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on the Baptism of Christ

Sunday 12th January 2025
9.00am

Order of Service



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ORDER OF SERVICE

§ Notices are read before the service begins.

§ Please stand as the Procession enters. We sing together:

The Opening Hymn



1 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.

2 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.

3 Crown him the Lord of Love!
Behold his hands and side,
rich 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.

4 Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
and all be prayer and praise:
his reign shall know no end,
and round his piercèd feet
fair flowers of Paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

5 Crown him the Lord of years,
the Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
Glassed in a sea of light,
where everlasting waves
reflect his throne-the Infinite!
who lives-and loves-and saves.

WE GATHER IN THE LORD'S NAME

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Yn enw'r Tad, a'r Mab, a'r Ysbryd Glân.
All **Amen.** **Amen.**

Grace and peace be with you and keep you in the love of Christ. Gras a thangnefedd a fo gyda chwi a'th gadw di yng nghariad Crist.
All

We have come to celebrate the good news of God in Christ, and the response of faith to be made by those who come to be confirmed. We reaffirm our welcome to all those who seek to be disciples of Christ, and celebrate our membership together in the Body of Christ. For those who are to be confirmed we seek God's grace and blessing and the renewed ministry of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

All **Father of glory, holy and eternal, look upon us now in power and mercy. May your strength overcome our weakness, your radiance transform our blindness, and your Spirit draw us to that love shown and offered to us by your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

§ *We remember the things that separate us from God, and we ask his forgiveness.*

God our Father, we come to you in sorrow for all that we have done wrong.

Lord Jesus, mighty God and Prince of Peace, Lord, have mercy.
All **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, Son of God and Son of Mary, Christ, have mercy.
All **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, Word made flesh and splendour of the Father, Lord, have mercy.
All **Lord, have mercy.**

Let us confess our sins to God, our Father:

All **Heavenly Father, we have sinned in thought, word and deed, and have failed to do what we ought to have done. We are sorry and truly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ who died for us, forgive us all that is past and lead us in his way to walk as children of light. Amen.**

✠ May almighty God, who sent his Son into the world to save sinners, bring you his pardon and peace, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Gloria

§ We sing the Gloria, which begins with the words sung by the angels as they announced the birth of Jesus to the shepherds:



Glory in the highest to the God of heaven!
Peace to all your people through the earth be given!
Mighty God and Father, thanks and praise we bring,
singing Hallelujah to our heavenly king.

Jesus Christ is risen, God the Father's Son!
With the Holy Spirit you are Lord alone!
Lamb once killed for sinners, all our guilt to bear,
show us now your mercy, now receive our prayer.

Christ the world's true Saviour, high and holy One,
seated now and reigning from your Father's throne:
Lord and God, we praise you! Highest heaven adores:
in the Father's glory, all the praise be yours!

Words: After Gloria in Excelsis
Christopher Idle (1942-96)
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Music: CAMBERWELL
John Michael Brierley (b.1932)

The Collect

§ After a short silence, the priest offers a prayer that 'collects' the prayers of the congregation and reflects the themes for the day. Following the collect, we respond:

Let us pray:

Heavenly Father,
by the power of your Holy Spirit
you give to your faithful people
new life in the water of baptism:
guide and strengthen us by the same Spirit,
that we who are born again may serve you in faith and love
and grow into the full stature of your Son Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

THE PRESENTATION

§ *Please sit as the candidates remain standing. The Canon Chancellor first names the candidates.*

Bishop Mary, I present to you **N** that they may be confirmed.

§ *The bishop asks the candidates:*

Is it your wish to be confirmed?

§ *The candidates respond:*

It is.

§ *The bishop asks the congregation:*

Will you welcome these candidates for confirmation and do your best to uphold them in their life in Christ?

All **With the help of God, we will.**

§ *The bishop addresses the candidates:*

Dear friends in Christ, you have declared your wish to respond to God's call by confirming your Baptismal promises. Through Baptism, God claims his people as his own, and makes them part of the Church, the Body of Christ. Through anointing, the laying on of hands, and prayer, you will be strengthened by the Holy Spirit, who confirms, strengthens and guides you in your Christian discipleship. On behalf of the Church, I, as bishop, welcome you into deeper fellowship with the whole body of Christ. By the grace of God, you will be enabled to continue on your journey of faith, committed to the mission of God's pilgrim Church as active disciples.

