

# Holy Eucharist

## Baptism of Christ



*Visitors – welcome to our service today*

To follow the service today you need this sheet, together with the coloured Holy Eucharist card.

*Please ask Fr Chris if you would like a paper or email copy of the sermon to read*

We welcome and invite baptised Christians from other denominations to receive Holy Communion at this service.

*Please join us for refreshments after the service*

If you are glad our church is here, please support us with your generosity in the collection, and by telling others about us.

*To ask a question or to find out more, please speak to a minister or visit our website:*

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*Entry of the Ministers T – Noel Nouvelet*

**Here at Jordan's river all is washed away.  
As God's reign draws nearer, nothing is the same.  
Gone are class and status; gone, degrees and fame.  
Grace alone can save us on God's judgement day.**

**We at Jordan's river meet on level ground.  
Valleys are uplifted; mountains fall to earth.  
None dare trust their lineage,  
none need doubt their worth.  
Still the prophet asks us, "Will you turn around?"**

**God, reform, renew us; turn us toward your will.  
Till our hearts for learning; root us in your work.  
May the fruits of action grow from all we've heard.  
As we lose our old lives, God, be with us still."**



*Readings:*

*God's Word in the Scriptures*

Isaiah 42, vv1-9

*- God puts His Spirit on His servant*

Psalm 29 T – St Denio

**Ascribe to the Lord, all you ones of great might;  
Ascribe to the Lord glory, strength in your sight.  
Ascribe to Him glory, and His name adore;  
In splendour of holiness, worship the Lord.**

**The voice of the Lord is above the great sea;  
He thunders in glory; o'er waters is He!  
The voice of the Lord, full of power and might;  
His voice is majestic and flaming in light.**

**The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars in two;  
The cedars of Lebanon, He does subdue.  
The Lord makes all Lebanon skip like a deer.  
Mount Hermon is like a young ox when He's near.**

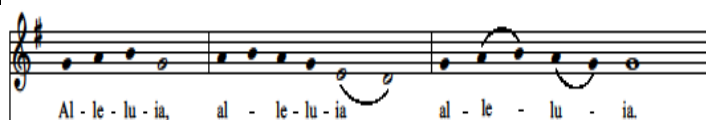
**The voice of the Lord strikes with flashing of light.  
His voice shakes the desert of Kadesh with might.  
The voice of the Lord strips the forests all bare;  
And all in His temple, His glory declare.**

**The Lord sits enthroned o'er the flood – He is King.  
The Lord on His throne sits forever as King.  
The Lord gives His people His strength without cease.  
The Lord is the One who will bless them with peace.**

Acts 10, vv34-43

*- God will baptise the nations*

*Gospel greeting:*



**All repeat: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

**Christ was baptised in water:  
at that moment heaven opened. All: Alleluia**

*Before the Gospel:*

**The Lord be with you.**

**All and also with you.**

**Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew (3, vv13-17)**

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

*The Baptism of Jesus*

*After the reading:*

**This is the Gospel of the Lord.**

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

**All repeat: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

*Preparing of the gifts T - Buessen*

Water has held us, moved by creation.  
Out of dark chaos, broke forth the light.  
Up from the deluge, showing God's promise,  
Has come a rainbow, gladdening sight.

Water has saved us, as the sea parted  
For Israel's children, walled on each side.  
This love has led us, helped us in trouble,  
On far horizon, God's cloud our guide.

Water has cleansed us, bathed with forgiveness,  
Has, with clear blessing, washed sin away.  
Jordan's strong currents God's Son announcing,  
Made a beginning, baptismal day.

Water has touched us, fresh on our foreheads,  
Showing an inward, spiritual grace.  
Into God's family we have been welcomed.  
As sons and daughters, we take our place."

*Sending Out*

*T: Blaenwern*

John was preaching in the desert,  
calling people to repent.  
When they heard his word of judgement,  
many wondered what it meant.  
John said, "Someone who is greater  
comes with fire and Spirit, too.  
See! I baptise you with water;  
he will make your whole life new."

Jesus went down to the Jordan —  
to be baptised on that day.  
All at once, the heavens opened  
as he paused to humbly pray.  
Then a voice came down from heaven —  
with the Spirit, like a dove.  
At those waters, God affirmed him —  
God's beloved, sent to love.

On this day when we remember  
how our Saviour was baptised,  
God, we pause and pray and wonder  
at the ways you change our lives.  
As your Son went through the waters,  
We rejoice! We're baptised, too.  
We are called your sons and daughters;  
may we go out serving you.