

Southwell  
Minster

*The Cathedral and Parish Church  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary*



# CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST (online)

**The Baptism of Christ**  
Sunday 10 January 2021  
10.00am

## Welcome to this online service from Southwell Minster

Please do join in at home as you are comfortably able: you may wish to stand, sit and kneel as you normally would in church (we have included instructions for posture in this booklet for this reason), and/or to speak along with the congregational elements of the service.

The President of the Eucharist is The Revd Canon Dr Richard Frith, *Canon Precentor*.

The Preacher is The Revd Canon Prof. Alison Milbank, *Canon Theologian*.

Music is sung by the Lay Clerks of the Cathedral Choir, directed by Paul Provost, *Rector Chori*; the organ is played by Jonathan Allsopp, *Assistant Director of Music*.

The setting for the Eucharist is *Missa 'O magnum mysterium'* by Tomás Luis de Victoria (c.1548-1611).

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### Spiritual Communion

The term 'Spiritual Communion' has been used historically to describe the means of grace by which a person, prevented for some serious reason from sharing in a celebration of the Eucharist, nonetheless shares in the communion of Jesus Christ. The Book of Common Prayer instructs us that if we offer ourselves in penitence and faith, giving thanks for the redemption won by Christ crucified, we may truly 'eat and drink the Body and Blood of our Saviour Christ', although we cannot receive the sacrament physically ourselves. Making a Spiritual Communion is particularly fitting during the restrictions precipitated by the coronavirus. The Church is not defined by the walls of a building but by the Body of Christ of which we are members. In making our communion spiritually, we are joining with Christians everywhere to be nourished by the one who tells us, 'I am the Bread of Life'. As you join in with our service today, at the 'Giving of Communion' there will be an opportunity to make your own Spiritual Communion, giving thanks for the saving death and resurrection of Jesus.

# ORDER OF SERVICE

## THE GATHERING

*Please stand*

### INTROIT

Thou hast loved justice and thou hatest iniquity:  
therefore thou art anointed by God, thy own God, with the oil of  
gladness far above thy fellow men.

*Music: DILEXISTI  
Mode viii*

*President* In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

### GREETING

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

*The President introduces the Eucharist.*

## 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.

*Silence is kept.*

**Most merciful God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned  
in thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
In your mercy  
forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly,  
love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God.  
Amen.**

## ABSOLUTION

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.**

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

*Choir*

Gloria in excelsis Deo, et in terra  
pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.

*Glory to God in the highest, and  
peace to his people on earth.*

Laudamus te, benedicimus te,  
adoramus te, glorificamus te,  
gratias agimus tibi propter  
magnam gloriam tuam.

*Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father, we  
worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.*

Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, Deus  
Pater omnipotens. Domine Fili  
unigenite, Jesu Christe: Domine  
Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris, qui  
tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis,  
qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe  
deprecationem nostram; qui sedes  
ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.

*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.*

Quoniam tu solus Sanctus; tu solus  
Dominus; tu solus altissimus, Jesu  
Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu, in  
gloria Dei Patris.  
Amen.

*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. Amen.*

## COLLECT

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

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.**

*Please sit*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *read by Joan Broughton*

Acts 19: 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 baptised?' They answered, 'Into John's baptism.' Paul said, 'John baptised 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 baptised 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.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Choir* Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

## GOSPEL READING

Mark 1: 4-11

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

John the baptiser 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 baptised 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 baptised you with water; but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptised 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.'

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

*Please sit*

SERMON *given by The Revd Canon Prof. Alison Milbank, Canon Theologian*

*Please stand*

## CREED

*President* Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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.**

*The President says:*

In the power of the Spirit,  
and in union with Christ,  
let us pray to the Father.

