

WORSHIP - BAPTISM OF CHRIST - 9 JANUARY 2022

Today we have services in both churches at 10 am, and an Epiphany Carol Service at 6 pm in St Edmund's. We also meet on Zoom at 11.30 - the link is on the website. This is the Order of Service that is based on the Zoom service.

Hymn - O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness -
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LBEmXFkwcOE>

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.

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.

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.

New Testament reading - Acts 8.14-17 - *is printed on the blue noticesheet*

Hymn - On Jordan's bank - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BRd-g6i8pmE>

Gospel - Luke 3.15-17,21,22 - *is printed on the blue noticesheet*

Address - *Peter has written a sermon which is on the church website.*

The Nicene 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.

Music - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ORTbT-MYLHk>

Adam lay ybounden, bounden in a bond;
Four thousand winter thought he not too long,
And all was for an apple, an apple that he took,
As clerkes finden written in their book.
Ne had the apple taken been, the apple taken been,
Ne had never our lady a-been heavené queen.
Blessed be the time that apple taken was.
Therefore we moun singen : Deo gracias!

Prayers of Intercession - *Enriching the Christian Year, page 187*

God and Father of us all, in Christ you give us one Lord, one faith, one baptism:
look in love upon the Church, the fellowship of the baptized, and renew her life in unity and peace.

We pray for the life of our churches, our Diocese and bishop, for vision as we move into 2021 - for the worldwide church, for Christians struggling so much more than we are. We those we baptize, for those whose baptisms have been delayed. For our own faith, our commitment, and our journey together.

In faith we pray:

We pray to you our God.

Your Christ has commanded us to go and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit: look in love upon the world, redeemed by his blood, and work out your purpose for the whole creation.

We pray for the political situation of our world. We offer to God the images we have seen from America. We pray for a peaceful transfer of power - for Donald Trump, Jo Biden - for senators and those who work in the Capitol. For our Prime Minister and his government, for those in the Civil Service. For our City Council and local government, for all trying to make rules, observe rules, and those who angry, frightened and confused.

In faith we pray: **We pray to you our God.**

As a mother brings her child to birth in pain and yet in joy, you bring us to new birth in the waters of baptism and make us your own by adoption and grace: look in your love upon each one of your children, and bless with your presence every house and every family.

In the silence, let's name our families and friends before God. Thinking of those we miss so much, those who are struggling

In faith we pray: **We pray to you our God.**

We have accepted the baptism with which Christ was baptized, your children suffer various trials, testing their faith, as they await the salvation of their souls: look in your love upon those who walk in deep darkness and those who suffer beyond endurance.

We know Lord we are in a time of deep darkness, and we pray for the Covid situation. For those who are fighting the virus, those who are so very ill, those who are caring for them, all our medical staff - under so much pressure. Our Hannah is spending today vaccinating people - so we give thanks for the miracle of science, and pray that this might help control and defeat the virus. We pray for our teachers and schools, for parents, for workers, for those who find themselves without work. Lord, help us to have faith, and

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Christ is risen, the first-fruits of the harvest of the dead.
In baptism we die with him in order that we may be alive with him:
look in your love on all who are passing through the deep waters of death.
May they walk in newness of life.

We pray for those whose earthly life will end this day - and we pray for those who can't be with their loved ones as they die.

In faith we pray: **We pray to you our God.**

Grant, Lord, that we who are baptized into the death of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ may continually put to death our evil desires and be buried with him; that through the grave and gate of death we may pass to our joyful resurrection; through his merits, who died and was buried and rose again for us, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We bring our prayers together as we pray the prayer that Jesus 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.

Carol - What child is this - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4s9ghpx-b3o>

the words are slightly different to the version we'll be singing

What child is this, who, laid to rest
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds worship and angels sing:
haste, haste to bring him praise
the babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate,
where ox and ass are feeding?
Come have no fear, God's son is here,
his love all loves exceeding.
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through,
the cross be borne for me, for you:
hail, hail the Saviour comes,
the babe, the son of Mary.

So bring him incense, gold and myrrh,
all tongues and peoples own him,
the King of kings salvation brings,
let every heart enthrone him:
Raise, raise your song on high
while Mary sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy, for Christ is born
the babe, the son of Mary.

The Blessing

The God all grace,
who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus,
establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith;
and the blessing of God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be with you, this day and for evermore. **Amen.**

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

Final music - Tuba tune, C.S. Lang - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YsCfe8VZ3-4>

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