

# St Saviour's and St Peter's

## The Baptism of Christ

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2021



*Icon – Romania*

### THE FIRST HYMN

1

As with gladness men of old  
did the guiding star behold,  
as with joy they hailed its light,  
leading onward, beaming bright;  
so, most gracious God, may we  
evermore be led to thee.

2

As with joyful steps they sped,  
Savior, to thy lowly bed,  
there to bend the knee before  
thee whom heav'n and earth adore;  
so may we with willing feet  
ever seek thy mercy seat.

3

As they offered gifts most rare  
at thy cradle rude and bare,  
so may we with holy joy,  
pure and free from sin's alloy,  
all our costliest treasures bring,  
Christ, to thee, our heav'nly king.

4

Holy Jesus, ev'ry day  
keep us in the narrow way,  
and, when earthly things are past,  
bring our ransomed souls at last  
where they need no star to guide,  
where no clouds thy glory hide.

*W Chatterton Dix*

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

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

**All: and also with you.**

#### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

**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.**

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

The First Commandment is this:

“Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.”

The second is this: “Love your neighbour as yourself.”

There is no other commandment greater than these.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

**Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

*The Priest introduces the Confession:*

The grace of God has dawned upon the world through our Saviour Jesus Christ, who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own.

Let us confess our sins:

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.**

#### THE 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 GLORIA

**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.**

**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.**

**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. Amen.**

## THE 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**

## FIRST READING: Genesis 1.1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 29

The Lord will bless his people with peace  
**The Lord will bless his people with peace**

Ascribe to the Lord you powers of heaven,  
Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.  
Ascribe to the Lord the honour due unto his name;  
Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. *Response*

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters  
The God of glory thunders,  
The Lord is upon the might waters  
the voice of the Lord is might in operation;  
The voice of the Lord is a glorious voice. *Response*

The Lord sits enthroned above the water-flood;  
The Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore  
The Lord shall give strength to his people;  
The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace. *Response*

SECOND READING: Acts 19.1-7

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**

GRADUAL HYMN

1

The Race that long in darkness pined,  
Have seen a glorious Light;  
The people dwell in day, who dwelt  
In death's surrounding night.

2

To hail Thy rise, Thou better Sun,  
The gathering nations come,  
Joyous as when the reapers bear  
The harvest treasures home.

3

To us a Child of Hope is born,  
To us a Son is given,  
Him shall the tribes of earth obey,  
Him all the hosts of heaven.

4

His Name shall be the Prince of Peace,  
Forevermore adored,  
The Wonderful, the Counselor,  
The great and mighty Lord.

*John Morison*

GOSPEL: Mark 1.4-11

Alleluia, Alleluia

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

The Lord be with you

**All: and also with you**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

**All: 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.**

THE SERMON: Revd Jan Rushton

THE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God, from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## THE INTERCESSIONS

*One of these responses may be used:*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

or

Lord, hear us  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**



**We are all praying for** Mirela, and Jan

### **from St Peter's:**

Agnes, Beryl, Charys, Celia, Cherry, Clive, Fred, Geraint, Harriet, Margaret, Mark, Maria, Orlando, Paul McKenzie, Pete, Sam, Sarah Banford, Sharon

### **and from St Saviour's:**

Alexa, Andy, Belinda, Bruno, Charles, Claire Foster-Gilbert, James Moyes, Jean, Joanne, John, Krzysztof, Nicholas, Norah, Sue, Susanna, Zalan, Sarah, Harvey and Mark

*The prayers end with these words:*

Merciful Father

**accept these prayers**

**for the sake of your Son,**

**our Saviour, Jesus Christ, Amen.**

## THE PEACE

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end.

The peace of the Lord be always with you,  
**And also with you.**

## OFFERTORY HYMN

1

The sinless one to Jordan came,  
To share our fallen nature's blame;  
God's righteousness he thus fulfilled,  
And chose the path his Father willed.

2

Uprising from the waters there,  
The voice from heaven true witness bare  
That Christ, the Son of God, had come  
To lead his scattered people home.

5

On you shall all your people feed,  
And know you are the Bread indeed,  
Who gives eternal life to those  
That with you died, and with you rose.

3

Above him see the heavenly Dove,  
The sign of God the Father's love,  
Now by the Holy Spirit shed  
Upon the Son's anointed head.

4

How blest that mission then begun  
To heal and save a race undone!  
Straight to the wilderness he goes  
To wrestle with his people's foes.

*GB Timms*

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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 indeed right, it is our duty and our joy,  
at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise,  
holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

And now we give you thanks, because, in the incarnation of the Word, a new light has dawned upon the world, that all the nations may be brought out of darkness to see the radiance of your glory.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

**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.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood; who in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:

Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious  
ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom,  
and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of  
Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died**

**Christ is risen**

**Christ will come again.**

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise.

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

#### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world  
grant us peace.**

#### THE GIVING OF 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.**

**My Jesus,  
I believe that you are present  
in the most holy Sacrament.  
I love you above all things,  
and I desire to receive you into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment  
receive you sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace you as if you were already there,  
and unite myself wholly to you.  
Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen**

#### THE POST COMMUNION PRAYERS

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**

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen**

#### THE BLESSING

Christ, the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom,  
And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

#### FINAL HYMN

1  
Songs of thankfulness and praise,  
Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise,  
manifested by the star  
to the sages from afar;  
Branch of royal David's stem,  
in thy birth at Bethlehem;  
Anthems be to thee addressed  
God in Man made manifest.

2  
Manifest at Jordan's stream,  
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;  
and at Cana, wedding guest,  
in thy Godhead manifest,  
manifest in power divine,  
changing water into wine;  
Anthems be to thee addressed,  
God in Man made manifest.

3  
Manifest in making whole  
palsied limbs and fainting soul;  
manifest in valiant fight,  
quelling all the devil's might;  
manifest in gracious will,  
ever bringing good from ill;  
Anthems be to thee addressed,  
God in Man made manifest.

4  
Grant us grace to see thee, Lord,  
Mirrored in thy holy word;  
May we imitate thee now,  
And be pure, as pure art thou;  
That we like to thee may be  
At thy great epiphany.  
And may praise thee, ever blest,  
God in Man made manifest.

*Christopher Wordsworth*

## NOTICES

### THE DISMISSAL

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## **Making online contributions to our churches**

Every Anglican Church is expected to 'pay its way' and be largely self-supporting - the Church of England can no longer fund its parishes centrally, and we do not receive government funding. With small congregations, St Peter's and St Saviour's normally seek to supplement their incomes and meet their overheads by renting out the churches and church halls, but since the pandemic income from this has fallen dramatically. Our Parishes' Administrator, David Barton has helped each church to set up on-line giving. We hope that all who consider themselves regular members of St Peter's or St Saviour's will wish to commit to *giving* regularly. Below are links to enable you to do this, or to make one-off donations.

### **St Peter, Belsize Park**

Regular Giving:

[St Peter's Standing Order form](#)  
[St Peter's Gift Aid Form](#)

Occasional Donations:

<https://givealittle.co/campaigns/3e9f1e60-3074-4deb-b7c9-3f0c4755de0f>

### **St Saviour, Chalk Farm**

Regular Giving:

Through the Parish Giving Scheme - this can now be done by phone - the details are here: <http://www.stsaviourhampstead.org.uk/giving/>  
You will also need our Parish Giving Scheme code; email us at [stpandsts@gmail.com](mailto:stpandsts@gmail.com) for this.

Occasional Donations:

<https://givealittle.co/campaigns/715c6f21-fa6e-434b-9e82-a0be0b791fe9>