



Welcome to St Margaret's Church Ifield
Loved as you are



Sunday 9th January 2022
Baptism of Christ

*All are welcome to St Margaret's and we encourage all to take part fully in this service. If you have **mobility issues** that make it difficult for you to come and receive communion, should you want to, then do please notify our sides-people, and we will come to you.*

Due to the Coronavirus please make your responses in a quiet voice in order to minimise the risk of infection

THE GATHERING

As we gather together

Adagio,

Franz Liszt 1811-1886

We stand at the entrance of the clergy

Interlude

Wilhelm Valentin Volckmar 1812-1887

Opening Hymn

**When Jesus comes to be baptised,
He leaves the hidden years behind,
The years of safety and of peace,
To bear the sins of all mankind.**

**The Spirit of the Lord comes down,
Anoints the Christ to suffering,
To preach the word, to free the bound,
And to the mourner, comfort bring.**

**He will not quench the dying flame,
And what is bruised he will not break,
But heal the wound injustice dealt,
And out of death his triumph make.**

**Our everlasting Father, praise,
With Christ, his well-beloved Son,
Who with the Spirit reigns serene,
Untroubled Trinity in One.**

The Benedictines of Stanbrook Abbey

THE GREETING

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

All Amen.

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

All And also with you.

WORDS OF WELCOME

THE PRAYER OF PREPARATION

All 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.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Celebrant 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.

All Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

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

All Amen.

THE GLORIA

The musical notation consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and common time (C). The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics are: "Glo - ri - a! Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o." The first staff ends with a double bar line. The second staff begins with a measure rest marked with the number "5" above it, followed by the same melody and lyrics as the first staff, ending with a double bar line.

Cantor 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. *R*

Cantor 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. *R*

Cantor 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. *R*

THE COLLECT

Celebrant Let us pray. 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, 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

Please sit for the readings.

First Reading

Isaiah 43:1-7

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Acts 8:14-17

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God

Please stand for the Gospel:

The Gospel Reading

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

The Lord be with you.
All **And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Luke.
All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the end:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please remain standing until the preacher has introduced the Sermon:

THE SERMON

THANKSGIVING FOR HOLY BAPTISM

God in Christ gives us water welling up for eternal life.
With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.
All **Lord, give us this water and we shall thirst no more.**

Praise God who made heaven and earth,
All **who keeps his promise forever.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Father, we give you thanks and praise for your gift of water in creation; for your Spirit, sweeping over the waters, bringing light and life; for your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, baptised in the river Jordan.

We bless you for your new creation, brought to birth by water and the Spirit, and for grace bestowed upon us your children, washing away our sins.

May your holy and life-giving Spirit move upon these waters. Restore through them the beauty of your creation and bring those who are baptised to new birth in the family of your Church.

Drown sin in the waters of judgement, anoint your children with powers from on high, and make them one with Christ in the freedom of your kingdom. For all might, majesty, dominion and power are yours, now and forever.

All **Alleluia. Amen**

God of truth, you are faithful to the covenant you have made with us; look in mercy on your people. From all our sins, O Lord:

All **Wash us, and we shall be clean.**

We have broken the pledges of our baptism, and failed to be your disciples. From all our sins, O Lord:

All Wash us, and we shall be clean.

Though we are saved by Christ and dead to sin through the deep waters of death, we have not witnessed to his grace by our manner of life. From all our sins, O Lord:

All Wash us, and we shall be clean.

We have shown indifference to those in need and have been afraid to stand up for justice and truth. From all our sins, O Lord:

All Wash us, and we shall be clean.

We have been slow to forgive, and have failed to remember your repeated forgiveness of our sins. From all our sins, O Lord:

All Wash us, and we shall be clean.

Today we rejoice and give thanks because your Son humbled himself to be baptized in the Jordan. Through the waters you have given us the mystery of baptism for the remission of our sins. From all our sins, O Lord:

All Wash us, and we shall be clean.

Through water and Spirit you give us new life as the people of God, and pour out upon us the gifts of your new covenant. From all our sins, O Lord:

All Wash us, and we shall be clean.

Almighty God, in our baptism you have consecrated us to be temples of your Holy Spirit. May we, whom you have counted worthy, nurture your indwelling Spirit with a lively faith, and worship you with upright lives; through Jesus Christ.

All **Amen**

‘Come,’ say the Spirit and the Bride. ‘Come forward, you who are thirsty, receive the water of life, the free gift to all who desire it.’ May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Prayers for the Church, the world, and for all human need. After each petition the following response is used:

 Lord, in your mercy
All **Hear our prayer**

and at the end of the prayers:

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

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Peace

Celebrant 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

All And also with you.

Celebrant Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace by looking at those around you and greeting them with a warm smile.

As the Body of Christ receives its life from God, and offers its life to God, so we, as members of that Body, greet each other in love.

