

Sunday Worship

January 10th, 2021 Epiphany 1, The Baptism of Christ (in 'Corona time')

Music from St Martin in the fields church choir

Gathering

Welcome – words from **Paul Henderson**

On this First Sunday after Epiphany, we celebrate Christ's baptism at the hands of John, when the heavens opened and a voice from heaven declared Jesus to be God's beloved Son.

Greeting

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

From the rising of the sun to its setting

Your name is proclaimed in all the world.

The Lord of glory be with you

The Lord bless you.

Hymn: O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness (A&M 103)

Collect:

Heavenly Father,

at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:

may we recognise him as our Lord

and know ourselves to be your beloved children;

through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

All: Amen

Prayers of penitence:

Invitation to Confession:

Because God was merciful,

he saved us through the water of rebirth

and the renewing power of the Holy Spirit.

But through sin we have fallen away from our baptism.

Let us return to the Lord and renew our faith in his promises

By confessing our sins in penitence.

Confession:

God our Father

We come to you in sorrow for our sins

For turning away from you,
and ignoring your will for our lives;
For behaving just as we wish,
without thinking of you;
Father, forgive us

Save us and help us.

By failing you by what we do,
and think and say;
By letting ourselves be drawn away from you
by temptations in the world about us;
Father, forgive us

Save us and help us.

For living as if we were ashamed
to belong to your Son;
Father, forgive us

Save us and help us.

*May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw us to himself and cleanse us
from all our sins, that we may behold the glory of his Son, the Word made flesh,
Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Amen.

Hymn: The Lord's my Shepherd (Stuart Townend, A&M 800)

Liturgy of the Word

Bible Readings : First reading: Genesis 1 vs 1-5 (read by Roger Rodemark)

Second reading: St Mark chapter 1 vs 4-11 (read by Roger Rodemark)

Ending: This is the word of the Lord

Sermon: Jenny Tebboth

Creed All

**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.**

Prayers of Intercession and Lord's Prayer – Peter Miles

Church Family News

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.

All: And also with you

Spiritual communion (with short explanation)

We are invited to make spiritual communion with God who comes to meet us wherever we are. There are no special words or prayers for this. All the Church has ever thought necessary is a true desire to receive Christ, a lively faith in Christ, and a genuine love for Christ and his people.

Lord, you stand at the door of my heart and knock. You wait for me and only I can let you in. I believe and trust in you and ask you now to fill me with your presence, that I may be your blessing to a world in need.

(St Thomas Thorne Kyrie - sung with organ music)

Lord Jesus Christ, bread of life, we have come together in your name to feast in your presence and be strengthened in your service as the body of Christ here on earth. We look forward to the day when we will share together in broken bread and wine outpoured again and to that greater day when we will drink of the fruit of the vine in the kingdom of God.

HYMN Hail to the Lord's anointed (A&M 99)

Ending:

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

Music to end:

Organ Music: Bethlehem of noblest cities