



**The Parish of St Mary the Virgin
East Grinstead**

Sunday 12th January 2025

The Baptism of the Lord

Said 8am, Family Mass 11am

Organ prelude: Prélude sur l'Introit de l'Épiphanie *Duruflé*

Setting: Mass of St Cedd *Nardone*

A bell is rung and the congregation stands.

Processional hymn

55 Hail to the Lord's anointed.

Entrance Antiphon

After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

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

All: **Amen.**

The Lord be with you

All: **And also with you.**

Words of welcome

Prayers of Penitence

All: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen

The Priest gives God's absolution.

All: Glory to God in the highest, 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

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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

Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

Beloved: The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness, and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works. But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Saviour appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Saviour, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

This is the word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Please stand

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

He who is mightier than I is coming, said John. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

The priest says

The Lord be with you

All: And also with you

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

All: Glory to you O Lord

Gospel

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

At that time: As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, John answered them all, saying, 'I baptise you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.' Now when all the people were baptised by John the Baptist and when Jesus also had been baptised and was praying, the heavens were opened, and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you O Christ

Sermon

Please sit

The Creed

On Sundays and Principal Holy Days ALL STAND to recite the Creed

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

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.

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.

Prayers of Intercession

Please kneel or sit

Lord, hear us.

All: **Lord, graciously hear us**

The Hail Mary may be said.

Hail Mary, Full of Grace, The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus. Holy Mary mother of God pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death.
Amen

The intercessions may end with

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

Please stand (if able)

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn (*A collection bag will be passed round for cash offerings or use QR code for digital gifts.*)



58 The sinless one to Jordan came

Pray, dear friends, that this my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.

All: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

Prayer over the Gifts

Accept, O Lord, the offerings we have brought to honour the revealing of your beloved Son, so that the oblation of your faithful may be transformed into the sacrifice of him who willed in his compassion to wash away the sins of the world. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The priest says or sings:

The Lord be with you *All:* **And also with you**

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *All:* **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

The priest begins the prayer. After the preface all respond with:

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

Please kneel or sit.

The prayer continues until this acclamation is used:

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

At the end of The Eucharistic Prayer all respond boldly: All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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

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 Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

*All: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.*

The Giving of Holy Communion

The priest invites people to communion with these or similar words:

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Blesséd 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.***

If you receive communion in any church, you are welcome to do so here. If you would like to receive a blessing, please bring this order of service with you, and bow your head.

Communion Antiphon

Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

Anthem: In the Bleak Midwinter *Darke*

Communion Hymn

353 Dear Lord and Father of mankind

Prayer after Communion

Nourished with these sacred gifts, we humbly entreat your mercy, O Lord, that, faithfully listening to your Only Begotten Son, we may be your children in name and in truth.

Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

The Notices

Please sit

The Blessing and Dismissal

Please stand (if able)

The Lord be with you *All: And also with you*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

All: In the name of Christ, Amen.

Recessional Hymn

235 Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go

Organ Voluntary: Piece d'orgue BWV 572 *Bach*

Intercessions

We pray for God's blessing on the life of our church and upon the other congregations of our town.

Jubilee Community Church

We pray for: Halsford Pk Rd, Manor Rd, Chantlers Clo, Linden Ave.

Please pray for those in need of healing: Karen Wilson, Ian Lloyd, Jorgie, Isabel, Jack Talbot, Marie Naylor, Rev Richard Poole, Fr Gordon Bond, Craig and Marian Cladingboel, David Lane.

Please pray for all the departed Recently: Andrea Millichap

Anniversary: Frederick Emy, Nigel Heaton, Pam Rose

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Candlemas Family Mass

11am 2nd February 2025

Followed by lunch