The Preparation of the Table

**O thou who camest from above,
the fire celestial to impart,
kindle a flame of sacred love
on the mean altar of my heart.**

**There let it for thy glory burn
with inextinguishable blaze,
and trembling to its source return
in humble prayer and fervent praise.**

**Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
to work, and speak, and think for thee;
still let me guard the holy fire,
and still stir up thy gift in me.**

**Ready for all thy perfect will,
my acts of faith and love repeat,
till death thy endless mercies seal,
and make my sacrifice complete.**

Charles Wesley.

Celebrant Heavenly Father accept these prayers, left this past week, on the fishing net. We pray that you will meet these people at their point of need.

All Amen.

Celebrant Blessed be God, by whose grace creation is renewed, by whose love heaven is opened, by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.

All Blessed be God for ever.

We sit or stand for

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Celebrant The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

Celebrant All honour and praise be yours always and everywhere, mighty creator, ever-living God, through Jesus Christ your only son our Lord: for at this time we celebrate your glory made present in our midst. In the coming of the Magi the King of all the world was revealed to the nations. In the waters of baptism Jesus was revealed as the Christ, the Saviour sent to redeem us.

In the water made wine the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast. Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy. Therefore, with all the angels of heaven we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name and say our joyful hymn of praise

All



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly_ Lord God of pow'r and might.

5 Hea - ven and earth are full of your

7 glo - ry, ho - san - na in the high - est.

10 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly_ Lord God of pow'r and might.

14 Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

19 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly_ Lord God of pow'r and might.

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.

Praise to you Lord Jesus:

All

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Lord, by your cross and re - sur - rec - tion you have set us free.

You are the Sav - iour, you are the Sav - iour of the world.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and common time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. A small number '5' is written below the first staff. The music consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests.

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 St Margaret 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.

All **Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.**



THE LORD'S PRAYER

All **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come.
Your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Priest breaks the consecrated bread

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

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

The Giving of Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed 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.**

He whom the universe could not contain is present to us in this bread. He who redeemed us and called us by name now meets us in this cup. So take this bread and this wine. In them God comes to us so that we may come to God.

All

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us.

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Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Please follow the directions of the sidespeople who will guide you to receive your Communion.

*The sacrament will be administered to the congregation in both kinds but by intinction. As the priest offers you the host with the words **'The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ'** please respond: **Amen.***

During the distribution of Communion:

Elevation, from Messe Pour Les Convents, *François Couperin 1668-1733*

Reflection

**Father, we adore you,
lay our lives before you.
How we love you!**

**Jesus, we adore you,
lay our lives before you.
How we love you!**

**Spirit, we adore you,
lay our lives before you.
How we love you!**

Terry Coelho. B. 1952

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant 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.**

All **Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's Body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the**

Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

NOTICES

THE BLESSING

Celebrant 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.

All **Amen.**

Celebrant May God the Son, who turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts.

All **Amen.**

Celebrant 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.

All **Amen.**

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

All **Amen.**

Final Hymn

**On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh.
awake, and hearken,
for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings.**

**Then cleansed be every Christian breast,
And furnished for so great a guest!
Yea, let us each our hearts prepare
For Christ to come and enter there.**

**For thou art our salvation, Lord,
our refuge and our great reward,
without thy grace our souls must fade,
and wither like a flower decayed.**

**Stretch forth thy hand to heal our sore,
and make us rise to fall no more.
once more upon thy people shine,
and fill the world with love divine.**

**All praise, eternal Son, to thee
whose advent doth thy people free,
whom, with the Father, we adore,
and Holy Ghost, for evermore.**

Charles Coffin 1676-1749, tr. John Chandler 1808-1876

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant We go into the world to walk in God's light,
to rejoice in God's love,
and to reflect God's glory.

Celebrant We have come to Christ, the living water. Go in peace
to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

The Clergy will recess to the postlude:

Herr Christ, der ein'ge Gottes Sohn, Chorale,
Lord Christ, the only Son of God

Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750

This Chorale is based on the Lutheran hymn, words by Elisabeth Cruciger, "Herr Christ, der einig Gotts Sohn" and it was first published in 1524. The hymn is in praise of Jesus as the Son of God and Saviour of all people. The hymn text combines Lutheran teaching with medieval mysticism which Elisabeth experienced as a Catholic nun before she converted to Lutheranism. It was the first Protestant chorale to use mystical images, imitated in the Jesus mysticism of later generations. The hymn has been associated with Epiphany tide. Bach used the hymn as the base for his chorale cantata 'Herr Christ, der ein'ge Gottes Sohn', BWV 96 composed in 1724.

Thank you for joining in our worship today.

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Service next Sunday:
Epiphany 2

All Age Worship Service (9.30 am)
Sung Eucharist Service (11.00 am)
and on Facebook and the parish website www.ifieldparish.org
