



# **Choral Eucharist**

## *The Baptism of Christ*

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The Cathedral Church of St Philip, Birmingham  
Sunday 10 January 2021, 11am

**Welcome to Birmingham Cathedral** for this celebration of Holy Communion.

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Coronation Mass by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756–1791)  
sung by the Cathedral Choir (Schola Philippi)

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# Order of Service

## The Gathering

We **stand**

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

All **Amen.**

## The Greeting

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

*Words of welcome may be said*

## The Confession

Deacon 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. *Titus 3.5*

*We keep silence*

*Deacon* You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:  
Lord, have mercy.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart:  
Christ, have mercy.

*All* **Christ, have mercy.**

You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided:  
Lord, have mercy.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

### **Absolution**

*We receive words of forgiveness*

*President* 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.

*All* **Amen.**

## The Gloria

We **remain standing** as the choir sings the Gloria

Gloria in excelsis Deo  
et in terra pax  
hominibus bonae voluntatis.  
Laudamus te, benedicimus te,  
adoramus te, glorificamus te.  
Gratias agimus tibi  
propter magnam gloriam tuam.  
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.  
Quoniam tu solus sanctus,  
tu solus Dominus,  
tu solus Altissimus,  
Jesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu,  
in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

*Glory to God in the highest  
and peace on earth  
to those of good will.  
We praise you, we bless you,  
we worship you, we glorify you.  
We give thanks to you  
for your great glory.  
O Lord God, heavenly King,  
God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord the only-begotten Son  
Jesus Christ.  
O Lord God, Lamb of God,  
Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
You that take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.  
You who are seated  
at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy upon us.  
For you alone are holy,  
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

We **remain standing**

*President* Let us pray.

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.

*All* **Amen.**

## The Liturgy of the Word

### First Reading

*Philippians 2.1-11*

We **sit** for the Bible reading

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,

being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death –  
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

This is the word of the Lord.

*All*

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Anthem**

Christus factus est pro nobis  
obediens usque ad mortem,  
mortem autem crucis.  
Propter quod et Deus  
exaltavit illum, et dedit  
illi nomen, quod est super  
omne nomen.

*Christ became obedient for us  
unto death, even death  
on the cross.  
Wherefore God has also  
exalted him, and given  
him a name, which is  
above every name.*

*Text: from Philippians;  
Music: Anton Bruckner (1824–96)*

## Gospel Reading

Mark 3.1–12

We **stand**

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

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

All           **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Again Jesus entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. The Pharisees watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. And he said to the man who had the withered hand, ‘Come forward.’ Then he said to them, ‘Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?’ But they were silent. He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, ‘Stretch out your hand.’ He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

Jesus departed with his disciples to the sea, and a great multitude from Galilee followed him; hearing all that he was doing, they came to him in great numbers from Judea, Jerusalem, Idumea, beyond the Jordan, and the region around Tyre and Sidon. He told his disciples to have a boat ready for him because of the crowd, so that they would not crush him; for he had cured many, so that all who had diseases pressed upon him to touch him. Whenever the unclean spirits saw him, they fell down before him and shouted, ‘You are the Son of God!’ But he sternly ordered them not to make him known.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All           **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

*The preacher is The Reverend Canon Andy Delmege*

We **sit** for the sermon, after which there will be a period of silence

## The Creed

We **stand** to affirm the Church's faith together; today on the Feast of the Baptism of Christ, we use the form of The Apostles' Creed which is used at baptisms

President Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

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

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

All **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.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

All **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 Prayers of Intercession**

We **sit** or **kneel**

Let us pray

*One of these responses may be used*

All Lord, in your mercy (or) Lord, hear us.  
**hear our prayer.** **Lord, graciously hear us.**

*At the end*

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

## **The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

### **The Peace**

We **stand**

We are the body of Christ.  
In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.  
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace  
and builds up our common life.

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

*We remain in our places*

*If you prefer to sit whilst the altar is prepared, please do so, and then stand as the following prayer begins*

## Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

Open the heavens, Holy Spirit,  
for us to see Jesus interceding for us;  
may we be willing to share his baptism,  
ready to share his cup  
and strengthened to serve him for ever.

*All*      **Amen.**

## The Eucharistic Prayer

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

*All*      Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

*All*      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 singing:

Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth.  
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.  
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

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.

*Deacon*  
*All*

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,  
St Philip 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.

*All*      **Amen.**

*Silence is kept*

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

*All*      As our Saviour taught us, so we pray  
**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.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

*The president breaks the consecrated bread, saying*

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.

All **Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

## The Invitation

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.**

*Communion will be administered silently so we say the response together first;  
those who intend to receive are invited to join in saying Amen*

The body and blood of Christ.

All **Amen.**

*Communion is distributed in the form of the bread only, given to the hand. Gluten-free wafers are available on request. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please fold your arms across your chest and a blessing will be administered silently. Please come forward when invited and filter into the line one by one, maintaining social distancing; please return to your seat via the side aisles. There are hand sanitising stations in the north and south aisles for your use as you remove and replace face coverings, or you may prefer to use your own*

*During Communion the choir sings*

Illuminare Jerusalem:  
the Duke appeareth in Bedlem.  
His sign is a star bright  
that shineth over him with light.  
It is naught come but of his might.  
This day three kings made oblation:  
he giv'th to water sanctification:  
He baptyism our renovation.

The Holy Ghost o'er him alight;  
The Father's voice was heard on height:  
'This is my Son – me please him right'.

*Text: Medieval;  
Music: Ian Schofield (b. 1949)*

## **Post Communion Prayer**

*We sit or kneel*

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.

*All*        **Amen.**

*Notices may be given*

## **The Dismissal**

### **The Blessing**

*We stand*

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

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.

*All*        **Amen.**

## The Dismissal

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

## Organ Voluntary

*After the service, please make your way promptly and safely outside via the main entrance; the choir will remain in place until everyone has left. Owing to current restrictions, we are asked to disperse immediately and the clergy will not come outside to greet people*

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