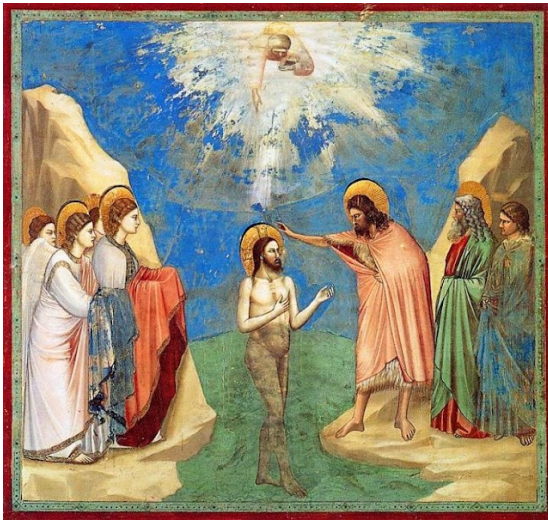


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Komm, Gott Schöpfer, heiliger Geist Walther
(Come creator God, Holy Spirit)



PCC Meeting

7.00 pm Tuesday 13th January

Next Sunday

18th January

The Second Sunday of Epiphany

10.00 am Sung Eucharist



All Saints Newton Heath

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Welcome!

Newton Heath

All Saints' Parish Church

With St Wilfrid's, St Ann and St Cuthbert's

Sunday 11th January 2026

The Baptism of Christ

Sung Eucharist



"If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves..." but what about Jesus?

Epiphany seasons: Jesus the infant; Jesus at twelve years old, separated from his parents in the Temple complex; and here he's thirty or so; next week, similar age, then at Candlemas, a babe in arms again. (We take a break from the Jesus sequence on 25th to celebrate the Conversion of St Paul.)

Does the lectionary sequence, different across years A, B and C, tell us something? For me, each year the readings for the *The Baptism of Christ* are an early punctuation point in the Christian year when we consider what baptism means, and especially what it means for us, as we reflect on those who support us in baptism, whenever it was, and support us in our formation as human beings. So consider this: why should Jesus seek baptism? After all, we believe Jesus is without sin. Thus, there's nothing to wash away. Jesus is also the Son of God.

It is essential in our understanding of Jesus, as it appears in all four gospels, each with their different theological slants. We might infer that it is an expression of Jesus's humanity and a desire, in God, to identify with the human form we share. Also, that in this physical and symbolic gesture we are marked out and made separate and holy as God's children; unique but united as creatures of the same heavenly Father, mindful of our connections, human and divine

Fr A

Image: from *The Baptism of Christ*, Giotto, 1305, Scrovigno Chapel,

Welcome to the Eucharist, also known as Holy Communion or The Mass

This act of worship is a partnership between
the priest and the people who:

- greet each other in the Lord's name
- confess their sins and, if repentant,
are assured of God's forgiveness
- keep silence and pray a Collect
(a special prayer or collection of
thoughts for that day)
- proclaim and respond to the word of
God in scripture and reflect on it
- pray for the Church, the world and
those in need
- exchange the Peace (this should be a
simple gesture, not a major interrup-
tion to the flow of the service)
- prepare the table (it is only a table,
but it becomes an altar)
- pray the Eucharistic Prayer (listen
along and pray, and over time these
words will become more familiar to
you.
- break the bread (which recalls Christ's
body, broken on the Cross)
- receive communion (or a blessing
instead)
- depart with God's blessing, to go in
peace to love and serve the Lord

If you have arrived very late, relax! Sit still
and make your confession knowing God un-
derstands and loves you. Then read the Gos-
pel, and join us in full when you are ready.

Safeguarding



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.**

Hymn

The kingdom of God is justice and joy;
for Jesus restores
what sin would destroy.
God's power and glory
in Jesus we know
and here and hereafter
the kingdom shall grow.

The kingdom of God
is mercy and grace;
the captives are freed,
the sinners find place,
the outcast are welcomed
God's banquet to share;
and hope is awakened
in place of despair.

The kingdom of God
is challenge and choice:
believe the good news,
repent and rejoice!
His love for us sinners
brought Christ to his cross:
our crisis of judgement
for gain or for loss.

God's kingdom is come,
the gift and the goal;
in Jesus begun,
in heaven made whole.
The heirs of the kingdom
shall answer his call
and all things cry 'Glory!'
to God all in all.

Blessing

The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Hymn after Communion

In the bleak mid-winter
Frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron,
Water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow,
Snow on snow,
In the bleak mid-winter,
Long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold him
Nor earth sustain;
heaven and earth shall flee away
When he comes to reign:
In the bleak mid-winter
A stable place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty
Jesus Christ.

Enough for him, whom cherubim
Worship night and day,
A breastful of milk,
And a manger full of hay:
Enough for him, whom angels
Fall down before,
The ox and as and camel
Which adore.

