

**University
Church**

***Choral Eucharist
with Baptism***

The Baptism of Christ

Sunday 9 January 2022

10.30am

Please take this booklet away with you

Welcome to the University Church of St Mary the Virgin, Oxford. We are delighted that you have joined us today as we celebrate the Baptism of Christ and welcome Kylie MacFarquharson who is being baptised today. This leaflet will guide you through the service. The Revd Dr Will Lamb, Vicar, is presiding and the preacher is Dr Sarah Mortimer, Reader. The Mass Setting is *Missa super Pilons pilons lorge* by Orlande de Lassus (c.1532-1594), and is sung by the choir under the direction of Robert Howarth. The organ is played by Jonathan White.

PUBLIC HEALTH: SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS

Please note that special arrangements are in place this morning to ensure that the risk of infection by Coronavirus is reduced as much as possible. Please follow the direction of stewards at all times, using the hand sanitiser provided. It is now a legal requirement to wear a face-covering in a place of worship, unless you have an exemption. There are no seating restrictions in the nave, but please note that an area in the north aisle is reserved where social distancing remains in place and mask wearing is strongly encouraged. To protect the most vulnerable, there is no sharing of the common cup at this time. Communion is in one kind and should be received in your hands in silence.

CHILDREN AT ST MARY'S

We are delighted to have children worshipping with us and you are welcome to breastfeed and bottle-feed in church. A selection of toys and books are available in the Newman Room (behind the glass brick wall) next to the baby changing facilities. Godly Play takes place today in the Old Library during the first 45 minutes of the service for children aged 3-8 years old and their family.

INFORMATION ABOUT ST MARY'S

The University Church is a Christian church within the Church of England and we welcome people of all Christian traditions as well as people of other faiths, and those of little or no faith. Lavatories, including accessible provision, are situated at the West End of the Nave behind the glass brick screen. Entry is on the North Side. To enable our worship to be uninterrupted, please ensure that all mobile phones and other electronic devices are switched off before and during the service. You are kindly requested to refrain from making any audio or visual recording of any part of this service without the written permission of the Vicar.



An induction loop is available in the nave area for those who are hard of hearing. Please turn your hearing aid to the 'T' setting.



Large print copies of this booklet are available.
Please ask the stewards.

ENTRANCE HYMN

Please stand



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.

Dear Lord, let those baptized 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.

Words: George B. Timms (1910-1997), NEH 58 vv.1-3,5,6

Tune: WINCHESTER NEW, adapt. from *Chorale in Musicalisches Hand-Buch*, NEH 46

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

All **Amen.**

President The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

Words of welcome may be offered

President At our Lord's baptism in the river Jordan God showed himself to all who have eyes to see and ears to hear. The Father spoke from heaven, the Spirit descended as a dove and Jesus was anointed with power from on high. Here is the door of faith, through which we enter the kingdom of heaven. As children of God, we are adopted as his children, and called out to proclaim the wonders of him who called us out of darkness and into his marvellous light.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Sung by the Choir

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, Iesu 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, Iesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu in Gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you, we praise for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father. Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you take away the sin of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: have mercy upon us. 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 the God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT

President Lord of all time and eternity, you opened heaven's gate and revealed yourself as Father by the voice that called Jesus your beloved Son, baptizing him, in the power of the Spirit: reveal yourself to us now, to claim us as your children, and so complete the heavenly work of our rebirth in the waters of the new creation; 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.

Please sit

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Isaiah 43.1-7

THE FIRST READING

A reading from the prophecy of Isaiah.

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, 'Give them up', and to the south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.'

Reader For the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN

Please stand



When Jesus came to Jordan to be baptized by John,
he did not come for pardon, but as his Father's Son.
He came to share repentance with all who mourn their sins,
to speak the vital sentence with which good news begins.

He came to share temptation, our utmost woe and loss,
for us and our salvation to die upon the cross.

So when the Dove descended on him the Son of Man,
the hidden years had ended, the age of grace began.

Come, Holy Spirit aid us to keep the vows we make,
this very day invade us and every bondage break.

Come give our lives direction, the gift we covet most;
to share the resurrection that leads to Pentecost.

Words: Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000) A&M 108

Tune: KING'S LYNN, English Traditional Melody, NEH 492

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please remain standing

Deacon Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

All Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL

Luke 3.15-17,21-22

Deacon Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

Deacon This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON Dr Sarah Mortimer

Please sit

THE LITURGY OF INITIATION

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATE

The candidate stands before the congregation.

