

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



The First Sunday after Epiphany
The Baptism of Christ
9th January 2022, 10.15 a.m.

Welcome

We welcome you to this celebration of Parish Mass
for the Baptism of Christ.

Today's setting for mass is Kilcreggan

People of all denominations who are in good standing with their own
church are welcome to come and receive communion.

If you wish to receive a blessing, please come to the altar carrying this
order of service.

Please let clergy or a churchwarden know at the beginning of the
service if you need a gluten-free host.

5 minutes before the service begins,
a bell will ring to signal that a period of quiet reflection is kept
during which you may wish to use this prayer.

**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

A bell is rung to begin our worship.

Cover painting *The Baptism of Christ*, by the Flemish artist:
Joachim Patinir (c.1480 - 1524); completion date: 1515

The Gathering

Hymn (486)

**We have a gospel to proclaim,
good news for men in all the earth;
the gospel of a Saviour's name:
we sing His glory, tell His worth.**

**Tell of His birth at Bethlehem,
not in a royal house or hall
but in a stable dark and dim:
the Word made flesh, a light for all**

**Tell of His death at Calvary,
hated by those He came to save;
in lonely suffering on the cross
for all He loved His life He gave.**

**Tell of that glorious Easter morn:
empty the tomb, for He was free.
He broke the power of death and hell
that we might share His victory.**

**Tell of His reign at God's right hand,
by all creation glorified;
He sends His Spirit on His Church
to live for Him, the Lamb who died.**

**Now we rejoice to name Him King:
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.**

**This gospel message we proclaim:
we sing His glory, tell His worth.**



Rev. Edward Burns (1938-)

†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.

Titus 3.5

Prayer of Penitence

God our Father,

**long-suffering, full of grace and truth,
you create us from nothing and give us life.**

You give your faithful people new life in the water of baptism.

**You do not turn your face from us,
nor cast us aside.**

**We confess that we have sinned
against you and our neighbour.**

We have wounded your love and marred your image in us.

**Restore us for the sake of your Son,
and bring us to heavenly joy,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen

The president says

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 Isaiah 43.1-7

A reading from the book of Isaiah.

But now thus says the Lord,

he who created you, O Jacob,

he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,

and the flame shall not consume you.

For I am the Lord your God,

the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.

I give Egypt as your ransom,

Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

Because you are precious in my sight,

and honoured, and I love you,

I give people in return for you,

nations in exchange for your life.

Do not fear, for I am with you;

I will bring your offspring from the east,

and from the west I will gather you;

I will say to the north, 'Give them up',

and to the south, 'Do not withhold;

bring my sons from far away

and my daughters from the end of the earth—

everyone who is called by my name,

whom I created for my glory,

whom I formed and made.'

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Acts 8:14-17

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.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Alleluia

Gospel Reading

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

In the wilderness John proclaimed a baptism of repentance.

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."

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.

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 boldly to the throne of grace,
praying to the almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit for mercy and grace.

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

We pray for those for whom prayers have been requested:

Marjorie Sanderson; Ann Webb; Cynthia; Doreen; Cath; Rebecca; Steph; Dawn;
Jonathan; Christine; Brenda; Dianne; Steven; Dave; Terry, Ian; Morag; Janet; Ali;
Barbara; Mike; Jean; Fr Mark; Janis Gallagher; Lucy Nichol; Janet Hickling; Tracy
Birkitt; Rhys Williams; Pat Steel; Maureen Steane; Anita Murray; David Murray;
Ann Knox; Robert Metcalfe; Andrew & Jenny Priest; Denzil & David; Ulric
Murray.

We pray for those who have recently died:

Brenda Joyce Milthorpe; Margaret Hayward.

Those whose years mind falls at this time:

Olga Kirkwood; Hettie Lawson; Daniel R. Beddis; Dolly Faulkner; Desmond
Stuart Frankland.

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

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.

cf 2 Corinthians 1.22

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Preparation of the Altar

Offertory Hymn (56)

**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 at Jordan's stream,
Prophet, Priest and King supreme;
and at Cana, wedding guest,
in Thy Godhead manifest;
manifest in power divine,
changing water into wine;
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)

Taking of the Bread and Wine

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.

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 - Kilcreggan

*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,
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

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 ~ Kilcreggan

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Giving of Communion

The president says the invitation to 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.**

The president and people receive communion.

The body of Christ broken for you. **Amen.**

*If you would prefer not to receive Holy Communion,
please use this prayer of spiritual communion.*

**My Jesus, I believe that you
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love you above all things,
and I desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you as if you were already there
and unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.**



Organ Voluntary

Hymn (295)

**Let all mortal flesh keep silence
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded,**

**for with blessing in His hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
our full homage to demand.**

**King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
in the Body and the Blood:
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heavenly food.**

**Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of light descendeth
from the realms of endless day,
that the powers of hell may vanish
as the darkness clears away.**

**At His feet the six-winged seraph;
cherubim with sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the Presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry,
Alleluya, Alleluya,
Alleluya, Lord most high!**

Liturgy of St James, Tr. Gerard Moultrie (1829-1885)

Hymn (137)

**Come down, O Love divine,
seek Thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with Thine own ardour glowing.
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, Thy holy flame bestowing.**

**O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes, in its heat consuming;
and let Thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.**

Let holy charity

**mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.**

**And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace,
till he become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes His dwelling.**

Italian, Santo Bianco da Siena (d. 1434); tr. Richard Frederick
Littledale (1833-1890)

Choir Anthem One star - Malcolm Archer (b.1952)

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

Let us pray.

**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

Notices are given

Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

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

Alleluia.

Matthew 3.17

The Blessing and Dismissal

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

Isaiah 12.3

Amen.

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.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Hymn (234)

**Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ the true, the only Light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise!
Triumph o'er the shades of night:
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.**

**Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by Thee;
joyless is the day's return,
till Thy mercy's beams I see;
till they inward light impart,
glad my eyes, and warm my heart.**

**Visit then this soul of mine!
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!
Fill me, Radiance Divine;
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more Thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.**



Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

The clergy and people depart.

Organ Voluntary

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A Further Update From December 8th 2021

Following the latest update from the UK Government and Church of England, all are now required to wear masks whilst entering, leaving or moving around the church building (including the Centre spaces), unless exempt or aged under 11.

- Hand sanitizer stations will continue to be available and their use encouraged.
- The wearing of masks throughout services (including the singing of hymns) is required for the congregation.
- It is still permissible for those leading worship, or singing in groups or choirs to remove masks for these purposes.
- We will continue following a one-way system for coming up for communion and moving around church.
- Doors will continue to be opened at certain points during worship in order to improve ventilation. Please wrap up if you are near to an exit.
- If you would like seat spaces left between you and the next person, please take a card(s) from reception to place on the seats beside you. Strict socially distanced seating will be retained in the balcony.
- The physical sharing of the peace with family seated alongside you is fine.
- We will continue to retain only taking communion in one kind.
- The collection will remain as a basket/plate placed near the north door.
- When seated in the café taking refreshments, masks are not required, but they are for movement around the café.
- The above information applies to all other services in church, including funerals and baptisms.
- Masks are to be worn for any group meetings in the building and when working closely with others in the kitchen area.