*Please sit or kneel*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *led by The Revd Canon Vincent Ashwin*

*One of the following responses, or another, may be used:*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Lord, hear us.  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

*And at the end:*

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

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

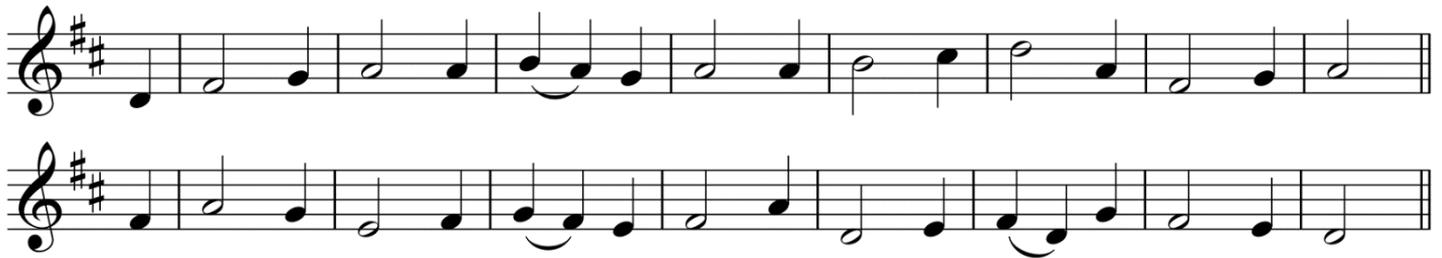
*Please stand*

THE PEACE

*President* God has made us one in Christ.  
He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come,  
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

## OFFERTORY HYMN



The sinless one to Jordan came  
To share our fallen nature's blame;  
God's righteousness he thus fulfilled  
And chose the path his Father willed.

Uprising from the waters there,  
The voice from heaven did witness bear  
That he, the Son of God, had come  
To lead his scattered people home.

Above him see the heavenly Dove,  
The sign of God the Father's love,  
Now by the Holy Spirit shed  
Upon the Son's anointed head.

How blest that mission then begun  
To heal and save a race undone;  
Straight to the wilderness he goes  
To wrestle with his people's foes.

Dear Lord, let those baptised from sin  
Go forth with you, a world to win,  
And send the Holy Spirit's power  
To shield them in temptation's hour.

On you shall all your people feed  
And know you are the Bread indeed,  
Who gives eternal life to those  
That with you died, and with you rose.

## PRAYER AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

*President* Let us pray.

Open the heavens, Lord our God,  
and send your transforming Spirit  
on us and on these gifts.

May we who are baptised into Christ  
be ready to share his cup of suffering  
and strengthened to serve him for ever.

**Amen.**

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

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.**

It is truly right and just,  
our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

You celebrated your new gift of baptism  
in signs and wonders at the Jordan.

Your voice was heard from heaven  
to awaken faith in the presence among us  
of your Word made flesh.

Your Spirit was seen as a dove,  
revealing Jesus as your servant,  
and anointing him with the oil of gladness  
to preach the good news to the poor.

Therefore, as we celebrate the union of earth and heaven,  
we rejoice to echo the song of the angels in heaven  
for ever praising you and saying:

<i>Choir</i>	Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth, pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.	<i>Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.</i>
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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.

Great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died:**  
**Christ is risen:**  
**Christ will come again.**

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 the Blessed Virgin Mary 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.  
**Amen.**

*Please sit or kneel*



## GIVING OF COMMUNION

Jesus is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.  
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*The President receives Communion, during which a time of personal prayer and devotion is kept and the following prayer may be offered:*

Jesus, beloved Christ,  
Word and Wisdom of God,  
breathe your Spirit into us and fill us with your presence.  
Even though we cannot today receive you in the sacrament,  
grant us the grace to abide in you and to live fully and generously,  
so that everything we do  
may be the fruit of your Spirit at work in us.  
Amen.

## COMMUNION MOTET

Tribus miraculis ornatum diem  
sanctum colimus: hodie stella  
Magos duxit ad praesepe:  
hodie vinum ex aqua factum est  
ad nuptias: hodie in Jordane a  
Joanne Christus baptizari voluit,  
ut salvaret nos, alleluia.

*We celebrate a day sanctified by  
three miracles: today a star led the  
Wise Men to the manger: today  
water was changed into wine at the  
marriage feast: today Christ chose to  
be baptised in the Jordan by John for  
our salvation. Alleluia.*

*Words: Magnificat antiphon,  
Second Vespers of the Epiphany*

*Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c.1525-94)*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*President* Let us pray.

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 DISMISSAL

*Please stand*

## BLESSING

May God, who in Christ gives us a spring of water  
welling up to eternal life,  
perfect in you the image of his glory;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

## DISMISSAL

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

# ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Finale (from Symphonie gothique)*

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

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