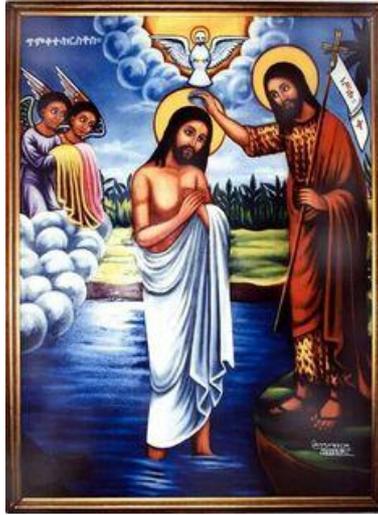


**CHRIST CHURCH, WEST WIMBLEDON**  
**ZOOM CHURCH SERVICE – SUNDAY 10 JANUARY 2021 AT 10am**  
**THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST**  
**LED BY MICHAEL BURNS. MUSIC BY TOM THEAKSTON**



Welcome by The Reverend Michael Burns, Vicar

**Opening Hymn – 537**

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!  
 Bow down before him, his glory proclaim;  
 with gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,  
 kneel and adore him: the Lord is his Name!

Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness,  
 high on his heart he will bear it for thee,  
 comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,  
 guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.

Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness  
 of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine;  
 truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,  
 these are the offerings to lay on his shrine.

These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,  
 he will accept for the Name that is dear;  
 mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,  
 trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.

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 kneel and adore him: the Lord is his Name!

The Lord be with you

**All: And also with you**

O God, you summon the day to dawn, you teach the morning to waken the earth.

**All: Great is your name, great is your love.**

For you the valleys shall sing for joy, the trees of the field shall clap their hands,

**All: Great is your name, great is your love.**

For you the monarchs of the earth shall bow, the poor and persecuted shall shout for joy

**All: Great is your name, great is your love.**

Your love and mercy shall last for ever, fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise.

**All: Great is your name, great is your love.**

**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**

**Confession:**

We pause to remember what we have said and thought and done that has been wrong

Gracious God, we confess our shortcomings and our sins. How slow we are to do good.

In your mercy

**All: Lord forgive us.**

How easily we are deceived by the passing values of the world.

In your mercy

**All: Lord forgive us.**

How weak is our hold on things which are eternal,

In your mercy

**All: Lord forgive us.**

How glibly we blame and criticise others, and how slow we are to blame ourselves.

In your mercy

**All: Lord forgive us.**

**Give us your pardon; give us liberty;  
help us not to be slaves to insecurity, doubt and guilt;  
help us to claim your promises as we confess our sins;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**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. **Amen.**

**The Collect for the feast of the Baptism of Christ:**

Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

**The Epistle Reading** - Acts 19.1–7 **read by Marina Boulding**

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.**

**Gloria in Excelsis SUNG together**

**Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.**

**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.**

**Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.**

**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  
Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.**

**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.  
Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.**

**Gospel Reading** - Mark 1: 4 - 11 **read by Peter Boulding**

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. **All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

**The Homily**

**Profession of Faith:** Let us declare our faith in God:

Do you believe and trust in God the Father who made the world?

**All: We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ who redeemed mankind?

**All: We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in his Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God?

**All: We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church

**All: This is our faith. We believe and trust in one  
God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

**Prayers of Intercession led by Pat Spencer**

At the end: **Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

So as Jesus taught us we say together:

**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**

After some silence as we pray for each other, we say together our parish prayer:

**Eternal Father, look with love on your people of Christ Church  
and pour upon us the gifts of your Spirit.**

**Although we are apart, draw us to you and to one another,  
so that by our growing love and unity we may bring healing and life to all.**

**Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

God says: Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name, you are mine. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All: And also with you.**

**Notices** including the chance for the children to share any of their pictures.

*At the end of the service, there is the option for you to join in a 'chat breakout room' with a smaller group of people. These groups are formed at random (we don't have control over who might be in which room!) and give you the chance to say hello to people you might know or meet people who you might not know – a bit like we do over coffee in church. At any point you can leave the chat breakout room and come back to the main group – or you can leave the service altogether and continue to enjoy the rest of your Sunday.*

**Final Hymn – 513**

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 breast from sin;  
 Make straight the way for God within;  
 Prepare we in our hearts a home,  
 Where such a mighty Guest may come.

For Thou art our Salvation, Lord,  
 Our Refuge, and our great Reward.  
 Without Thy grace we waste away  
 like flowers that wither and decay.

To heal the sick stretch out thine hand,  
 And bid the fallen sinner stand;  
 shine forth and let thy light restore  
 earth's own true loveliness once more.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee  
 Whose advent doth thy people free,  
 Whom with the Father we adore  
 And Holy Ghost for evermore.

**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.**

**The Blessing:** The Father, who created you, is with you; the Son who redeemed you, is with you; the Spirit who strengthens you, is with you' the Holy Three enfold you and the blessing.....

***Please do unmute yourselves at this point if you wish***

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

***Chance to say hello and then goodbye to everyone as you either leave the Zoom service or join one of the random break-out rooms to chat to people – some of whom you may know and some of whom you may not know!***