



CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST

The Baptism of Christ (The First Sunday of Epiphany)

Sunday 7 January 2024 10.00am

Welcome to Southwell Minster



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The President of the Eucharist is the Revd Dr Richard Frith, Canon Precentor.

The Deacon is the Revd Erika Kirk, Priest Vicar.

The Sub-Deacon is the Revd Paul Rattigan, Canon Missioner.

The Preacher is the Rt Revd Stephen Oliver.

The congregation is invited to join in all texts printed in **bold**.

This service will be live-streamed to the internet, and will be available at www.southwellminster.org/worship-online and on the Minster's YouTube channel for one week. Live-streaming allows those joining from home to participate in the same act of worship as those in the Cathedral.

A collection for the mission and ministry of the Cathedral will be taken during the Offertory Hymn at this service. If you are a UK taxpayer, you are invited to fill in your



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Communion

Holy Communion will be offered in both kinds (bread and wine) but please feel free to leave the altar rail after receiving the bread if you prefer. The Church teaches that Holy Communion is received fully in either the consecrated wafer or the wine. **Please do not intinct (dip your wafer in the wine) as this carries an increased risk of transmitting infection.** The administrant will not offer you the chalice to intinct, but only to drink from. Gluten-free wafers are available — please speak to a Churchwarden or verger before the service (if possible) to request one.

Children's activities

This week, our regular children's activity, Minster Kids, will not be meeting. Instead, there are children's activity bags available in our Children's Chapel (near the font) and at the door; please ask if you would like one. Children of all ages are very welcome at all our services.

Standing, Sitting and Kneeling

Throughout this booklet, you will find various references to posture. We stand to praise or sing together; sit to listen and to receive (for example, during Bible readings – except the Gospel – and the sermon), and we may kneel for personal prayer. Adopting the same posture is a way of showing that we are worshipping God together, as his people. However, please always feel free to adopt a different posture if you need to. For example, if standing for long periods is difficult, you may wish to sit during the Gospel and the Eucharistic Prayer.

Music at this service

The Minster Chorale is directed by Jonathan Allsopp, Assistant Director of Music.

The organ is played by Timothy Selman, Organ Scholar.

The setting for the Eucharist is the *Missa brevis in D* by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-91)

Organ Music before the service

Pastorale et Adoration

Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

ORDER OF SERVICE

The President welcomes the congregation.

THE GATHERING

Please stand at the start of the opening hymn.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN



- 1. When Jesus came to Jordan
 To be baptised by John,
 He did not come for pardon,
 But as his Father's Son.
 He came to share repentance
 With all who mourn their sins,
 To speak the vital sentence
 With which good news begins.
- 2. He came to share temptation,
 Our utmost woe and loss;
 For us and our salvation
 To die upon the cross.
 So when the Dove descended
 On him, the Son of Man,
 The hidden years had ended,
 The age of grace began.
- 3. Come, Holy Spirit, aid us
 To keep the vows we make,
 This very day invade us,
 And every bondage break.
 Come, give our lives direction,
 The gift we covet most:
 To share the resurrection
 That leads to Pentecost.

Words: Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000) Copyright © Stainer & Bell Ltd Tune: Offertorium CP 93 Michael Haydn (1737-1806) President

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GREETING

The Lord be with you and also with you.

The President introduces the Eucharist.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

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

Deacon 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.

Silence is kept.

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.

ABSOLUTION

President Almighty God,

Amen.

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.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Choir

Gloria in excelsis Deo, et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.

Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te, gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam.

Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens. Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe: Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis, qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram; qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.

Quoniam tu solus Sanctus; tu solus Dominus; tu solus altissimus, Jesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu, in gloria Dei Patris. Amen. 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.

COLLECT

President Let us pray.

Amen.

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.

Please sit

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING read by Vicky Thorpe

Act 19: 1-7

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.

Please remain seated

PSALMODY Psalm 29



The Lord shall give his peo-ple the_ bless - ing of peace.

Choir The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.All The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

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

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.

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

All The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon; He makes Lebanon skip like a calf and Sirion like a young wild ox.

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.

The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare; in his temple all cry, 'Glory!'

All The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

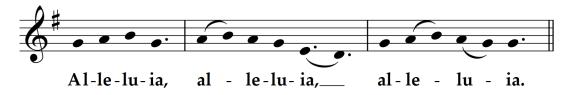
The Lord sits enthroned above the water flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.

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

All The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Choir Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Music: Mode vi

GOSPEL READING Mark 1: 4–11

Deacon Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.



Glo-ry 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.

Please turn back to face the altar.

Please sit when invited by the preacher.

SERMON given by the Rt Revd Stephen Oliver

Please stand

CREED

President Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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,

and his kingdom will have no end.

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 from the Holy Spirit and 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.

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.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

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.

Please sit or kneel when invited

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION led by the Revd Canon Vincent Ashwin

One of the following responses may be used:

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

And at the end:

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

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Please stand

THE PEACE

President

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 and also with you.

