



The BAPTISM of CHRIST

10th January 2021

Welcome to St Mary's. Today we celebrate the Baptism of Christ, when God revealed Jesus to be his son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Our president today is Fr Andrew, our preacher is the Revd Sarah, and our organist is John March.

If you are attending the service in person, please sign in on arrival, sanitise your hands, wear a mask (unless exempted), and observe social distancing. Please also wait for directions to go up for communion, which we will be receiving in one kind.

To join us online, go to: <https://bit.ly/StMarysKT>.

You can also join the service by phone on **020 8080 6591**. When prompted, key in the **Meeting ID: 981 5467 9178** and **Password: 254560**.

OLD TESTAMENT READING (Genesis 1.1–5)

Reader: Siriol Hugh-Jones

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.

Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light.

And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

This is the word of The Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 29

Refrain

The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name;
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders;
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation;
the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf
and Sirion like a young wild ox.

The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

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.

The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe
and strips the forests bare;
in his temple all cry, 'Glory!'

The Lord sits enthroned above the water flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.

The Lord shall give strength to his people;
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

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THE EPISTLE (Acts 19, verses 1–7)

Reader: Kaye Inglis

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.

This is the word of The Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL (Mark 1, verses 4–11)

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 **HOMILY**, by the Revd Sarah Van den driessche

The **INTERCESSIONS**, led by Gladys Mundowa

The **LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT**

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES AND EVENTS

Because of the very serious health situation we face, Fr Andrew and the PCC have decided that from next week Sunday services will be held online only. We hope that this will allow more of our congregation to share equally in our Sunday worship. We will return to public worship on Sundays as soon as it seems safe to do so.

The church will be open on Sundays from 11.30 am to 12.30pm for people to come in for individual prayer if they wish and to receive the sacrament from Fr Andrew.

The church will also remain open for individual prayer on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings, and for public worship at our normal weekday services (listed below). If you are classified as medically vulnerable, please consider the risks before visiting the church.

If you or anyone you know is in need of support during this new lockdown, please speak with Fr Andrew on 01273 698601.

Please remember in your prayers all medical staff and carers who are working under terrible physical and emotional strain at this time.

MONDAY, 9.30 am: Morning Prayer (BCP).

MONDAY, 10 am – 1pm: Church open for individual prayer.

TUESDAY, 6.30 pm: Evening Prayer.

WEDNESDAY, 8.30 am: Morning Prayer.

WEDNESDAY, 10 am – 1 pm: Church open for individual prayer.

WEDNESDAY, 12.30 pm: Midweek Eucharist with Fr Andrew.

WEDNESDAY, 2.30 pm: Brighton Women's Centre Foodbank (Hall).

THURSDAY, 2 pm: AA Meeting.

WEDNESDAY, 10 am – 1 pm: Church open for individual prayer.

FRIDAY, 9.30 am: Morning Prayer.

FRIDAY, 10 am – 1 pm: Church open for individual prayer.

SATURDAY, 10.45 am: AA Newcomers (Hall).

SUNDAY, 10 am: (Online only) Said Eucharist.

SUNDAY, 11.30 am – 12.30 pm: Church open for individual prayer.

*Enquiries about baptism, confirmation, marriage, funerals, confessions, and counselling may be made to the Vicar, **Fr Andrew Woodward**, by phone: 01273 698601 or email: ruraldeanbrighton@gmail.com.*

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