

St John the Evangelist  
East Dulwich



The Baptism of Christ  
10 January 2021

## **GREETING**

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

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

## **INTRODUCTION**

### **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

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.**

### **THE COLLECT**

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.**

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING:** *Genesis 1: 1-5*

A reading from the Book of Genesis, chapter one beginning at the first verse.

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.**

## **GOSPEL READING:** *Mark 1: 4-11*

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Alleluia. Alleluia. I am the light of the world says the Lord.  
Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.

**Alleluia.**

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

**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.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

### **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

God in Christ gives us water welling up for eternal life.  
With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.  
**Lord, give us this water and we shall thirst no more.**

## **PRAYER OVER THE WATER**

Praise God who made heaven and earth  
**who keeps his promise for ever.**

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

Father, for your gift of water in creation  
**we give you thanks and praise.**

For your Spirit, sweeping over the waters, bringing light and life  
**we give you thanks and praise.**

For your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, baptized in the river Jordan  
**we give you thanks and praise.**

For your new creation, brought to birth by water and the Spirit  
**we give you thanks and praise.**

For your grace bestowed upon us your children, washing away our sins  
**we give you thanks and praise.**

So, Father, accept our sacrifice of praise.  
By the power of your life-giving Spirit bless these waters of your new creation.  
**Lord, receive our prayer.**

May we your servants who have been washed in them be made one with your Son,  
who took the form of a servant.  
**Lord, receive our prayer.**

May your Holy Spirit, who has brought us to new birth  
in the family of your Church, raise us in Christ,  
our anointed Lord, to full and eternal life.  
**Lord, receive our prayer.**

For all might, majesty and dominion are yours,  
now and for ever.  
**Alleluia. Amen.**

## **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.**

*We are sprinkled with water, or sign ourselves with the cross:*

‘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 God the creator, the rock of our salvation,  
who has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit  
and forgiven all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
keep us faithful to our calling,  
now and for ever. **Amen.**

Remember your baptism into Christ Jesus.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Your name be hallowed.  
**Your kingdom come.**

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

## **THE PEACE**

We are the body of Christ.  
In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.  
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace  
and builds up our common life.

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Blessed be God, by whose grace creation is renewed,  
by whose love heaven is opened,  
by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **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.**

*The president gives thanks for God's goodness*

**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.**

*The president recalls the Last Supper*

Praise to you, Lord Jesus.

**Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life:  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

*The president recalls God's mighty acts* **Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us,  
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**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**

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.**

## **AGNUS DEI**

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

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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**

Jesus is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.  
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

## **PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

Lord, you stand at the door and knock.  
You wait for me and only I can let you in.  
I believe and trust in you and ask you  
now to fill me with your presence.  
Feed me with your body and unite me  
in your blood, that I may be your blessing  
to a world in need. **Amen.**

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**Father of all, we give you thanks and praise,  
that when we were still far off  
you met us in your Son and brought us home.  
Dying and living, he declared your love,  
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.  
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup bring life to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.  
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,  
so we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **NOTICES**

### **THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

... 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 peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**



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