

ST MARY DE CASTRO: SUNG MASS ON SUNDAY 12 JANUARY
THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST

WELCOME

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all visitors to St Mary's. If you are a baptized member of the Church of England, or of any other Church that subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity, you are very welcome to receive communion this morning. If you do not wish to take communion, but would like to receive a blessing, please come forward and cross your arms over your chest.

THE PREPARATION

The organ will start to play from five minutes before the start of the service. During this time the following may help members of the congregation with their preparation.

Collect for Purity: Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of my heart by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that I may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.


I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen, not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else. *C. S. Lewis, from Is Theology Poetry? quoted in Alister McGrath, Mere Apologetics (2012)*

INTROIT HYMN

At the entry of the Altar Party all STAND and sing the Introit Hymn. If you are able, please remain standing until the first reading.

NEH 484

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| <p>1. THE Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is his new creation
By water and the word:
From heaven he came and sought her
To be his holy Bride,
With his own blood he bought her,
And for her life he died.</p> <p>2. Elect from every nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation
One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses
With every grace endued.</p> | <p>3. Though with a scornful wonder
Men see her sore opprest,
By schisms rent asunder,
By heresies distrest,
Yet saints their watch are keeping,
Their cry goes up, 'How long?'
And soon the night of weeping
Shall be the morn of song.</p> <p>4. 'Mid toil, and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace for evermore;
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.</p> |
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5. Yet she on earth hath union
With God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with thee.

THE GREETING

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

All **Amen.**

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

All **and with thy spirit.**

Priest This day Jesus is revealed as the Christ in the waters of baptism.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (SUNG)

Priest Glory be to God on high,
All **and in earth peace, good will towards men.**

**We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesu Christ:
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.**

**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.**

**For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
art most high
✠ in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

THE COLLECT

Priest Let us pray.

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus didst reveal him to be thy Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant that we, being born again by water and the Spirit, may be faithful to our calling as thine adopted children; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

SIT

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 43. 1-7)

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.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM (SUNG)

Psalm 29

Bring unto the Lord O ye mighty, bring young rams | unto the | Lord : ascribe unto the | Lord | worship and | strength.

Give the Lord the honour due | unto his | Name : worship the | Lord with | holy | worship.

It is the Lord that com- | mandeth the | waters : it is the glorious | God that | maketh the | thunder.

It is the Lord that ruleth the sea; the voice of the Lord is mighty in | oper- | ation : the voice of the | Lord is a | glorious | voice.

The voice of the Lord | breaketh the | cedar-trees : yea, the Lord | breaketh the | cedars of | Liban-us.

He maketh them also to | skip like a | calf : Libanus also and Sirion | like a | young | uni-corn.

The voice of the Lord divideth the | flames of | fire : the voice of the Lord shaketh the wilderness; yea the Lord | shaketh the | wilder-ness of | Ca-des.

The voice of the Lord maketh the hinds to bring forth young, and discovereth the | thick | bushes : in his temple doth | every man | speak of his | honour.

The Lord sitteth a- | bove the | water-flood : and the Lord re- | maineth a | King for | ever.

The Lord shall give strength | unto his | people : the Lord shall give his | people the | blessing of | peace.

SECOND READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 8. 14-17)

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

STAND

NEH 352

1. CROWN him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own:
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.
2. Crown him the Virgin's Son,
The God incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies won
Which now his brow adorn:
Fruit of the mystic Rose,*
As of that Rose the Stem;
The Root whence mercy ever flows,
The Babe of Bethlehem.
3. Crown him the Lord of love!
Behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds yet visible above
In beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye
At mysteries so bright.
4. Crown him the Lord of peace,
Whose power a sceptre sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,
Absorbed in prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end,
And round his pierced feet
Fair flowers of Paradise extend
Their fragrance ever sweet.
5. Crown him the Lord of years,
The Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
Ineffably sublime.
Glossed in a sea of light,
Where everlasting waves
Reflect his throne—the Infinite!
Who lives—and loves—and saves.

* *The 'mystic Rose' is a mediaeval title for the Blessed Virgin*

Priest The Lord be with you

All and with thy spirit.

Priest Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (Luke 3. 15-17, 21-22)

All ✠ **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

In the wilderness John proclaimed a baptism of repentance. 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.'

Priest This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

HOMILY

SIT

A homily may be preached.

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Priest As we commemorate the baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ, we remember that through his life, death and resurrection we have died and been buried with him in baptism, so that we may rise with him to a new life within the family of the Church. Today we renew the promises made at our baptism and our rejection of all that is evil.

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 :

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

All **I reject them.**

Priest Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

All **I renounce them.**

Priest Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

All **I repent of them.**

Priest Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

All **I turn to Christ.**

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Priest Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

All I submit to Christ.

Priest Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

All I come to Christ.

Priest Let us now proclaim the Christian Faith into which we were baptised and in which we live and grow.
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. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead 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.

Priest This is the faith of the Church.

All This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father Son and Holy Spirit.

Priest May God the creator, the rock of our salvation,
who has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit
and forgiven all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,
keep us faithful to our calling, now and for ever.

All Amen.

Holy Water is sprinkled over the people and the following words are used:

Priest Remember your baptism into Christ Jesus.

All Thanks be to God.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

KNEEL OR SIT

Priest Let us pray.

After each intention the following responses may be used:

Lord, in thy mercy

All hear our prayer.

