

St Paul's Church, Egham Hythe

Zoom Gathering 10th January 2021 – The Baptism of Christ



Introduction and opening prayer

Faithful one, whose word is life: come with saving power to free our praise, inspire our prayer and shape our lives for the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn: On Jordan's Bank (*sung by St Martin's Voices*)

Jordanis oras praevia Charles Coffin (1676-1749) Translated John Chandler (1806-1876)

1. On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
come then and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings from the King of kings!

2. 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.

5. All praise, eternal Son, to thee
whose advent sets thy people free,
whom, with the Father, we adore,
and Spirit bless, for evermore

3. 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

4. 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.

Prayer of Penitence *(a time to say sorry to God)*

Lord Jesus, illuminate the darkness in our hearts:

Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, open our eyes to your saving love:

Christ have mercy. **Christ have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, unstop our ears to hear your living word:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

Absolution

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.

Amen.

Reading: Mark 1: 4-11

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And 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. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He 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. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.' ⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And 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. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'



Reflection

Song: Holy Spirit You are welcome here

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There's nothing worth more
That will ever come close,
nothing can compare
You're our living hope
Your presence Lord

I've tasted and seen, of the sweetest of
loves
Where my heart becomes free
And my shame is undone
Your Presence Lord

Holy Spirit, you are welcome here
Come flood this place and fill the
atmosphere
Your Glory God is what our hearts long for
To be overcome by your presence, Lord

Let us become more aware of your
presence
Let us experience the Glory of Your
Goodness

The Creed

Let us declare our faith and trust in God.

**We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.
We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high
We believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Intercessions

The Lord's Prayer

**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 share the Peace

We are the body of Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life.
The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Song: God of The Poor (Beauty for brokenness)

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Beauty for brokenness, hope for despair
Lord, in the suffering, this is our prayer
Bread for the children, justice, joy, peace
Sunrise to sunset Your kingdom increase!

*God of the poor, friend of the weak
Give us compassion we pray
Melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like
rain
Come, change our love
From a spark to a flame*

Rest for the ravaged earth, oceans and
streams
Plundered and poisoned, our future, our
dreams
Lord, end our madness, carelessness, greed
Make us content with the things that we
need

God of the poor ...

Shelter for fragile lives, cures for their ills
Work for the craftsman, trade for their skills
Land for the dispossessed, rights for the weak
Voices to plead the cause, of those who can't
speak

Refuge from cruel wars, havens from fear
Cities for sanctuary, freedoms to share
Peace to the killing-fields, scorched earth to
green
Christ for the bitterness, His cross for the pain

God of the poor ...

Lighten our darkness, breathe on this flame
Until your justice burns brightly again
Until the nations learn of your ways
Seek your salvation
And bring you their praise

God of the poor

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, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you this day and evermore. **Amen.**

