan 9th Baptism of Christ.

8am – Holy Communion from the Book of Common Prayer 10am – Parish Eucharist with Forest Sunday School

#### **Midweek Services**

Morning Prayer: Mondays at 9am Tots Service: Tuesdays at 10am Midweek Communion: Wednesdays at 10am Prayers for Hope and Healing: Thursdays at 8.30pm (via Zoom).

**Julian Group.** We meet for silent meditation once a month. As most of the group are retired we are changing to an afternoon meeting this year. If the timing of the evening meeting was difficult for you please join us in the afternoon. Our next meeting will be on Friday 14th January at 3 Barton Road at 2 pm. For further details please contact Sheila Allcock at 01865-769630 or sheilaallcock@yahoo.co.uk

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