(or)

Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

And at the end:

Priest Merciful Father,

All accept these prayers
for the sake of thy Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

THE PEACE

STAND

This, or another suitable preface to the peace is said:

Priest God has made us one in Christ.
He has set his seal upon us,
and as a pledge of what is to come
has given us the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.
The peace of the Lord be always with you

All **and with thy spirit.**

Priest Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

THE OFFERTORY

Offertory hymn (NEH 332)

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| 1. ALL hail the power of Jesu's name;
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem
To crown him Lord of all. | 5. Hail him, ye heirs of David's line,
Whom David Lord did call;
The God incarnate, Man divine,
And crown him Lord of all. |
| 2. Crown him, ye morning stars of light,
Who fixed this floating ball;
Now hail the Strength of Israel's might,
And crown him Lord of all. | 6. Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
The wormwood and the gall,
Go spread your trophies at his feet,
And crown him Lord of all. |
| 3. Crown him, ye martyrs of your God,
Who from his altar call;
Praise him whose way of pain ye trod,
And crown him Lord of all. | 7. Let every tribe and every tongue
To him their hearts enthral,
Lift high the universal song,
And crown him Lord of all. |
| 4. Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,
Ye ransomed of the fall,
Hail him who saves you by his grace,
And crown him Lord of all. | |

Priest Pray, my brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All **May the Lord accept this sacrifice at thy hands,
to the praise and glory of his Name,
for our good and the good of all his Church.**

The priest says the Prayer over the Gifts, to which all reply: Amen.

REMAIN STANDING

The Sursum Corda

Priest The Lord be with you

All and with thy spirit.

Priest Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them up unto the Lord.

Priest Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

All It is meet and right so to do.

The Preface

Priest It is very meet, right and our bounden duty,
that we should at all times, and in all places,
give thanks unto thee,
O Lord, holy Father,
almighty, everlasting God,
through Jesus Christ thine only Son our Lord.

A Proper Preface may be used when appropriate. The priest then concludes with:

Therefore, as we celebrate the union of earth and heaven,
we rejoice to echo the songs of the angels in heaven
and laud and magnify thy glorious Name,
evermore praising thee and singing:

All *(Sung)* Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.

✠ Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

KNEEL OR SIT

The priest recites the Eucharistic prayer. A bell signals the elevation of the consecrated bread and wine, at which all may make the sign of the cross.

After the elevation of the consecrated wine, the following acclamation is said:

Priest Great is the mystery of faith.

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

The priest continues the Eucharistic Prayer, concluding with:

by whom and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee,
O Father almighty, world without end.

All Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (SUNG)

Priest As our Saviour Christ hath commanded and taught us, we are bold to say:

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

Priest 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)

All O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.

GIVING OF COMMUNION

The priest invites the people to communion:

Priest Jesus is 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 that thou shouldst come under my roof,
but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

Communion is administered in both kinds (bread and wine). If you do not wish to receive wine from the common cup, please leave the altar rail immediately after you have consumed the bread. Please note that intinction (dipping the wafer into the consecrated wine) is not permitted.

Words of distribution are used to which the communicant replies: Amen.

During the giving of communion the choir will sing the following hymn. Members of the congregation are invited to join in if they wish.

NEH 12

1. ON Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Come then and hearken, for he brings
Glad tidings from the King of kings.
2. Then cleansed be every Christian breast,
And furnished for so great a guest!
Yea, let us each our hearts prepare
For Christ to come and enter there.
3. For thou art our salvation, Lord,
Our refuge and our great reward;
Without thy grace our souls must fade,
And wither like a flower decayed.
4. Stretch forth thine hand to heal our sore,
And make us rise, to fall no more;
Once more upon thy people shine,
And fill the world with love divine.
5. All praise, eternal Son, to thee
Whose advent sets thy people free,
Whom, with the Father, we adore,
And Spirit blest, for evermore. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

KNEEL OR SIT

Priest Let us pray.

O Lord of all time and eternity, who in the baptism of Jesus thy beloved Son didst open the heavens and didst reveal thyself as Father: by the power of thy Spirit make perfect the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Priest Almighty God,

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

POST COMMUNION HYMN

STAND

NEH 55

1. HAIL to the Lord's Anointed!
Great David's greater Son;
Hail, in the time appointed,
His reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
To set the captive free;
To take away transgression,
And rule in equity.
2. He comes with succour speedy
To those who suffer wrong;
To help the poor and needy,
And bid the weak be strong;
To give them songs for sighing,
Their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying,
Were precious in his sight.
3. He shall come down like showers
Upon the fruitful earth,
And love, joy, hope, like flowers,
Spring in his path to birth:
Before him on the mountains
Shall peace the herald go;
And righteousness in fountains
From hill to valley flow.
4. Kings shall fall down before him,
And gold and incense bring;
All nations shall adore him,
His praise all people sing;
To him shall prayer unceasing
And daily vows ascend;
His kingdom still increasing,
A kingdom without end.
5. O'er every foe victorious,
He on his throne shall rest,
From age to age more glorious,
All-blessing and all-blest:
The tide of time shall never
His covenant remove;
His name shall stand for ever;
That name to us is Love.

THE DISMISSAL

Priest The Lord be with you
All and with thy spirit.

Priest The blessing of God almighty,
✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
All Amen.

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

THE ANGELUS (SUNG)

Priest The Angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary

All and she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

Priest Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee:

blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

All Holy Mary, Mother of God,

pray for us sinners,

now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Priest Behold the handmaid of the Lord:

All Be it unto me according to thy word.

Hail Mary...

Priest (*Genuflect or bow*) And the Word was made flesh:

All and dwelt among us. (*Stand*)

Hail Mary...

Priest Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God,

All that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Priest Pour forth thy grace into our hearts, we beseech thee, O Lord,

that as we have known the Incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel,

so by his ✠ Cross and Passion we may be brought unto the glory of his Resurrection;

through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.