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The Baptism of Christ

Sunday 10th January 2021

10.30 am

Facebook page - Melbourne Parish Church

Thank you for joining us for this online act of worship

Welcome to our worship as we continue our Christmas and Epiphany journey. Today we celebrate the Baptism of Christ as Jesus is baptized by his cousin, John the Baptizer, in the river Jordan. It is a day for also remembering our own baptism in to the family of the church whether this is long ago or in more recent times.

A baptismal prayer:

May God the creator, the rock of our salvation,
who has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit
and forgiven all our sins
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
keep us faithful to our calling, now and for ever.
Amen.

Before the worship begins, you might like to prepare some bread and wine (or juice or something similar) to share when it comes time for the receiving of communion. Technically speaking this won't be consecrated bread and wine but it is still being set aside for the purposes of spiritual communion, what in times past early Christians would have called an 'agape' meal, a meal of love and thanksgiving.

You'll see that our service today includes three hymns -please do join in with these at home! Please also join in with the words in bold type.

A voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved,
with whom I am well pleased.'
Matthew 3.17

Welcome back to the Melbourne Rectory Dining Room.

We Worship God Together

Hymn

**Come down, O love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.**

**O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.**

**Let holy charity
mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing:
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.**

**And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace,
till he become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.**

Words: BIANCO DA SIENA (d 1434) Tune: DOWN AMPNEY R. Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

The Greeting

**The Lord of glory be with you
the Lord bless you.**

We say sorry

The Spirit of the Lord fills the world
and knows our every word and deed.
Let us then open ourselves to the Lord
and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

A time of quiet is kept.

Wash away all my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Against you, you only have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight.
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

God's forgiveness is declared.

May the God of love
bring us back to himself,
✠forgive you your sins,
and assure us of his eternal love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

The Gloria

**To God we sing on high
with worship, thanks and praise;
His glory reigns beyond the sky:
brings peace to human days.**

**In Christ we see the face
of love, the only Son,
the Lamb of God whose saving grace
O'er sin and death has won.**

**Receive our prayer, O Lord,
the high and holy one –
In Jesus Christ and Spirit poured
the Father's glory's done!**

Words: NEIL THOMPSON

Tune: SANDYS from W. Sandy's Christmas Carols, 1833

The Collect

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.

We Listen to God's Word

Gospel Reading

Mark 1.4-11

Alleluia, alleluia.

Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations
and believed in throughout the world.

Alleluia.

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

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Talk

We Pray

After each prayer petition, the following response is used:

Saviour, we hear your call.

Help us to follow.

After a time of quiet,

God of mercy,

you know us and love us

and hear our prayer:

keep us in the eternal fellowship of

Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen.

We Share Holy Communion

The Peace

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. *cf 1 Corinthians 12.13; Romans 14.19*

The peace of Lord be always with you

and also with you.

The altar is prepared whilst the hymn is sung.

**Spirit of the Living God
fall fresh on me.
Spirit of the Living God
fall fresh on me
Break me, melt me,
mould me, fill me.
Spirit of the Living God
fall fresh on me.**

Daniel Iverson (1890-1977)

Prayer of Offering

Open the heavens, Holy Spirit,
for us to see Jesus interceding for us;
may we be willing to share his baptism,
ready to share his cup
and strengthened to serve him for ever.
Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

This is the great prayer of thanksgiving where, like Jesus at the Last Supper, we offer our bread and wine to God.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away
you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.

**You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed,
at supper with his friends
he took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:

Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**



As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**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 Lord's Prayer

After a few moments of quiet, the priest introduces the Lord's Prayer

Believing the promises of God
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has 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.**

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.**



Sharing of Communion

The priest invites us to share 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.**

We share bread and wine whilst music is played.

We pray after Communion

The priest introduces the post communion prayer.

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.

We receive God's Blessing

Hymn

**Crown him with many crowns,
the lamb upon his throne;
hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own:
awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.**

**Crown him the Lord of love!
Behold his hands and side,
rich wounds yet visible above
in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye
at mysteries so bright.**

**Crown him the Lord of years,
the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
Glassed in a sea of light,
where everlasting waves
reflect his throne - the infinite!
who lives - and loves - and saves.**

Words: MATTHEW BRIDGES(1800-94)

Tune: DIADEMATA George J Elvey (1816-93)

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.
Amen.

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord:
thanks be to God.
**Blessing, honour and glory be yours, here and everywhere,
now and for ever.**
Amen.

*Thank you for being part of today's worship.
Stay safe and may God be with you.*

