



**THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**  
**THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST**

**Sung Eucharist**

**SUNDAY 10TH JANUARY 2021**

**11.15AM**

# THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

## GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

*The Dean introduces the service.*

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden;  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## PENITENCE

Let us confess our sins unto Almighty God:

*Silence*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned in thought and word and deed,  
and in what we have left undone.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us,  
that we may walk in newness of life  
to the glory of your name. Amen.

*The Absolution is pronounced.*

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy on you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS** is sung  
*Merbecke*

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**  
*is said*

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 of water and the Spirit,  
that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
**Amen.**

**PROCLAIMING AND RECEIVING THE WORD**

**THE READING**  
*Acts 19: 1-7*

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.*

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

*Reader:* This is the word of the Lord.

*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 29**  
*is sung*

1. Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
2. Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name;  
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
3. The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
4. The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation;  
the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.

5. The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;  
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
6. He makes Lebanon skip like a calf  
and Sirion like a young wild ox.
7. The voice of the Lord splits the flash of lightning;  
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
8. The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare;  
in his temple all cry, 'Glory!'
9. The Lord sits enthroned above the water flood;  
the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.
10. The Lord shall give strength to his people;  
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

*Stand for*  
**THE GOSPEL**  
*Mark 1: 4-7*

*Reader:* Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ according to St Mark,  
chapter one, beginning at verse four.

*All:* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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.'

*Reader:* This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*All:* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**THE SERMON**  
The Dean

## THE NICENE CREED

**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 by the Holy Spirit of 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.**

*Kneel or sit for*

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

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 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.

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

## **CELEBRATING AT THE LORD'S TABLE**

### **THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE**

Open the heavens, Lord our God,  
and send your transforming Spirit on us and on these gifts.  
May we who are baptized into Christ be ready to share his cup of suffering  
and strengthened to serve him for ever. **Amen.**

**THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE**  
Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us.  
**Therefore let us celebrate the feast.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord is here.  
**His Spirit is with us.**

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

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

Father, almighty and everliving God,  
at all times and in all places  
it is right to give you thanks and praise.

And now we give you thanks  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
whose willing submission to the way of righteousness  
is the pattern of our calling  
to be his people and live in his way.

And so with all your people,  
with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and singing:

*The **SANCTUS** and **BENEDICTUS** are sung.  
(Merbecke)*

Blessed are you, Father,  
the creator and sustainer of all things;  
you made us in your own image,  
male and female you created us;  
even when we turned away from you,  
you never ceased to care for us,  
but in your love and mercy  
you freed us from the slavery of sin;  
giving your only begotten Son to become man  
and suffer death on the cross to redeem us;  
he made there the one complete and all-sufficient sacrifice  
for the sins of the whole world:  
he instituted, and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue,  
a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again:

On the night that he was betrayed he took bread;  
and when he had given thanks to you,  
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 when he had given thanks to you,  
he gave it to them, saying,  
Drink this, all of you,  
for 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.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup  
we do as Christ your Son commanded:  
**we remember his passion and death,  
we celebrate his resurrection and ascension,  
and we look for the coming of his kingdom.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,  
this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving;  
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts,  
grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit  
that we may be made one in your holy Church  
and partakers of the body and blood of your Son,  
that he may dwell in us and we in him;

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,  
by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
**all honour and glory are yours, Almighty Father,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Believing the promises of God,  
as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:  
**Our Father who art in heaven ...**

### **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ  
**We, being many, are one body for we all share in the one bread.**

*The **AGNUS DEI** is sung.  
(Merbecke)*

## **THE COMMUNION**

*Communicants are invited to receive (bread only) with these words:*

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Jesus Christ is holy,**

**Jesus Christ is Lord,**

**to the glory of God the Father.**

## **GOING OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

### **THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYERS**

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 spiritual food**  
**of 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 BLESSING**

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 with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### **THE DISMISSAL**

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

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