Priest Do you wish to be baptized?

Candidate I do.

Priest Are you ready with your own mouth and from your own heart to affirm your faith in Jesus Christ?

Candidate I am.

The priest addresses the whole congregation

Priest Faith is the gift of God to his people.

In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling. People of God, will you welcome this candidate and uphold them in their life in Christ?

All With the help of God, we will.

THE DECISION

Priest In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore I ask:

Priest Do you turn to Christ?

Candidate I turn to Christ.

Priest Do you repent of your sins?

Candidate I repent of my sins.

Priest Do you renounce evil?

Candidate I renounce evil.

SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

The sign of the cross is made on the forehead of the baptism candidate.

Priest Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of his cross.

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

All **Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ against sin, the world and the devil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**

Priest May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, restore in you the image of his glory, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

All **Amen.**

PRAYER OVER THE WATER

Please stand

Priest Praise God who made heaven and earth

All **who keeps his promise for ever.**

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Priest We praise you, loving Father, for the gift of your Son Jesus. He was baptized in the River Jordan, where your Spirit came upon him and revealed him as the Son you love.

He sent his followers to baptize all who turn to him.

Now, Father, we ask you to bless this water, that those who are baptized in it may be cleansed in the water of life, and, filled with your Spirit, may they know that they are loved as your children, safe in Christ for ever.

All **Amen.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Priest Let us affirm, together with this candidate,
the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

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

Priest 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 again to judge the living and the dead.**

Priest 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.**

BAPTISM

The priest pours water on the baptism candidate.

Priest N, I baptize you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

Priest May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church,
pour upon you the riches of his grace, that within the
company of Christ's pilgrim people you may daily be renewed
by his anointing Spirit, and come to the inheritance of the
saints in glory.

All **Amen.**

All **Almighty God, we thank you for our fellowship
in the household of faith with all who have been
baptized into your name.**

**Keep us faithful to our baptism, and so make us ready
for that day when the whole creation shall be made
perfect in your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

THE PEACE

President If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.
The old has passed away; the new has come.
The peace of the Lord be always with you

All **and also with you.**

Deacon Let us greet each other in the peace of Christ.

All may exchange a sign of peace by saying 'Peace be with you!' Please refrain from any physical contact with people outside your household.

OFFERTORY HYMN



Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine,
And visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear,
And kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
And let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight,
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity mine outward vesture be,
And lowliness become mine inner clothing;
True lowliness of heart, which takes the humbler part,
And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,
Shall far outpass the power of human telling;
For none can guess its grace, till we become the place
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

Words: Italian, Bianco da Siena 1434, *transl.* R. F. Littledale (1833-90)
Tune: DOWN AMPNEY, R. Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) NEH 137

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

President God of life and freedom, we celebrate the revelation of Jesus as the Christ who makes all creation new.
Accept all we offer you this day and make us new in him,
who is Lord for ever and ever.

All Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Please remain standing

President The Lord be with you.

All and also with you.

President Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

President Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

President 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:

Sung by the Choir

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.
Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your
glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

President Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood
of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.
In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you
thanks; he gave it to them, saying:
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.

Deacon Great is the mystery of faith.

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

President And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.
Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
and all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours,
almighty Father, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

Please sit or kneel

THE LORD'S PRAYER

President 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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The President breaks the consecrated bread, saying:

President 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.**

AGNUS DEI

Sung by the Choir

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

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

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

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

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.

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

GIVING OF COMMUNION

President Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

President The Body of Christ.

All **Amen.**

President The Blood of Christ.

All **Amen.**

All who seek to follow Christ are invited to receive communion. To protect the most vulnerable, there is no sharing of the common cup at this time. Communion is in one kind. When directed by the stewards, please go forward to receive communion. Those seated in the south aisle and south side of the nave, please go to the station in front of the Nave Altar and those seated on the balcony, in the north aisle and north side of the nave, please go to the station in the De Brome Chapel. Please wash your hands with the sanitiser provided and remove your mask. The priest will place the sacrament on your hands in silence. You should consume the host immediately and replace your mask. If you wish to receive a gluten-free wafer or a blessing, please indicate in silence by pointing at the sign provided.

COMMUNION ANTHEM *O Sacrum Convivium* – William Byrd (c.1540-1623)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

President 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.

**All Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your
Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

Please stand



Love Divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never, never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation, perfectly restored in thee,
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise!