The Deacon invites the congregation to share a sign of peace.

OFFERTORY HYMN during which a collection is taken and the table is prepared for Communion



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.

How blest that mission then begun To heal and save a race undone; Straight to the wilderness he goes To wrestle with his people's foes.

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

On you shall all your people feed And know you are the Bread indeed, Who gives eternal life to those That with you died, and with you rose.

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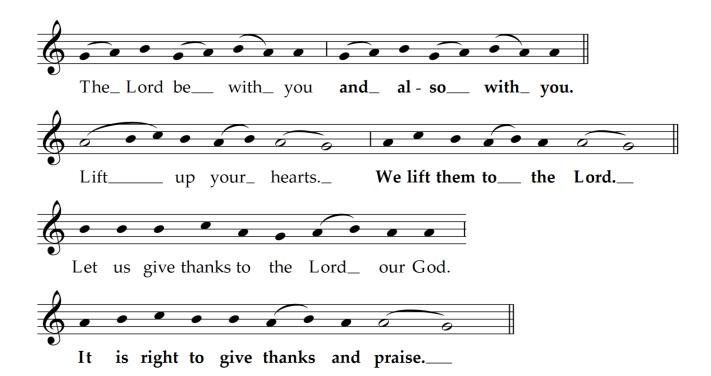
PRAYER AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

President Let us pray.

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 **Amen.**

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER



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:

Choir Sanctus, sanctus Holy, holy, holy Lord,

Dominus Deus Sabaoth, God of power and might,

pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua. heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in excelsis. Hosanna in the highest.

Benedictus qui venit Blessed is he who comes in nomine Domini. in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in excelsis. Hosanna in the highest.

President Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;

grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,

and according to your holy will,

these gifts of bread and wine

may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,

took bread and gave you thanks;

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 gave you thanks;

he gave it to them, saying:

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.

Deacon Great is the mystery of faith:

All



Christ has died: Christ is ri - sen: Christ will come___ a-gain.

President

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

All



Please sit or kneel

THE LORD'S PRAYER

President

Believing the promises of God, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

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.

Breaking of the 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.

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.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

AGNUS DEI sung by the choir whilst the altar party receives communion

- 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.

All baptised, communicant members of Christian churches are invited to receive Communion.

Holy Communion will be offered in both kinds (bread and wine) both at the communion rail and at the font. If you prefer to receive in one kind please feel free to leave after receiving the bread. The Church teaches that Holy Communion is received fully in either the consecrated wafer or the wine. Please do not intinct (dip your wafer in the wine) as this carries an increased risk of transmitting infection. The administrant will not offer you the chalice to intinct, but only to drink from. Thank you.

Please follow the instructions of Churchwardens to approach to receive Communion.

Gluten-free wafers are available on request. If you would prefer to receive a blessing (without physical contact), please bring this order of service with you as an indication. If you are unable to move to the altar, please inform a Churchwarden and the President will come to you.

Please sit or kneel on your return from Communion.

COMMUNION MOTET sung by the choir

Lo! star-led chiefs Assyrian odours bring, And bending Magi seek their infant King. Marked ye, where, hovering o'er his radiant head, The dove's white wings celestial glory shed?

Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826)

Music: from PALESTINE

William Crotch (1775-1847)

COMMUNION HYMN if needed. Please remain seated.



- 1. When Jesus comes to be baptized, He leaves the hidden years behind, The years of safety and of peace, To bear the sins of all mankind.
- 2. 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.

Words: Community of Stanbrook Abbey

- 3. 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.
- 4. Our everlasting Father praise With Christ, his well-beloved Son, Who with the Spirit reigns serene, Eternal Trinity in One.

Tune: HERONGATE A&M 109
Essex traditional melody
arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

President 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.

Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with 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.

Notices are given.

THE DISMISSAL

Please stand

President

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 among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Deacon

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

FINAL HYMN during which the altar party leave in procession.



O love, how deep, how broad, how high! How passing thought and fantasy that God, the Son of God, should take our mortal form for mortals' sake.

He sent no angel to our race of higher or of lower place, but wore the robe of human frame, and he himself to this world came.

For us baptized, for us he bore his holy fast, and hungered sore; for us temptations sharp he knew; for us the tempter overthrew.

For us to wicked men betrayed, scourged, mocked, in crown of thorns arrayed; for us he bore the cross's death; for us at length gave up his breath.

For us he rose from death again, for us he went on high to reign, for us he sent his Spirit here to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

All honour, laud, and glory be, O Jesu, Virgin-born to thee, all glory, as is ever meet, to Father and to Paraclete. Amen.

Latin, 15th century translated by Benjamin Webb (1819-85)

EISENACH NEH 425 Melody by J. H. Schein (1586-1630) Harmony by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern, BUXWV 223

Dieterich Buxtehude (c. 1637-1707)

Following the service, all are warmly invited to refreshments in the South Transept.

Please take this Order of Service away with you.

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