

# The Benefice of All Saints, Highbrook & St Margaret of Antioch, West Hoathly



*'The Baptism of Christ', artist unknown*

## The Baptism of Christ Eucharist

10th January 2021

# Welcome to St. Margaret's

*Welcome to our service which is streamed from St Margaret's, West Hoathly, as we join together to worship God.*

## Before the service

*A suggestion for before the service is listen to a version of (traditional) 'God is working his purpose out' or (contemporary) 'Living Waters' by Keith & Kristyn Getty (these can be found on YouTube or music streaming services).*

## Hymn

*Our music is provided by the Church of England, working with St Martin-in-the-Fields and the Royal School of Church Music.*

*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 blessed 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.*

*George B Timms (1910-1997) based on Mark 1 vs 9-11 from English Praise (adapted)*

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## Welcome

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

**All Amen.**

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the Universe.

**All From the rising of the sun to its setting  
your name is proclaimed in all the world.**

The Lord be with you

**All And also with you.**

## **Gloria in excelsis**

*All*     **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**

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,  
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.**

# The Liturgy of the Word

## Acts 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.

*All*     **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 29

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

*All*     **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.

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

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

*All*     **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.

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

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

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

*All*     **Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

## The Gospel

Alleluia, alleluia.

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

*Matthew 3.17*

**All Alleluia**

The Lord be with you.

**All And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

**All Glory 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.'

*(Mark 1.4-11)*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

## Profession of Faith

Brothers and sisters,  
I ask you to profess together the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

*All* **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

*All* **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.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

*All* **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.**

## Declaration

I call upon those who are affirming their baptismal faith to renew their commitment to Jesus Christ.

*All* **I answer the call of God my creator.  
I trust in Jesus Christ as my Saviour.  
I seek new life from the Holy Spirit.**

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.

*All* **Amen.**

## Affirmation of Baptismal Faith

*The president extends her hands towards those who seek to affirm their baptismal faith:*

God of mercy and love,  
in baptism you welcome the sinner  
and restore the dead to life.  
You create a clean heart in those who repent,  
and give your Holy Spirit to those who ask.  
Grant that these your servants may grow  
into the fullness of the stature of Christ.  
Equip them with the gifts of your Holy Spirit,  
and fill them with faith in Jesus Christ  
and with love for all your people,  
in the service of your kingdom.

*All* **Amen.**

May God renew his life within you  
that you may confess his name this day and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

*All* **Defend us, O Lord, your servants, with your heavenly grace,  
that we may continue yours for ever,  
and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more  
until we come to your everlasting kingdom. Amen.**

## The Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray to the Father who glorified his beloved Son in his baptism as a sign to the world.

Grant to all who are made members of your Church by baptism the grace of the Holy Spirit to live worthily of their calling. Give to your people both repentance for their sins and strength in the good works prepared for them to do. Lord, in your mercy:

*All* **Hear our prayer.**

Come into the hearts of all who do not know you, and those who know you only imperfectly. Let the people of this world no longer walk in darkness, but in the light of truth. Lord, in your mercy:

*All* **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who at this time are preparing for baptism. Fill them with your grace, so that in due time they may show that grace in their lives. Strengthen godparents to be faithful to their promises.

Lord, in your mercy:

*All* **Hear our prayer.**

Have mercy upon all in need, and bring healing to those who are suffering, whether in body, mind or spirit. Lord, we especially hold before you Ann Francis, Russell Lock and Floyd MacFarlane and those on our hearts and minds. Lord, in your mercy:

*All* **Hear our prayer.**

Grant rest and peace to the faithful who, having once died to sin in the water of baptism, have now died to this world, especially Susan Young and Liz Weller. Lighten them with the light that has been your gift to all creation from the beginning. Lord, in your mercy:

*All* **Hear our prayer.**

United in baptism, we join our prayers with those of all the people of God.

Merciful Father,

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

## 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.

**All**     **And also with you.**

*Due to Covid-19 we are unable to share the Peace physically. Please remain in your seats.*

*We do though encourage you to look around and offer a sign of peace to your brothers and sisters in Christ.*

## Prayers at the Preparation of the Table

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  
and strengthened to serve him for ever.

**All**     **Amen.**

# The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

*All* **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All* **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 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.**

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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

*All*

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

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,  
St Margaret 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*

**Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Believing the promises 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.**

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.**

*All* **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.**

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

*All* **Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

*As the priest receives Communion, these words are spoken, and answered by the people, as a statement of identification with the communion about to be made but will do so in silence.*

The Body of Christ

*All* **Amen**

The Blood of Christ

*All* **Amen**

*In this time of dispersion, you are invited to make a Spiritual Communion, using this or a similar prayer:*

### ***A prayer for communion in separation***

Lord Jesus Christ, life-giver and good physician, here you meet me in our need. In a world marred by corruption and marked by death, draw me into true life. By your selfless sacrifice, help me to live for others and not myself. May I, who cannot now receive you sacramentally, embrace you more fully in my heart, mind and soul. Help me unite myself to you in spirit, so that I may be drawn closer to those from whom I am isolated in body. Through sharing your life given up in death for us all, may we grow together in love into a richer and more profound communion of life.

### **Communion Music**

*During this period, we will play 'Listen sweet dove' by Grayston Ives, and based upon a poem by George Herbert (1593-1633):*

*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  
The earth did like a heav'n appeare,  
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.*

## Prayer after Communion

*After a short time of silence, we pray together:*

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.**

## Notices

### The Blessing

*We stand together and listen to these words of blessing.*

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 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**

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

*All*     **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## Hymn

*We shall draw water joyfully, singing joyfully, singing joyfully;  
we shall draw water joyfully from the wellsprings of salvation.*

Truly God is our salvation;  
we trust, we shall not fear.  
For the Lord is our strength,  
the Lord is our song;  
he became our Saviour.

Chorus

Give thanks, O give thanks to the Lord;  
give praise to his holy name!  
Make his mighty deeds known to all of the nations;  
proclaim his greatness.

Chorus

*Paul Inwood (born 1947)*

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