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-88)

Tune: BLAENWERN, William Rowlands (1860-1937), NEH 408

THE DISMISSAL

NOTICES

THE COMMISSION

The baptism candidate stands before the congregation, and is presented with a candle lit from the Easter candle.

President People of God, those who are baptized are called to worship and serve God. Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

All **With the help of God, I will.**

President Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

All **With the help of God, I will.**

President Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

All **With the help of God, I will.**

President Will you seek and serve Christ in all people, loving your neighbour as yourself?

All **With the help of God, I will.**

President Will you acknowledge Christ's authority over human society by prayer for the world and its leaders, by defending the weak, and by seeking peace and justice?

All **With the help of God, I will.**

THE BLESSING

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.

All **Amen.**

Deacon Go in the light and peace of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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Announcements

GODLY PLAY

Our monthly Godly Play session for children 3-8 years old and their families, takes place today in the Old Library during the first 45 minutes of the service after which families will re-join the service for communion. Godly Play is a joyful, play-based learning experience consisting of an interactive story and response time where children use art and other creative outlets to explore their relationship with God. If you have a buggy which you would like to take up to the Old Library, please use the tower door and ask a sides-person to assist you with the lift.

HILARY TERM CARD

The new term card for Hilary Term is now published and available in print from the back of church or, digitally, on the website.

LATIN COMMUNION and LATIN LITANY SERVICES

Very soon after the first English Prayer Book appeared in 1549, it was translated into Latin and the use of the Latin Prayer Book continues today at the University Church. Holy Communion is celebrated at the beginning of each term and the Litany is sung at the beginning of Hilary Term. The Latin Communion will take place at 8.00am on Thursday 13th January and the Revd Professor Mark Chapman will be the Celebrant. The Latin Litany, with the University Sermon given by the Revd Professor Teresa Morgan, shall be sung at 3.30pm on Sunday 16th February.

LANDSCAPES OF FAITH

Join us as we contemplate a series of landscapes in order to stimulate our thinking about the life of faith, the way in which our own perspectives inform the way we map out meaning, and navigate our journey along the Way. You can either join us in person or on Zoom for this hybrid event starting 16th January, 12noon in the Old Library. For more details: learning@universitychurch.ox.ac.uk.

‘CHALKING THE DOOR’

At the Eucharist for Epiphany, chalk was blessed for those who wish to take it home to mark their house as a sign of God’s blessing upon all who enter it. The chalk and a short liturgy for ‘chalking the door’ is available on your way out.

SUPPORTING OUR MINISTRY

If you would like to support the ministry of the University Church, you may wish to make a cash donation at the offertory or via the contactless card machine by the High Street entrance. You can also make a donation online (please use the QR code) through the Parish Giving Scheme or by sending a text: Text "SMV X" to 70085 to donate £X. E.g.: "SMV 5" to 70085 will donate £5.00. Texts cost £X plus one standard rate message. Thank you!



This Week

Sunday	08.30	Holy Eucharist	<i>Chancel</i>
	10.30	Choral Eucharist with Baptism	<i>Nave</i>
	15.30	Evening Prayer (said)	<i>Chancel</i>
Monday	09.00	Morning Prayer	<i>Chancel</i>
	12.15	Lunchtime Eucharist	<i>Chancel</i>
Tuesday	09.00	Morning Prayer	<i>Chancel</i>
	12.15	Lunchtime Eucharist	<i>Chancel</i>
Wednesday <i>Aelred of Hexham, 1167</i>	09.00	Morning Prayer	<i>Chancel</i>
	12.15	Lunchtime Eucharist	<i>Chancel</i>
Thursday <i>Hilary of Poitiers, 367</i>	08.00	Latin Communion	<i>Chancel</i>
	09.00	Morning Prayer	<i>Chancel</i>
	12.15	Lunchtime Eucharist	<i>Chancel</i>
Friday	09.00	Morning Prayer	<i>Chancel</i>
	12.15	Lunchtime Eucharist	<i>Chancel</i>

Next Sunday

Sunday 16 January The Second Sunday after Epiphany

8.30	Holy Eucharist <i>Preacher: The Revd Hannah Cartwright</i>	<i>Chancel</i>
10.30	Choral Eucharist <i>Preacher: The Revd Hannah Cartwright</i>	<i>Nave</i>
15.30	Latin Litany with University Sermon <i>Preacher: The Revd Professor Teresa Morgan</i>	