

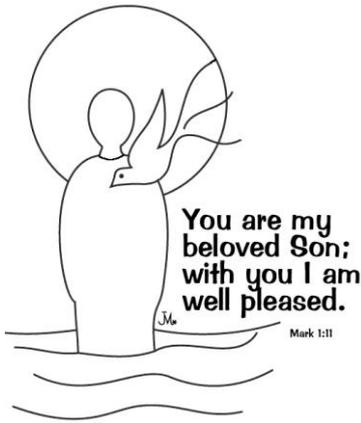
CHRIST CHURCH, BRAY

Morning Prayer

Epiphany 1

The Baptism of Our Lord

11am Sunday 10th January 2021



(live stream www.churchservices.tv/christchurchbray)

The Bells of Christ Church Bray

The Gathering of God's People

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all
and also with you.

Hymn 204

1 When Jesus came to Jordan
to be baptised by John,
he did not come for pardon,
but as his Father's Son.
He came to share repentance
with all who mourn their sins,
to speak the vital sentence
with which good news begins.

2 He came to share temptation,
our utmost woe and loss;
for us and our salvation
to die upon the cross.
So when the Dove descended
on him, the Son of Man,
the hidden years had ended,
the age of grace began.

**3 Come, holy Spirit, aid us
to keep the vows we make;
this very day invade us,
and every bondage break;
come, give our lives direction,
the gift we covet most -
to share the resurrection
that leads to Pentecost**

*F. Pratt Green (1903-2000)
based on Mark 1: 9-11*

God of light, light of light true God of true God
We bless You

God of new beginnings, hope of hope, as we reach for this new year
We bless You

God of joy, delight of delight, as we give thanks for all that is good
We bless You

O Lord, open our lips,
and our mouth will proclaim your praise.

Let us worship the Lord.
All praise to his name.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.

Penitence

**Lord God,
we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us to the joy of your salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

cf Psalm 51

May the Father of all mercies
cleanse you from your sins,
and restore you in his image

to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Your word is a lantern to my feet
and a light upon our path. *c.f. Psalm 119:105*

O Lord, your word is everlasting:
it stands firm for ever in the heavens. *c.f. Psalm 119:89*

Let us then receive the word of the Lord.
so may the light of your presence shine into our hearts.

<i>Proclaiming and Receiving the Word</i>
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Acts 19 : 1-7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the inland regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ²He 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.' ³Then he said, 'Into what then were you baptized?' They answered, 'Into John's baptism.' ⁴Paul 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.' ⁵On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— ⁷altogether there were about twelve of them.

Psalm 29 (sung)

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name;
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders;
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation;
the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf
and Sirion like a young wild ox.
- 7 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.

8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe
and strips the forests bare;
in his temple all cry, 'Glory!'
9 The Lord sits enthroned above the water flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.
10 The Lord shall give strength to his people;
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Mark 1 : 4-11

John 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.'

9 In 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.'

Collect of the Word

Loving God,
your Son came to seek the lost
and was baptised with sinners:
grant that we, who have been baptised in his name,
may reach out in love to those in need
with the mercy of Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
for ever and ever. Amen

Prayers of the People

Lord of truth,
hear our prayer.

Hear our prayer, Lord God

and make us one in heart and mind
to serve you with joy for ever, Amen.

Collect of the Day

**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 of water and the Spirit,
that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Sermon

The Response to God's Word

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 again to judge the living and the dead
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

The Prayers of the People

Lord, in your mercy:
hear our prayer.

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

The Lord's Prayer

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, we pray:

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.

Going Out as God's People

Lord of Hope

we give You thanks for a new day.

We arise today

to a horizon guiding our eye beyond the everyday;

to a dawn gently lighting up the wonders of Your creation;

to a whispered dew rooting us firmly to this precious earth.

For this and more we thank You.

Lord of Hope

we give You thanks for a new year.

We arise today

to the knowledge that Your Son, our Lord, goes before us;

to the hope that through His presence all people will be transformed;

to the promise of salvation for all.

For this and more we thank You.

Lord of Hope

we give You thanks for a new start.

We arise today

turning our backs on the ways of judgement and criticism;

throwing off narrow-minded assumptions;

reaching out to enemy and friend with generous compassionate hearts.

For the promise of a new start, a new year, a new day, for these gifts and for so much more we thank You. Amen

Now go in peace; may this day, this year unfold as it should; may you find solace in scripture and spirit; and may your journey into this new year be filled with the hope and promise of God for the sake and the peace of the world. And may the blessing ...Amen

Hymn 195

**1. Lord, the light of your love is shining
in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us,
set us free by the truth you now bring us,
shine on me, shine on me.**

*Shine, Jesus, shine,
fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze,
set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river flow,
flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.*

**2. Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance;
by the blood I may enter your brightness,
search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me.**

**3. As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
so our faces display your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory,
mirrored here may our lives tell your story,
Shine on me, shine on me.**

*Graham Kendrick (b.1950)
based on John 1: 1-5; 3: 19-21;
2 Corinthians 3: 18; 1 John 1: 7*

Recessional music

**Next Sunday 17th January
11am Morning Prayer**

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