



***The Holy Eucharist
The Baptism of Christ***

*Sunday 11th January
at 11.15am*

*President: The Revd Canos Sebastian Harries
Preacher: The Very Revd Jessica Martin*

Welcome to Chelmsford Cathedral. Everything you need for this celebration is in this booklet. Please ensure that your mobile phone is switched off and keep your belongings with you.

Music. The setting is the Communion Service in C by John Ireland (1870-1962). The choir is directed by Emma Gibbins, Director of Music. The organ is played by Samuel Bristow, the Assistant Director of Music.

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Music before the service

Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam BWV 685

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

The Gathering

Before the service begins, the congregation is welcomed. Please stand to sing:

Hymn

OFFERTORIUM

Melody adapted from Johann Michael Haydn (1737-1806)



When Jesus came to Jordan
to be baptized 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.

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.

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: F. Pratt Green (1903-2000)

The Greeting

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

All **Amen.**

All Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe.
**From the rising of the sun to its setting
your name is proclaimed in all the world.**

All The Lord of glory be with you.
The Lord bless you.

The president offers some words of welcome and introduction.

Please be seated as the choir sings the Gloria.

Gloria in Excelsis

*GLORY be to God on high,
and in earth peace, good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee,
we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

The Collect

President Let us pray.

We keep a moment of quiet prayer.

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.

All



A - men.

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Reading

Isaiah 42: 1-9

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The choir sings the Psalm.

Psalm 29

1. Bring unto the Lord, O ye mighty, bring young rams unto the Lord : ascribe unto the Lord worship and strength.
2. Give the Lord the honour due unto his Name : worship the Lord with holy worship.
3. It is the Lord that commandeth the waters : it is the glorious God that maketh the thunder.
4. It is the Lord that ruleth the sea; the voice of the Lord is mighty in operation : the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.
5. The voice of the Lord breaketh the cedar-trees : yea, the Lord breaketh the cedars of Libanus.

6. He maketh them also to skip like a calf :
Libanus also, and Sirion, like a young unicorn.
7. The voice of the Lord divideth the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shaketh the wilderness: yea, the Lord shaketh the wilderness of Cades.
8. The voice of the Lord maketh the hinds to bring forth young, and discovereth the thick bushes : in his temple doth every man speak of his honour.
9. The Lord sitteth above the water-flood :
and the Lord remaineth a King for ever.
10. The Lord shall give strength unto his people :
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

The Second Reading

Acts 10: 34-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand and turn to face the Gospel procession.

Gospel Acclamation



Choir Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

All **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

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

All **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 3: 13-17

Deacon The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew.



Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

The Sermon

The Very Revd Jessica Martin

Please stand.

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 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.
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.**

The clergy and servers process to the font.

Please remain standing and turn to face the font as water is poured into it.

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 for ever.**

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,

baptized in the river Jordan.

We bless you for your new creation,

brought to birth by water and the Spirit,

and for your 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 baptized

to new birth in the family of your Church.

Drown sin in the waters of judgement,

anoint your children with power 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 for ever.

All **Alleluia. Amen.**

Act of penitence and dedication

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.**

The water is sprinkled over the congregation, as the president says:

‘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.**

The clergy and servers return to the chancel.

Prayers of Intercession

President In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ,
let us pray to the Father.

The congregation sits or kneels.

At the end of the prayers the intercessor may say:

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

At the end of the intercessions, please stand.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

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.

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

Deacon Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We remain standing to sing the offertory hymn, during which a collection is taken.

Hymn

SOLOTHURN

Swiss traditional melody



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 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.

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.

Words: G. B. Timms (1910-1997)

Please remain standing.

