

YouTube service for St John's and All Saints' on the Feast of the Baptism of Christ, 10th January 2021

Welcome and introduction

We meet in the presence of God
**who knows our needs,
hears our cries,
feels our pain,
and heals our wounds.**

Opening prayer

Father of light,
unchanging God,
today you reveal to people of faith
the resplendent fact of the Word made
flesh.
Your light is strong,
Your love is near;
draw us beyond the limits
which this world imposes,
to the life where Your Spirit
makes all life complete.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Music

Hail to the Lord's anointed
James Montgomery (1771-1854)
The Choir of Christchurch St Laurence,
Sydney

Invitation to confession

Because God was merciful,
he saved us through the water of rebirth
and the renewing power of the Holy Spirit.
But through sin we have fallen away from
our baptism.

Let us return to the Lord and renew our
faith in his promises
by confessing our sins in penitence.

Kyrie Confession

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.

The Absolution

Almighty God,
who in Jesus Christ has given us
a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,
forgive you your sins,
open your eyes to God's truth,
strengthen you to do God's will
and give you the joy of his kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Gloria

From *Credo*
John Featherstone

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.

Old Testament reading

Genesis 1:1-5

Music

O breath of life come sweeping through us
Elizabeth Head and Andy Piercy

O Breath of life, come sweeping through
us,
Revive Your church with life and power.
O Breath of life, come, cleanse, renew us,
And fit Your church to meet this hour.

O Wind of God, come bend us, break us,
Till humbly we confess our need;
Then in Your tenderness remake us,
Revive, restore, for this we plead.

O Breath of love, come breathe within
us,
Renewing thought and will and heart;
Come, Love of Christ, afresh to win us,
Revive Your church in every part.

Revive us, Lord! Is zeal abating
While harvest fields are vast and ripe?
Revive us, Lord, the world is waiting,
Equip Your church to spread the light.

New Testament reading

Mark 1:4-11

Reflection

Paul

The Creed

Let us declare our faith in God.

***All* We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Music

Longing for light (Christ, be our light!)
Bernadette Farrell
Choirs of the Diocese of Leeds

Intercessions

Concluding with 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.
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.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Music

I Cannot tell how he whom angels worship
William Young Fullerton (1857-1932)
Emu Music-Praise without Ceasing

Concluding prayer

God of our pilgrimage,
you have led us to the living water:
refresh and sustain us
as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing and dismissal

May God the Father,
who led the wise men by the shining of a
star
to find the Christ, the Light from light,
lead you also in your pilgrimage to find
the Lord.
Amen.

May God the Son,
who turned water into wine at the wed-
ding feast at Cana,
transform your lives and make glad your
hearts.
Amen.

May God the Holy Spirit,
who came upon the beloved Son
at his baptism in the river Jordan,
pour out his gifts on you
who have come to the waters of new
birth.
Amen.

And the blessing ...
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

