

The Benefice of Greatham, Empshott and Hawkeley with Priors Dean

Sunday Worship by Zoom

10th January 2021 - The Baptism of Christ



Leonardo Da Vinci

Welcome

Introduction to the theme of the service

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Praise God who loves us.
Praise God who cares.

A candle is lit.

We light this candle to remind us that the love of God
is like a light in our darkness.
Blessed be God for ever.

We praise you, our God,
for this Church family and for bringing us together today.
Blessed be God for ever.

We praise you, our God,
for all those who have been part of our life and faith journey; for the love given and the sacrifices made.
Blessed be God for ever.

Confession

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.

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 Collect or Prayer for Today

Psalm 29

- 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.**

Readings

Acts 19:1-7

New Revised Standard Version

19 While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior 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.

Mark 1:4-11

New Revised Standard Version

⁴John the baptizer appeared^[a] 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^[b] water; but he will baptize you with^[c] the Holy Spirit." ⁹In 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;^[d] with you I am well pleased."

The Talk

Music for Reflection

Thanksgiving

**Accept, O Lord,
our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us.
We thank you for the splendour of the whole creation,
for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life,
and for the mystery of love.**

**We thank you for the blessing of family and friends,
for the love that surrounds us and that which we can give.**

**Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ;
for the truth of his Word and the example of his life;
for his dying rising and for the gift of your Spirit.**

**May we know him and make him known;
and through him, at all times and in all places,
give thanks to you in all things. Amen.**

The Intercessions

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Responses

Lord in our weakness

We come to you for strength.

In our darkness

We come to you for light.

With our challenges

We come to you for hope.

In the holiness of this place

Give us confidence

In the quietness of this place

Let us hear your voice

In the week that lies ahead

Show us the way to live.

Final Prayer

This is what God requires of us
- only this - to do justice, to love kindness
and to walk humbly with our God.

The Blessing

The blessing of God almighty,
the Father, Son and Holy Spirit
be upon us and remain with us always. **Amen.**

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