



**A warm welcome to our Parish Eucharist  
Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2021  
The Baptism of Christ**

Our service is being live streamed to Facebook  
(<https://facebook.com/stmarysross>).

Our Rector, the Rev'd Sean Semple will preside, the Rev'd Tiffany Jackson will deacon and our preacher.

The Setting is Darke

**Introit hymn** O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;  
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;  
with gold of obedience and incense of lowliness,  
kneel and adore him: the Lord is his name.

Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness  
of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine:  
truth in its beauty and love in its tenderness,  
these are the offerings to lay on his shrine.

These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,  
he will accept for the name that is dear;  
mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,  
trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.

*John Samuel Bewley Monsell*

## Prayers of Penitence

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.

Lord Jesus, illuminate the darkness in our hearts:  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, open our eyes to your saving love:  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, unstop our ears to hear your living word:  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

## Absolution

The Lord enrich *you* with his grace,  
and nourish *you* with his blessing;  
the Lord defend *you* in trouble and keep *you* from all evil;  
the Lord accept *your* prayers,  
and absolve *you* from *your* offences,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. **Amen.**

## Gloria

### The Collect

Eternal Father,  
who at the baptism of Jesus  
didst reveal him to be thy Son,  
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:  
grant that we, being born again by water and the Spirit,  
may be faithful to our calling as thine adopted children;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

# *The Liturgy of the Word*

## **First Reading      Acts 17.1-7**

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

**All Thanks be to God**

## **Psalm 29**

BRING unto the Lord, O ye mighty, bring young rams unto the Lord: ascribe unto the Lord worship and strength.

Give the Lord the honour due unto his Name: worship the Lord with holy worship.

It is the Lord that commandeth the waters: it is the glorious God that maketh the thunder.

It is the Lord that ruleth the sea; the voice of the Lord is mighty in operation: the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.

The voice of the Lord breaketh the cedar-trees: yea, the Lord breaketh the cedars of Libanus.

He maketh them also to skip like a calf: Libanus also, and Sirion, like a young unicorn.

The voice of the Lord divideth the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shaketh the wilderness: yea, the Lord shaketh the wilderness of Cades.

The voice of the Lord maketh the hinds to bring forth young, and discovereth the thick bushes: in his temple doth every man speak of his honour.

The Lord sitteth above the water-flood: and the Lord remaineth a King for ever.

The Lord shall give strength unto his people: the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

## The Gospel – John 1.29-34

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

*All* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, ‘Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, “After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.” I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.’ And John testified, ‘I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, “He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.” And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## The Sermon

## The Creed

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
*All* **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,  
*All* **God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,**

begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
*All* **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.

**All 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;

**All 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,

**All the Lord, the giver of life,**

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

**All With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.**

He has spoken through the prophets.

**All We believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic Church.**

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**All We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

Led by Paul Mason

# *The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

## **The Peace**

*You might like to use the chat to exchange The Peace with others in their homes.*

Christ is our peace.

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.

The old has passed away: behold, everything has become new.

*2 Corinthians 5.17*

The peace of the Lord be always with you:

**All and also with you.**

## The Offertory

*We now come to our offertory. This is a time to thank God for his provision as well as give back to God and his work. You can give even if you are not able to attend church in the following ways:*

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## Hymn     Let all the World

Let all the world, in every corner, sing:

My God and King!

The heavens are not too high, His praise may thither fly,

The earth is not too low, His praises there may grow,

Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and king!

Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and king!

The church with psalms must shout, no door can keep them out;

But, above all, the heart must bear the longest part.

Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and king!

*Ralph Vaughan Williams*

As the grain once scattered in the fields  
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside  
are now reunited on this table in bread and wine,  
so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together  
from the corners of the earth  
into your kingdom. **Amen.**

## The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

**All His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**All We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All It is right to give thanks and praise.**

All honour and praise be yours always and everywhere,  
mighty creator, ever-living God,

through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord:

for at this time we celebrate your glory

made present in our midst.

In the coming of the magi

the King of all the world was revealed to the nations.

In the waters of baptism

Jesus was revealed as the Christ,

the Saviour sent to redeem us.

In the water made wine

the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast.

Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy.

Therefore with all the angels of heaven

we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name

and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

### **Sanctus and Benedictus**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,

through Jesus Christ, our Lord;

and as we obey his command,

send your Holy Spirit,

that broken bread and wine outpoured

may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he praised you.

He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;

do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.

Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:  
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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross.  
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection  
until he comes in glory.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:  
**All Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life:  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Lord of all life,  
help us to work together for that day  
when your kingdom comes  
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.  
Look with favour on your people,  
gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with St Mary, St Michael and All Angels, and all the saints  
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,  
for ever and ever.

**All Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Believing the promises of God,  
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**All 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** *The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

We break the bread of life,  
and that life is the light of the world.

*All* **God here among us,  
light in the midst of us,  
bring us to light and life.**

## **Spiritual Communion**

*All* **Come into my heart, Lord Jesus.  
May all that is you flow into me.  
May your body and blood be my food and drink.  
May your passion and death be my strength and life.  
Jesus, with you by my side enough has been given.  
May the shelter I seek be the shadow of your cross.  
Let me not run from the love which you offer  
but hold me safe from the forces of evil.  
On each of my dyings shed your light and your love.  
Keep calling to me until that day comes  
when with your saints, I may praise you for ever. Amen.**

## **Anthem:** Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

Jesu, joy of man's desiring  
Holy wisdom, love most bright

Drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring  
Soar to uncreated light  
Word of God, our flesh that fashioned  
With the fire of life impassioned  
Striving still to truth unknown  
Soaring, dying 'round thy throne  
*Johann Bach*

### **Post Communion Prayer**

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.**

### **The Notices for the Week**

*Please see our newsletter and website for up-to-date parish news and notices. [rossparishes.uk](http://rossparishes.uk)*

*Virtual coffee follows **immediately after this service** (NB change of time) and provides an opportunity for socialising in a safe way from your own home. You are most welcome to join us. You will find the link at [rossparishes.uk/digital-services](http://rossparishes.uk/digital-services)*

### **Our services next Week - 17<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

8am	Live-streamed BCP Service at St Mary's
9.30am	Live-streamed Benefice Eucharist from St Mary's
4.00pm	Come As You Are

### **The Blessing and Dismissal**

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.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

## **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Thank you for being with us today! May the faith, the hope and the love of Christ inspire and guide your life in the week ahead.

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