§ *The candidates return to their seats.*

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

The First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Acts 8.14–17

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

§ *The Psalms of David are hymns of praise found in the Old Testament: The text for the psalm can be found in the weekly service sheet. We say the psalm for the day together.*

Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

All **Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name;
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

All **The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation;
the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.**

The Lord sits enthroned above the water flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.

All **The Lord shall give strength to his people;
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.**

Psalm 29

The Gospel

§ *Please stand. The reading is taken from one of the four Gospels, which tell us about the life and teachings of Jesus. As the Gospel is processed to the Nave, we sing together:*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

§ *When the Gospel is introduced:*

The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Luke,

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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 winnowing-fork 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.'

Luke 3.15–17, 21–22

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

§ *We sing together:*

All **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

The Homily

§ *Please sit as the bishop leads us in a reflection on the words of the scriptures we have heard today.*

The Confirmation

§ *The candidates stand before the bishop.*

You have declared your wish to be confirmed.

We therefore now invite you to respond to Christ's call.

Do you turn to Christ?

I turn to Christ.

Do you repent of your sins?

I repent of my sins.

Do you renounce evil?

I renounce evil.

We invite you now to profess the Christian faith.

Do you believe in God the Father, the Creator of all?

I believe and trust in God the Father.

Do you believe in his Son Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world?

I believe and trust in God the Son.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life?

I believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit.

§ *The bishop addresses the congregation:*

This is the faith of the Church.

All **This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

§ *The bishop, standing, extends her hands towards the candidates for confirmation and says:*

Almighty and everlasting God,
you have given your servants new birth
in baptism by water and the Holy Spirit,
and have forgiven them all their sins.
Pour out your Holy Spirit upon them:
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding;
the Spirit of counsel and inward strength;
the Spirit of knowledge and true godliness;
and let them delight in the reverence of the Lord.

All **Amen.**

§ *The bishop lays her right hand on the head of each candidate, saying:*

N., God has called you by name and made you his own.
Confirm, O Lord, your servant with your heavenly grace
and anoint them with your Holy Spirit;
empower them for your service
and keep them in eternal life.

All **Amen.**

§ *The bishop addresses the candidates:*

Now that you have been renewed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, I ask you to commit yourselves to the work of God's mission.

As a disciple of Christ will you continue in the Apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you proclaim in word and action the Good News of the Kingdom and seek to bring others to share in God's love?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you continue to grow in the faith and encourage new believers on their journey with Christ?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you love your neighbour as commanded in the Gospel and seek to serve others after the example of Jesus?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you play your part in society by challenging injustice of every kind and by pursuing peace and reconciliation?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth?

With the help of God, I will.

§ *The bishop addresses the whole congregation:*

People of God, will you renew your commitment, as disciples of Christ, to the work of God's mission in the world?

All **With the help of God, we will.**

May Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ sent his followers out into all the world,
continue to empower you with the Holy Spirit,
and equip you to be witnesses for Christ
for the glory of his name and the advancement of God's kingdom.

All **Amen.**

The Peace

§ *We stand and acknowledge each other's presence within the Christian community.*

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace.
Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end.

The peace of the Lord
be with you always.

All **And also with you.**

Tangnefedd yr Arglwydd
a fo gyda chwi bob amser.

A hefyd gyda thi.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

§ *We share a sign of peace with one another.*

The Offertory Hymn

§ During the hymn, the altar is prepared for Holy Communion with bread and wine, and a collection is taken to aid the cathedral in its work.



Jesus, good above all other,
Gentle child of gentle mother,
In a stable born our brother,
Give us grace to persevere.

Jesus, cradled in a manger,
For us facing every danger,
Living as a homeless stranger,
Make we thee our king most dear.

Jesus, for thy people dying,
Risen master, death defying,
Lord in heaven, thy grace supplying,
Keep us to thy presence near.

Jesus, who our sorrows bearest,
All our thoughts and hopes thou sharest,
Thou to man the truth declarest;
Help us all thy truth to hear.

Lord, in all our doings guide us;
Pride and hate shall ne'er divide us,
We'll go on with thee beside us,
And with joy we'll persevere!

