

The Parish Church of St Giles with St Mary's, Pontefract



Baptism of Christ

First After Epiphany

10th January 2021 ~ 10.15 a.m.

Live at St Giles' Church and
Live Streamed on Facebook

WELCOME TO WORSHIP- helping to keep each other safe.

- **MOBILE PHONES**—To avoid loss of signal when livestreaming the service, would you please either turn your phone off or put it onto 'Airplane Mode' in settings
- **FACE MASKS** – must be worn unless you are exempt
- **TEST AND TRACE** – Please give your details to the sidesperson or use the NHS 'Test and Trace' app
- **HAND HYGIENE** – Please sanitise on entry and exit and before receiving communion
- **SOCIAL DISTANCING** – The 2 metres rule to be followed, or if not possible 1 metre plus with mitigations
- **SEATING ARRANGEMENTS** – You will be seated in appropriate seats by the sidespeople
- **SERVICE SHEETS** – Please take home with you
- **MUSIC, SINGING AND RESPONSES** - Singing is not currently permitted for congregations. A small choral group is permitted. All responses will be said using a quiet voice
- **THE PEACE** – please only share by a smile or wave
- **RECEIVING COMMUNION** – The sidespeople will direct you. Please sanitise your hands as directed. When you reach the priest, please remove your mask and stretch out your hands.
- **AT THE END OF THE SERVICE** - Please remain in your seat until a steward asks you to leave, and then please go directly to the designated exit as guided by them. Mingling amongst groups is not permitted by law indoors and outdoors. Rule of six applies.
- **FOOD AND DRINK** – sadly, there can be no refreshments available after the service.
- **LIGHTING OF CANDLES** – can be done after the service.
- **TOILETS** -Toilet facilities are available, but only one person will be able to enter the toilet area at a time to ensure social distancing.
- **TITHES AND OFFERINGS** – please place onto the plate near the exit door.

The Gathering

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

Amen.

Introduction

This day Jesus is revealed as the Christ in the waters of baptism.

Alleluia. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Greeting

The president greets the people

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

and also with you. Amen.

Invitation to confession

Because God was merciful,
he saved us through the water of rebirth
and the renewing power of the Holy Spirit.

But through sin we have fallen away from our baptism.

Let us return to the Lord and renew our faith in his promises
by confessing our sins in penitence.

cf Titus 3.5

Prayers of Penitence

God 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.

May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen † you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in 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 for the Baptism of Christ

Let us pray that we may be faithful to our baptism.

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

First 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.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Organ Fanfare

Gospel Reading Mark 1.4-11

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 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

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

I come to Christ.

And now I ask you to make the profession of Christian faith into which you were baptised, and in which you live and grow.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, who made the world?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ, who redeemed humanity?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in his holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God?

I believe and trust in him.

we pray together.

Almighty God,

we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith with all who have been baptized into your name.

Keep us faithful to our baptism,

and so make us ready for that day

when the whole creation shall be made perfect in your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

May God, who has given you the desire to follow Christ, give you the strength to continue in the Way.

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

We come in faith to the throne of grace, offering our prayers to God, the source of all life and holiness.

After each prayer: Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

We pray for those for whom prayers have been requested:

Jonathan; Stephanie; Brenda; Barrie; Roger; Jessie; Diane; Cynthia; Ali; Daniel; Mar; Janis Gallagher, Jenny & Andrew Priest; Jonathan Bellamy; Sandie Morrison; Rhys Williams; Lucy Nicholl; Frances Kemp; Pat Steel; Maureen Steane; Anita Murray; David Murray; Robert Metcalfe; Barbara Berridge; Gayle Abelthorpe.

We pray for those who have recently died:

Robert Broughton; Elizabeth Reed; Evelyn Sarah Leigh.

Those whose years mind falls at this time:

Olga Kirkwood; Daniel R. Beddis; Dolly Faulkner; Desmond Stuart Frankland;
Mary Dean.

At the end: Merciful Father

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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
since as members of one body you are called to peace.

cf Colossians 3.15

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

*Please **DO NOT** share the peace physically*

Preparation of the Altar

Offertory Hymn (Sung by The Choir)

*The sinless one to Jordan came
To share our fallen nature's blame;
God's righteousness he thus fulfilled
And chose the path his Father willed.*

Uprising from the waters there,

*The voice from heaven did witness bear
That he, the Son of God, had come
To lead his scattered people home.*

*Above him see the heavenly Dove,
The sign of God the Father's love,
Now by the Holy Spirit shed
Upon the Son's anointed head.*

*Dear Lord, let those baptized from sin
Go forth with you, a world to win,
And send the Holy Spirit's power
To shield them in temptation's hour.*

G.B. Timms (1910-1997)

Taking of the Bread and Wine

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

Prayer over the Gifts

Pray, my brothers and sisters
that this my sacrifice and yours
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.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

Let us pray.

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 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 singing.

Sanctus & Benedictus Willan - Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory:*

Glory be to thee, O Lord most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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 Our Lady, Giles 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

Believing the promises of God, 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

The president breaks the consecrated 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.**

Agnus Dei

**Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins,
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world,
grant us your peace.**

Giving of Communion

The president says the invitation to communion.

**Christ is the true bread
which has come down from heaven.**

Lord, give us this bread always.

The clergy and people receive communion.

The body of Christ broken for you

(this will not be said to each individual as they receive)

All who usually receive communion in their own churches are welcome to do so here.

If you would like to receive a blessing, please carry this service order and keep your hands at your sides. Please come forward as the sides-people direct.

We receive Holy Communion (or a blessing) standing and in silence with outstretched hands, and then return to our place. Organ music will be played.

If you would prefer not to receive Holy Communion, or if you're following the service at home or at a different time, please use this prayer of spiritual communion.

In union, O Lord with the faithful at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and body with the earnest wish that I may always be united to you.

And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Let nothing ever separate you from me.

May I live and die in your love.

Amen.

Hymn (Sung by The Choir)

*Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesus, Lord, to Thee we raise,
manifested by the star
to the sages from afar;
branch of royal David's stem
in Thy birth at Bethlehem;*

*anthems be to Thee addressed,
God in Man made manifest.*

*Manifest in making whole
palsied limbs and fainting soul;
manifest in valiant fight,
quelling all the devil's might;
manifest in gracious will,
ever bringing good from ill;
anthems be to Thee addressed,
God in Man made manifest.*

*Sun and moon shall darkened be,
stars shall fall, the heavens shall flee;
Christ will then like lightning shine,
all will see His glorious sign;
all will then the trumpet hear,
all will see the Judge appear;
Thou by all wilt be confessed,
God in Man made manifest.*

*Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord,
mirrored in Thy holy Word;
may we imitate Thee now,
and be pure, as pure art Thou;
that we like to Thee may be
at Thy great Epiphany;
and may praise Thee, ever blest,
God in Man made manifest.*

Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885)

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

Let us pray.

**Lord 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.

The Blessing and Dismissal

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

The Father's voice bears witness to the Son.

God has revealed himself to us.

The Son bows his head beneath the waters of baptism.

God has revealed himself to us.

The Spirit as a dove descends from heaven.

God has revealed himself to us.

Submitting to John's baptism, Christ delivers us from bondage.

God has revealed himself to us.

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. Alleluia, Alleluia.

In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia, Alleluia.

The clergy and people depart.

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do not gather anywhere indoors following the service.*

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Daniel Beddis

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