



**DURHAM  
CATHEDRAL**

THE SHRINE OF ST CUTHBERT

**Holy Communion  
The Baptism of Christ  
The First Sunday of Epiphany**

Sunday 10 January 2021  
9.30 a.m. and 11.30 a.m.

## WELCOME

Please make sure you have used the hand sanitiser provided and wear a face covering.

If you are a regular worshipper here, welcome back. If you are visiting, we are delighted that you join us today.

So that we may all be safe, please observe all of the recommended social distancing advice and follow the directions of the Cathedral staff—especially at the Distribution of Communion and at the end of the service.

This service is also being live-streamed online but we have taken care to ensure that no members of the congregation are visible on camera.

We are all encouraged not to raise our voices and to leave fairly swiftly after the final organ voluntary has finished. The clergy will be outside the North Door to take their leave of you there.

When you leave, please move towards the altar and turn left at the front of the Nave and make your way out via the North Nave Aisle and the North Door.

There will be a retiring collection for the work of the Cathedral. Please use the tap and give contactless device near the North Door or drop cash into the collecting basket as you leave. Thank you.

## The Gathering

**Voluntary**      Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam, BWV 685

*J S Bach*

*Stand at the entry of the clergy*

## The Greeting

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

**All**              **Amen.**

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe.  
**From the rising of the sun to its setting**  
**your name is proclaimed in all the world.**

The Lord of glory be with you.  
**The Lord bless you.**

*The President welcomes the congregation*

## Prayers of Penitence

God of truth,  
you are faithful to the covenant you have made with us;  
look in mercy on your people.

From all our sins, O Lord:  
**wash us, and we shall be clean.**

We have broken the pledges of our baptism,  
and failed to be your disciples.

From all our sins, O Lord:  
**wash us, and we shall be clean.**

Though we are saved by Christ  
and dead to sin through the deep waters of death,  
we have not witnessed to his grace by our manner of life.

From all our sins, O Lord:  
**wash us, and we shall be clean.**

We have shown indifference to those in need  
and have been afraid to stand up for justice and truth.

From all our sins, O Lord:  
**wash us, and we shall be clean.**

We have been slow to forgive, and have failed to remember  
your repeated forgiveness of our sins.

From all our sins, O Lord:  
**wash us, and we shall be clean.**

Today we rejoice and give thanks  
because your Son humbled himself  
to be baptized in the Jordan.  
Through the waters you have given us  
the mystery of baptism  
for the remission of our sins.

From all our sins, O Lord:  
**wash us, and we shall be clean.**

Through water and Spirit  
you give us new life as the people of God,  
and pour out upon us the gifts of your new covenant.

From all our sins, O Lord:  
**wash us, and we shall be clean.**

Almighty God,  
in our baptism you have consecrated us  
to be temples of your Holy Spirit.  
May we, whom you have counted worthy,  
nurture your indwelling Spirit with a lively faith,  
and worship you with upright lives;  
through Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

### **Gloria in Excelsis**

President      Glory to God in the highest,  
All              **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.**  
                    **Amen.**

## The Collect

Let us pray that we may be faithful to our baptism.

*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.**

*Sit*

## The Liturgy of the Word

### First Reading

**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 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.

All                      For the Word of the Lord:  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

**Gospel Reading**

**Mark 4. 1-11**

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

**All Alleluia.**

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

John the baptizer 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 baptized 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 baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.' In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized 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.**

*The organ sounds*

**Sermon**

The Reverend Canon Michael Everitt

*Silence is kept*

*Stand*

## **The Creed**

**All**            **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.**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

President        We pray that Christ may be seen in the life of the Church.

*Kneel or sit*

Minister        You have called us into the family  
of those who are the children of God.  
May our love for our brothers and sisters in Christ  
be strengthened by your grace.

**All**                Jesus, Lord of the Church,  
**in your mercy hear us.**

You have called us to be a temple  
where the Holy Spirit can dwell.  
Give us clean hands and pure hearts  
so that our lives will reflect your holiness.

Jesus, Lord of the Church,  
**in your mercy hear us.**

You have called us to be a light to the world,  
so that those in darkness come to you.  
May our lives shine as a witness  
to the saving grace you have given for all.

Jesus, Lord of the Church,  
**in your mercy hear us.**

You have called us to be members of your body,  
so that when one suffers, all suffer together.  
We ask for your comfort and healing power  
to bring hope to those in distress.

Jesus, Lord of the Church,  
**in your mercy hear us.**

You have called us to be the Bride,  
where you, Lord, are the Bridegroom.  
Prepare us for the wedding feast,  
where we will be united with you for ever.

Jesus, Lord of the Church,  
**in your mercy hear us.**

President Jesus, Lord of the Church,  
you have called us into fellowship with all your saints.  
We unite our prayers with theirs  
and ask for grace to serve you with joy  
where you live and reign  
with the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for all eternity. **Amen.**

*Stand*

## **The Liturgy of the Eucharist**

### **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.

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

*Please refrain from physically sharing the Peace but, instead, make a verbal greeting to those near you and then sit down*

## **Taking of the Bread and Wine**

*Remain seated*

President      Open the heavens, Lord our God,  
and send your transforming Spirit  
on us and on these gifts.  
May we who are baptized into Christ  
be ready to share his cup of suffering  
and strengthened to serve him for ever.

**All              Amen.**

*Stand*

## **Eucharistic Prayer E**

President      The Lord be with you  
**All              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:

**All**                    **Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

President            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:

**All Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

President 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 Blessed Mary the Virgin,  
Joseph of Nazareth 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.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

President Believing the promises of God,  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**All 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.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

President        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.**

## Giving of Communion

President        God's holy gifts for God's holy people.  
**All                Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,  
                         to the glory of God the Father.**

## Agnus Dei

**All                Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
                         have mercy upon us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
                         have mercy upon us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
                         grant us peace.**

*Please follow the directions of the vergers to form a line to receive Communion. Please keep two metres apart. If there are two of you and you are helping each other, you are welcome both to go to the same Communion station. Please hold your hands out so that the clergy may drop the host into your hand. After you have received the consecrated host, please return to your seats via the side aisles. You are welcome instead to receive a blessing—in which case, just bow your head and don't hold out your hands. Gluten-free wafers are available at both stations.*

## Prayer after Communion

*Stand*

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.**

**All                    We thank you, Lord,  
that you have fed us in this sacrament,  
united us with Christ,  
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet  
prepared for all peoples.  
Amen.**

## The Dismissal

President      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.**

Go in the peace of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Voluntary**      Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam, BWV 684

*J S Bach*

*Please make your way out of the Cathedral via the North Nave Aisle (on the left) by walking towards the altar at the front of the Nave, turning left, and doubling back on yourself down the side aisle to the North Door.*

*You can make an offering as you leave either via the contactless 'tap and give' donation point or by dropping cash into the basket near the door.*

*Evening Prayer is said today at 3.30 p.m.*

*Morning Prayer is said in the North Transept during the week at 8.30 a.m. and Evening Prayer is said or sung in the Nave at 5.15 p.m.. These services are open to the public although they will also be live-streamed online.*

*Please use the 'Daily Prayer' app on your own devices at these services or bring your own prayer book and Bible. Thank you.*

*Holy Communion is celebrated each weekday at 12.30 p.m. in church. This service is not live-streamed.*