

ST MARY'S PRINCES RISBOROUGH

9.15am 10th January 2021

The Baptism of Christ

Organ preludes — Christ, unser Herr, zum Jordan kam, Dietrich Buxtehude, BuxWV 180. Fairest Lord Jesus, Flor Peeters, from opus 100.

The Gathering

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

Words of welcome follow

**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.**

Invitation to 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.

**God our Father,
Long-suffering, full of grace and truth,
You create us from nothing and give us life.
You give your faithful people new life in the water of baptism.**

**You do not turn your face from us,
Nor cast us aside.
We confess that we have sinned
Against you and our neighbour.
We have wounded your love and marred your image in us.
Restore us for the sake of your Son,
And bring us to heavenly joy,
In Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May the God of love draw us to himself, forgive us our sins, and assure us of his eternal love in Jesus 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.**

The Liturgy of the Word

A reading from Genesis 1: 1-5

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

We stand for the Gospel

Alleluia, alleluia.

Christ was revealed in the 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.

Mark1: 4-11

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Gospel recessional - 'The sinless one to Jordan came', based on mode iv
chant, Stuart King

Sermon

Hymn for reflection (the organ will play whilst you reflect on the words)

When Jesus came to Jordan
to be baptized 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.

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.

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.

Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith 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.**

Prayers of Intercession

The following response may be used:

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

At the end:

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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

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 God be always with you.

And also with you.

Offertory music — Hymne over 'Dejlig er Jorden' [Fairest Lord Jesus], Rued Langgaard [BVN 157a]

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

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.

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.
And so we join our voices with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven
to proclaim your glory
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 has 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

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

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.**

Distribution of Communion

*The Celebrant will receive the bread and wine on behalf of us all.
All may give thanks for the saving death and resurrection of Jesus and
open our hearts to him.*

Organ music for reflection during Communion: Meditation on Beautiful Saviour, Dale Wood

Prayer after Communion

Lord of all time and eternity,
you opened heaven's gate 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.**

The Dismissal

Christ the Son of God
perfect in you the image of his glory a
nd 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.

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

Organ postlude—Jesu D p [Jesu's Baptism], Kjell M rk Karlsen

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