



The Anglican Parish of  
CHRIST CHURCH ST LUCIA

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

The Baptism of our Lord  
Epiphany 1



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Online Service of  
**Praise, Prayer & Proclamation**

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*Welcome*

*Fr. Michael*

*Organ Prelude*

Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam – Friedrich Wilhelm Zachow  
(*Christ our Lord, to the Jordan came*) (1663-1712)

*Opening Sentence*

God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; and he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

Acts. 10:38

*The Greeting*

Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.  
Declare God's glory among the nations, his marvellous deeds among all peoples.

Psalms 96.2-3

*The following thanksgiving is said together*

**Gracious God, we humbly thank you  
for life and health and safety,  
for freedom to work, leisure to rest,  
and for all that is beautiful in creation and human life.  
But, above all, we praise you for our Saviour, Jesus Christ,  
for his death and resurrection;  
for the gift of your Spirit;  
and for the hope of sharing in your glory.  
Fill our hearts with all joy and peace in believing;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

*The following prayers and Collect of the Day are said in preparation for the reading and teaching of Scripture*

Thank you, Father, for making yourself known to us  
and showing the way of salvation through faith in your Son.  
We ask you now to teach and encourage us through your word,  
so that we may be ready to serve you;  
for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

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.**

*Old Testament Reading*

*Reader:*

Jeremiah 15.15-21

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.

*Hear the word of the Lord:*  
**thanks be to God.**

*Psalm 29*

*sung by Cantor*

Setting: Christopher Wrench

*O worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness.*

Ascribe to the Lord you powers of heaven:  
ascribe to the Lord glory and might.

Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name:  
O worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters:  
the God of glory thunders, the Lord upon the great waters.

The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation:  
the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.

*O worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness.*

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar-trees:  
the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.

He makes them skip like a calf:  
Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox.

The voice of the Lord divides the lightning-flash:  
the voice of the Lord whirls the sands of the desert,  
the Lord whirls the desert of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord rends the terebinth trees,  
and strips bare the forests:  
in his temple all cry, 'Glory!'.

*O worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness.*

The Lord sits enthroned above the waterflood:  
the Lord sits enthroned as a king for ever.  
The Lord will give strength to his people:  
the Lord will give to his people the blessing of peace.

### *New Testament Reading*

Mark 1. 4-11

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.'

*Hear the word of the Lord:*  
**thanks be to God.**

### *The Sermon*

*Fr. Michael*

### *Musical Reflection*

*Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern – J.B.Kehl (1725-1778)*  
*(How brightly shines the morning star)*

*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 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.**

**CONFESSION OF SIN**

*Invitation to the Confession*

Christ the Son of God has been revealed as a light to the nations.

Let us bring our darkness to his light, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**Heavenly Father,  
you have loved us with an everlasting love,  
but we have broken your holy laws  
and have left undone what we ought to have done.  
We are sorry for our sins  
and turn away from them.**

**For the sake of your Son who died for us,  
forgive us, cleanse us and change us.  
By your Holy Spirit,  
enable us to live for you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The minister declares God's forgiveness*

God desires that none should perish,  
but that all should turn to Christ, and live.  
In response to his call we acknowledge our sins.  
God pardons those who humbly repent,  
and truly believe the gospel.  
Therefore we have peace with God, through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us,  
even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive  
together with Christ—by grace you have been saved.

Ephesians 2.4–5

## THE MINISTRY OF PRAYER

*The Intercessions*

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray:

*The Lord's Prayer*

**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.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

## THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

### *Prayer*

Loving God, we thank you for hearing our prayers,  
feeding us with your word,  
and encouraging us in our meeting together.  
Guide us by your presence,  
that we may bring your light to those who dwell in darkness,  
and establish your justice in the earth.

**Take us and use us  
to love and serve you  
and all people,  
in the power of your Spirit  
and in the name of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

God of healing and hope,  
in Jesus you meet us in our places of uncertainty and fear.  
Look on us with mercy at this time.  
Be with the vulnerable, the anxious and those who feel in danger.  
Through this time, bring out the best and not the worst in us.  
Make us more aware of our dependence on each other,  
and the strength that comes from being one in you,  
through Christ, Emmanuel, "God with us." Amen

### *The Blessing*

May Christ the Son of God be manifest to you,  
that your lives may be a light to the world;  
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### *The Dismissal*

Dear sisters and brothers, go in peace to love and serve the Lord:  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*Postlude*      *Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern – Niels Gade (1817-1890)*

MUSIC LINKS:

Hymn:

**God of mercy, God of grace**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gh0JsJQBkKE>

Anthem:

**Palestrina: Exaltabo Te Domine** (Psalm 29)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y\\_A\\_3sUUSs4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y_A_3sUUSs4)

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