



JOHN KEBLE CHURCH

Welcome to John Keble Church

10 January 2021, 10am

Parish Eucharist, *Baptism of Christ*

As the bell rings during the few minutes before the start of the service please sit and take a moment of peace and quiet to prepare yourself for the Eucharist.

*All **stand** as the choir and Ministers enter the Church*

Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,
dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;
star of the East, the horizon adorning,
guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Cold on his cradle the dew-drops are shining,
low lies his head with the beasts of the stall:
angels adore him in slumber reclining,
Maker and Monarch and Saviour of all.

Say, shall we yield him, in costly devotion,
odours of Edom and offerings divine?
gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,
myrrh from the forest or gold from the mine?

Vainly we offer each ample oblation,
vainly with gifts would his favour secure;
richer by far is the heart's adoration,
dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

Sung by Guildford Cathedral Choir, directed by Barry Rose

Remain standing for THE GREETING:

Presider: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

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

All: **And also with you.**

THE RITE OF PENITENCE:

By the mercies of God, let us confess our sins and present our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to him, which is our spiritual worship.

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.

THE ABSOLUTION:

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 COLLECT:

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: Amen*

*All sit to read **alternate** verses of PSALM 29*

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

2 Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

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

5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf and Sirion like a young wild ox.

7 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.

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

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

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

Please remain seated for the FIRST READING: Acts 19:1-7

While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples ²and asked them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" They answered, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." ³So Paul asked, "Then what baptism did you receive?" "John's baptism," they replied. ⁴Paul said, "John's baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus." ⁵On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied. ⁷There were about twelve men in all.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

All stand to greet THE GOSPEL

THE GOSPEL READING: Mark 1:4-11

Reader: Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

⁴And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. ⁶John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷And this was his message: "After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." ⁹At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON – all sit.

All stand to say THE APOSTLES CREED:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Presider: Jesus calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. Washed clean by the waters of baptism, let us pray that we may live the life to which he has called us.

All sit or kneel for the INTERCESSORY PRAYERS:

Lord Jesus, eternal Word, proclaimed as the Christ by John the forerunner, hear us as we pray for all who proclaim your word ...

Lord of truth, **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, baptizing with the Spirit and with fire, strengthen us to withstand all the trials of our faith ...

Lord of truth, **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, bringing forgiveness to all who repent, teach your Church dependence on your grace ...

Lord of truth, **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, fulfilment of the promises of old, give hope to all who suffer or are ignored ...

Lord of truth, **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, beloved Son of the Father, anoint us with the gifts of your Holy Spirit ...

Lord of truth, **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, bringer of hope, we thank you for those who have entered before us into the riches of eternal life ...

Lord of truth, **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus Christ, in you the Father makes us and all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory. **Amen.**

*Following the intercessions all **stand** for THE PEACE:*

Presider: We are the body of Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life.

All: **And also with you.**

Minister: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*Following THE PEACE, the bell is tolled three times to indicate the offering of our hearts to God. Then all **sit or kneel** for THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER:*

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

The Presider continues:

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 saying:

All: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

The Presider continues:

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.

Minister: Great is the mystery of faith:

All: **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

The Presider continues:

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:

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

The bell tolls three times to indicate that the bread and wine have been consecrated for the whole community.

THE LORD'S PRAYER and THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD:

Uniting our prayers with those of the Church Universal, we say in our own language the prayer that Jesus 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.

Presider: 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 AGNUS DEI:

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

During COMMUNION Rhosymedre will be played by Stephen Tharp. It has been arranged for organ by Ralph Vaughan Williams. At JK we sing this hymn tune to these words:

Author of life divine	Our needy souls sustain
who hast a table spread,	with fresh supplies of love,
furnished with mystic wine	till all thy life we gain,
and everlasting bread,	and all thy fulness prove,
preserve the life thyself hast given,	and, strengthened by thy perfect grace,
and feed and train us up for heaven.	behold without a veil thy face.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYERS:

Let us pray *Silence is kept*

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.*

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.

THE BLESSING:

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. *All: Amen.*

A Minister says THE DISMISSAL:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

God is working his purpose out as year succeeds to year,
God is working his purpose out and the time is drawing near;
Nearer and nearer draws the time, the time that shall surely be,
When the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.

From utmost east to utmost west where'er man's foot hath trod,
By the mouth of many messengers goes forth the voice of God,
"Give ear to me, ye continents, ye isles, give ear to me,
That the earth shall be filled".

March we forth in the strength of God with the banner of Christ unfurled,
That the light of the glorious gospel of truth may shine throughout the world;
Fight we the fight with sorrow and sin, to set their captives free,
That the earth may be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.

All we can do is nothing worth unless God blesses the deed;
Vainly we hope for the harvest-tide till God gives life to the seed;
Yet nearer and nearer draws the time, the time that shall surely be,
When the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.

Sung by Colne Valley Male Voice Choir with Marsden Band accompanying

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