The 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:

The choir sings the Sanctus and Benedictus:

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.*

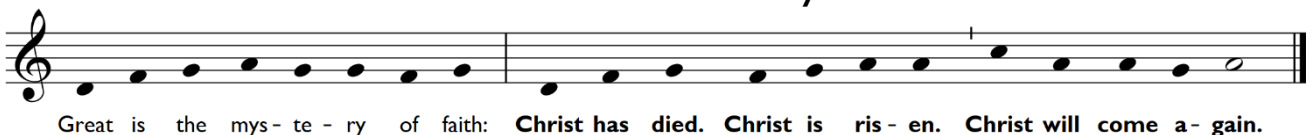
*Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his blood;

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.

Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection
and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.



Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:
**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

All

Please sit or kneel.

The Lord's Prayer

President Believing the promised of God,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

All **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

President We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.

All **God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

The choir sings the Agnus Dei:

Agnus Dei

*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.*

The Giving of Communion

President 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.**

To indicate if you wish to receive Communion, please hold out your hands. If you simply wish to receive a blessing, please keep your head bowed.

Motet

Listen sweet dove unto my song
And spread thy golden wings in me;
Hatching my tender heart so long
Till it get wing and flie away with thee.

Such glorious gifts thou didst bestow
That the earth did like a heaven appear,
The starres were coming down to know
If they might mend their wages and serve here.

The sunne which once did shine alone,
Hung down his head and wisht for night
When he beheld twelve sunnes for one
Going about the world and giving light.

Lord though we change thou art the same,
The same sweet God of love and light;
Restore this day for thy great name,
Unto his ancient and miraculous right.

Words: George Herbert (1593-1633)

Music: Grayston Ives (b.1948)

We remain seated for the Communion hymn.

Hymn

HERONGATE

English traditional melody
arranged by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)



Prayer after Communion

President Let us pray.

We keep a moment of quiet prayer.

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.

All **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.**

Please remain seated for the notices.

Notices

The Dismissal

Please stand.

Hymn

WINCHESTER NEW

Adapted from a chorale in *Musicalisches Hand-Buch*, Hamburg 1690



On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
come then 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 thine 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 sets thy people free,
whom, with the Father, we adore,
and Spirit blest, for evermore.

Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749)
trans. John Chandler (1808-1876)

Acclamation

All The Father's voice bears witness to the Son.
God has revealed himself to us.

All The Son bows his head beneath the waters of baptism.
God has revealed himself to us.

All The Spirit as a dove descends from heaven.
God has revealed himself to us.

All Submitting to John's baptism,
Christ delivers us from bondage.
God has revealed himself to us.

The Dismissal Gospel

John 1.32-34

President The Lord be with you
All **and also with you.**

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

John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'

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

The Blessing

President The Lord be with you
All **and also with you.**


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.**

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.**

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.**

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

Deacon 
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All 
In the name of Christ. A - men.

Organ Voluntary

Les Enfants de Dieu
(La Nativité du Seigneur)

Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)

Please remain standing as the ministers depart.

Music Notes

This morning's opening voluntary is written by the German composer J.S. Bach, and is a chorale prelude taken from *Clavier-Übung III*, a collection of organ music. Bach takes the opening phrase from the Lutheran hymn "*Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam*" ("Christ our Lord came to the Jordan") and weaves it into a brief but thoughtful piece, moving the theme between the parts, surrounded by ever-moving accompaniments.

This morning's closing voluntary is drawn from Olivier Messiaen's revolutionary cycle of meditations on Christ's birth, completed in 1935. *Les Enfants de Dieu* (The Children of God) reflects on the concept of birth through the gift of the Holy Spirit. Beginning with a brooding intensity, the work gains increasing momentum in a pulsating crescendo, resulting in a climactic declaration of chords representing the ecstatic cries of the faithful. This is followed by a diminuendo which leads the piece to its peaceful conclusion. Messiaen prefaced the movement with this passage from the Books of John and Galatians:

"To those that have received him, the Word had given power to become the children of God. And God hath sent forth the spirit of his Son into their hearts, crying 'Abba, Father'."

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8am: Said Eucharist (BCP)

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11.15am: Choral Eucharist

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8.15am: Eucharist

10.30am: Thursdays only Said Eucharist

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