Angels and archangels
May have gathered there,
Cherubim and seraphim
Thronged the air –
But only his mother
In her maiden bliss
Worshipped the beloved
With a kiss.

What can I give him
Poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd
I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man
I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give him —
Give my heart.
Christina Rossetti (1830-1894)

The Post Communion Prayers

Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light discern the glory of your presence in your Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son**

Music before the service

O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig BWV 1095
(O Lamb of God, innocent)

J.S. Bach

The Gathering

Hymn

On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry
Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Awake, and hearken, for he brings
Glad tidings of the King of kings!

Then cleansed be every breast from sin;
Make straight the way for God within;
Prepare we in our hearts a home
Where such a mighty Guest may come.

For Thou art our Salvation, Lord,
Our Refuge, and our great Reward.
Without Thy grace we waste away,
Like flowers that wither and decay.

To heal the sick stretch out Thine hand,
And bid the fallen sinner stand;
Shine forth, and let Thy light restore
Earth's own true loveliness once more.

All praise, eternal Son, to Thee
Whose advent sets Thy people free,
Whom, with the Father, we adore,
And Holy Ghost, forevermore.

W. H. Monk and C. Steggall, eds

The Greeting

The president greets the people

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

Amen.

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you.

Prayer of Preparation

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

The grace of God has dawned upon the world
through our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his
own.
Let us confess our sins.

**Most merciful God,
 Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 we confess that we have sinned
 in thought, word and deed.
 We have not loved you with our whole heart.
 We have not loved our neighbours
 as ourselves.
 In your mercy
 forgive what we have been,
 help us to amend what we are,
 and direct what we shall be;
 that we may do justly,
 love mercy,
 and walk humbly with you, our God.
 Amen.**

The president says
 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.
 Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

**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

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 call-
 ing 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.
 Amen.

Great is the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died:
 Christ is risen:
 Christ will come again.**

*The Prayer continues and leads into
 the doxology,*

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.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has
 taught us

**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.

We break this bread
 to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body,
 because we all share in one bread.**

The Agnus Dei

**Jesus, Lamb of God,
 have mercy on us.
 Jesus, bearer of our sins,
 have mercy on us.
 Jesus, redeemer of the world,
 grant us peace.**

Giving of Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God
 who takes away the sin of the world.
 Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
 but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*The president and people receive communion.
 Silence is kept for a while.*

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace.
Of the increase of his government and of peace
there shall be no end.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Preparation of the Table

Taking of the Bread and Wine

Gracious God,
accept the offering of your Church,
the hearts of your people
joined in praise and thanksgiving,
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

All honour and praise be yours always and every-
where,
mighty creator, ever-living God,
through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord:
for at this time we celebrate your glory
made present in our midst.
In the coming of the magi
the King of all the world
was revealed to the nations.
In the waters of baptism
Jesus was revealed as the Christ,
the Saviour sent to redeem us.
In the water made wine
the new creation was revealed
at the wedding feast.
Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy.
Therefore with all the angels of heaven
we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your
name and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

**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.**

The president recalls the Last Supper,

The Liturgy of the Word

Readings

Isaiah 42.1-9

The Servant, a Light to the Nations

42 Here is my servant, whom I uphold,

my chosen, in whom my soul delights;

I have put my spirit upon him;

he will bring forth justice to the nations.

² He will not cry or lift up his voice,

or make it heard in the street;

³ a bruised reed he will not break,

and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;

he will faithfully bring forth justice.

⁴ He will not grow faint or be crushed

until he has established justice in the earth;

and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

⁵ Thus says God, the Lord,

who created the heavens and stretched them
out, who spread out the earth and what comes
from it, who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:

⁶ I am the Lord, I have called you in righteous-
ness, I have taken you by the hand and kept
you;

I have given you as a covenant to the people,^[a]
a light to the nations,

⁷ to open the eyes that are blind,

to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,

from the prison those who sit in darkness.

⁸ I am the Lord, that is my name;

my glory I give to no other,

nor my praise to idols.

⁹ See, the former things have come to pass,

and new things I now declare;

before they spring forth,

I tell you of them.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Acts 10.34-43

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly
understand that God shows no partiality,³⁵ but
in every nation anyone who fears him and does
what is right is acceptable to him.³⁶ You know
the message he sent to the people of Israel,
preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of
all.³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea,
beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John
announced:³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Naza-
reth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he
went about doing good and healing all who were
oppressed by the devil, for God was with
him.³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both
in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death
by hanging him on a tree;⁴⁰ but God raised him

on the third day and allowed him to appear,⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead.⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia.

Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations
and believed in throughout the world.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. ¹⁴ But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"

¹⁵ Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented.

¹⁶ As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

Matthew 3.13-end

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and
the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken
through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Our bishops: David, Mark and Matthew

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of Leeds; Oldham Sixth Form College.

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Book of Remembrance

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son; Ernest Dodd; Betsy Swales; Winifred Hulse;
Leslie Jamieson; Norman Harding; Albert Atkinson.

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