



ST JOHN THE
EVANGELIST
UPPER NORWOOD



High Mass

The Baptism of Christ

10th January 2021 10am

Please turn off mobile phones

The Gathering

*We **STAND** as the Organ plays and the Altar party enter*

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

The Greeting

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.**

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

The president introduces the service.

Prayers of Penitence

The deacon invites us to confess our sins

By the mercies of God,
let us confess our sins and present our bodies as a living sacrifice,
holy and acceptable to him,
which is our spiritual worship.

Silence is kept.

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

The president says the absolution

May God who loved the world so much
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour
forgive you your sins
and make you holy to serve him in the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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

The president introduces a period of silent prayer

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

Readings

We SIT for the readings.

A reading from the book of Genesis.

read by David Simmons

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.

Genesis 1.1-5

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord you powers of heaven,
Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the honour due unto his name;
Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

- 2 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters,
The God of glory thunders,
The Lord is upon the mighty waters
the voice of the Lord is mighty in operation;
The voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.

- 3 The Lord sits enthroned above the waterflood;
The Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.
The Lord shall give strength to his people;
The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Psalm 29

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

read by Genelle Banton

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 baptised?' They answered, 'Into John's baptism.' Paul said, 'John baptised 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 baptised 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.

Acts 19.1–7

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

We **STAND** to say the acclamation, and **TURN** to face the gospel book.

Alleluia **Alleluia**, This is my Son, the Beloved : with whom I am well pleased. Alleluia.

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

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.'

Mark 1.4–11

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Fr An

The Creed

We STAND.

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

**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

*We **KNEEL** or **SIT** to pray. The president introduces the prayers*

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.

Led by Tim Brunt

Lord Jesus, eternal Word,
proclaimed as the Christ by John the forerunner,
hear us as we pray for all who proclaim your word ...
Lord of truth,
hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, baptizing with the Spirit and with fire,
strengthen us to withstand all the trials of our faith ...
Lord of truth,
hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, bringing forgiveness to all who repent,
teach your Church dependence on your grace ...
Lord of truth,
hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, fulfilment of the promises of old,
give hope to all who suffer or are ignored ...
Lord of truth,
hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, beloved Son of the Father,
anoint us with the gifts of your Holy Spirit ...
Lord of truth,
hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, bringer of hope,
share with all the faithful the riches of eternal life ...
Lord of truth,
hear our prayer.

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.
Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

*We **STAND.** The president introduces the Peace*

God has made us one in Christ.
He has set his seal upon us and,
as a pledge of what is to come,
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.

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

The deacon says

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Preparation of the Table Taking of the Bread and Wine

The following prayers are said

Pray, my brothers and sisters,
that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God the almighty Father.
**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands,
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good and the good of all his church.**

Open the heavens, Holy Spirit,
for us to see Jesus interceding for us;
may we be willing to share his baptism,
ready to share his cup
and strengthened to serve him for ever.
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.

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 saying:

The Sanctus and Benedictus

**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.**

You are encouraged to kneel or sit.

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.
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 deacon says

Great is the mystery of faith:

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 Mary the Mother of God,
John the Evangelist, Alban the Martyr and all the saints,
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. **Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

Believing the promises of God,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has 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.**

Breaking of the Bread

We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.
God here among us,

light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.

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.

We say the Agnus Dei

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

**Lamb of God, 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.**

The sacrament is distributed to you in your places following the words.

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

Prayer after Communion

*We **STAND***

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.**

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.**

The Dismissal

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.

The deacon says

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.

Please take this booklet home with you.

The Angelus

The Angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary,
And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee,
Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

Behold the handmaid of the Lord;
Be it unto me according to thy word.

Hail, Mary . . .

And the Word was made flesh,
And dwelt among us.

Hail, Mary . . .

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts;
that, as we have known the incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ
by the message of an angel, so by his cross and passion
we may be brought unto the glory of his resurrection;
through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen**

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER DIARY

Christopher our Bishop; Justin our Archbishop;
Jonathan, Bishop of Croydon

Those we have been asked to pray for

Dave Hines, Fintan Crotty, Tony Corley, Margaret Stephens, Graham Spalding, Sabir, Sarita Brown Smedley, Patsy Younger, Janet and Paul Jolaosho, Donovan Donaldson, Liz Woodhouse, Pat Parker, James Delaney, Nathan Tulip, Patricia and Roy Rae, Robbie Middleton,

Christopher Love, Lorna Gautier, David Maitland, Simon Gabe, Michael Hale, Vinnette & Mike Melbourne, Michael Cooper, Adam Phillips, Peter Bibby, Philippa Pearce, Julie Loh, Ann Newman, Naomi Ioannou, Alan Driedger, June McCallum, Carmen Alveraz, Paul Allen, and Poh Wong

Those known to us recently departed

Eurice Henningfield, Florence Wintermute, Manuel Noel, Tyrell Shy, Alison O'Melia.

Past priests, benefactors, friends, and all whose year's mind occurs this week

George Howse, Frank Keene, Margaret McNab, Eric Bailey, *Vicar 1939-1967*, Margaret Marr, Anna Maclean, Henrietta Allen, George Harvey, William Bellamy, John Rowbotham, Bertha Turley, Andre Linden, Susanne Steckel, Gilbert Steckel, Mona Halhed, Edward Evans, Robert Strudwick, Guy Mead, Eleanor Hawtin.

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SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Monday 4th

6pm Christian Meditation *on Zoom*

Tuesday 5th

3.30pm Christian Meditation *on Zoom*

Wednesday 6th

10am Low Mass (*also on Zoom*)

Saturday 9th

10am Mass (*also on Zoom*)

Next Sunday, 17th January Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

9.15am Morning Prayer

10am High Mass

5pm Said Evening Prayer

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Led by the Spirit
Luke 24:13-35

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