Words: Jesus noster, Jesus bonus
Adam of Saint Victor (12th Century)
tr John Mason Neale (1818-1860)
adapted by Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)

Music: QUEM PASTORES
German 14th century Carol

WE OFFER THANKSGIVING

§ *At the Thanksgiving, we give thanks for all that God has done for us. We say the Sanctus, a hymn of praise derived from the Prophecy of Isaiah and the Gospel of Matthew. We then hear the 'words of institution', the words spoken by Jesus to his disciples during the Last Supper. We then remember his death, his resurrection, and the promise of his return. We also ask the Holy Spirit to bless the gifts that we are about to receive at Communion.*

Bishop With this bread that we bring,
All **We shall remember Jesus.**

With this wine that we bring,
All **We shall remember Jesus.**

Bread for his body, wine for his blood
All **Gifts from God to his table we bring.**

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 our thanks and praise.**

It is always right, wherever we are,
to thank you and to praise you,
God our Father and King for ever,
through Jesus Christ, your Son.

When he was baptized by John,
he was revealed as your beloved Son,
the One on whom your favour rests.
Anointed by your Spirit as the Christ,
he went forth to do his saving work.
So here on earth, with the angels and archangels
and with everyone in Heaven we praise your name saying:

All **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.**

Father in heaven,
listen to the prayer we make in Jesus' name;
through the Holy Spirit's power, gentle as a dove,
may this bread and this wine be for us
Jesus' body and blood.

Father, we remember when Jesus had supper with his friends
the night before he died,
he took the bread;
he thanked you, broke it, gave it to his friends and said:

'Take this and eat it – this is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.'

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine;
he thanked you, gave it to his friends and said:

'All of you drink from this cup – because this is my blood –
the new promise of God's love:
Do this every time you drink it to remember me.'

Deacon Together we remember that Jesus is always with us and say:

All **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come in glory.

Father, as we remember your Son, Jesus Christ,
who died on the cross and rose again,
we offer you these and all the gifts you freely give to us.

Send your Holy Spirit to be with us
and all who share this bread and drink from this cup.
Help us to trust you, bring us closer together
and welcome us, with all your people, into Jesus' glorious kingdom.

All honour and glory belong to you,
Father, through Jesus, your Son,
with the Holy Spirit: one God, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

§ *Please sit or kneel as we say together the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples:*

Let us pray with confidence to the Father:

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.**

We Share The Gifts

§ *The bishop breaks the bread:*

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All **Though we are many, we are one body
for we all share in one bread.**

§ *We say together the Agnus Dei, which is based on the words of John the Baptist when he saw Jesus:*

**Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.**

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.
Happy 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.**

§ *Those who wish to may come forward to receive communion or a blessing. Please follow the direction of the stewards. You can indicate to the priest that you would like a blessing by keeping your arms lowered. For hygiene reasons, it is our custom at the cathedral not to dip the Host (bread) in the Chalice. The following words are used at the distribution:*

The body of Christ. **Amen.**
The blood of Christ. **Amen.**

§ *Once everyone has received Communion, we stand to sing the last hymn:*

The image shows a musical score for a hymn in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. It consists of three staves. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The second staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat, with a '3' above the first two measures indicating a triplet. The third staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat, with a bracket above the first measure labeled 'Last time'. Below the third staff, the lyrics are: 'and then in heav'n receive me, my mas - ter and my friend.'

1. O Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
Be thou for ever near me,
my Master and my Friend:
I shall not fear the battle
if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if thou wilt be my guide.

2. O let me hear thee speaking
in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
thou guardian of my soul.

3. O Jesus, thou hast promised
to all who follow thee,
that where thou art in glory
there shall thy servant be;
and, Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end:
O give me grace to follow,
my Master and my Friend.

4. O let me see thy foot-marks,
and in them plant mine own;
my hope to follow duly
is in thy strength alone:
O guide me, call me, draw me,
uphold me to the end;
and then in heaven receive me,
my Saviour and my Friend.

Words: John Ernest Bode (1816-74)

Music: HATHEROP CASTLE
Geoffrey Beaumont (1903-70)

§ *The bishop gives a lighted candle to each of the newly confirmed.*

You have received the light of Christ;
walk in this light all the days of your life.

All **Shine as a light in the world
to the glory of God the Father.**

WE GO IN GOD'S STRENGTH

Give thanks to the Lord for he is gracious:

All **his love is everlasting.**

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.

All **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

God stir up in you the gifts of his Spirit, that you may witness to Christ the Lord and proclaim the joy of the eternal gospel;

✠ And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

A bendith Duw hollalluog, y Tad, y Mab, a'r Ysbryd Glân a fo yn eich plith ac a drigo gyda chwi yn wastad.

Amen.

As disciples and pilgrims, filled with the power of the Spirit, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

§ *We remain standing as the clergy depart.*



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