

St Alphege Church, Solihull



**Choral Eucharist
in Epiphanytide**

**9th January 2022
The Baptism of Christ**

Organ music before the service: Tierce en Taille - Pierre Du Mage

The Gathering

Processional Hymn – NEH 56 (t. 104) – Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

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

All: Amen.

Greeting

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe.

**All From the rising of the sun to its setting
your name is proclaimed in all the world.**

The Lord of glory be with you.

All The Lord bless you.

Words of welcome and introduction may be added

Prayers of Penitence

Please sit or kneel

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.

Silence is kept

Lord Jesus, illuminate the darkness in our hearts:
Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, open our eyes to your saving love:
Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, unstop our ears to hear your living word:
Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

May God who loved the world so much
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour

✝ forgive you your sins
and make you holy to serve him in the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

The Choir sings the Gloria.

*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.
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.

Music by Mozart

The Collect Prayer
Please remain standing

Grateful for the glory revealed today through God made flesh, let us pray.

A moment of stillness before the Collect for today.

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 calling 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.

All: Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please sit

First Reading

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.

At the end of the reading:

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel reading

Please stand

Alleluia, alleluia.

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

All: Alleluia.

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord

Luke 3 15-17 & 21-22

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.'

At the end of the reading:

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Please sit

Affirmation of Faith

Please stand

Let us declare our belonging to the one family of God:

**All: We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Intercessions

Please sit or kneel

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Please stand

The Peace

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 the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All: and also with you.

*The sign of peace is not physically offered, but only in spoken response. We
remain in our places*

Offertory Hymn – NEH 465 – Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne

Preparation of the Table

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.

All: Amen

The Eucharistic Prayer

President: The Lord is here

All: His Spirit is with us.

President: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them up unto the Lord

President: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God

All: It is meet and right so to do.

Lord of all life, you created the universe,
where all living things reflect your glory.
You give us this great and beautiful earth,
to discover and to cherish.

We give you thanks
because, by water and the Holy Spirit,
you have made us a holy people
in Jesus Christ our Lord;
you renew that mystery in bread and wine
to show forth your glory in all the world.

You made us all, each wonderfully different,
to join with the angels and sing your praise:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord.

Lord God of hosts,

Heav'n 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.

Music by Herbert Sumsion

We thank you, loving Father, because, when we turned away,
you sent Jesus, your Son.
He gave his life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live.

Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine
may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen,
Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it,
and shared it with his disciples, saying:
“This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.”

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine,
gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:
“This is my blood, poured out for you and for many,
for the forgiveness of sins.”

So Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.
As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit,
and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Saviour.
Help us, Father, to love one another,
as we look forward to that day
when suffering is ended,
and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.

And now with Mary, Joseph, the Magi, St Alphege and all your saints
we give you glory, through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit,
today and for ever.

Amen.

Please sit.

The Lord's Prayer

Believing the promises of God,
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

We break the bread of life
and that life is the light of the world.

**All: God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

Giving of Communion

Christ is the true bread which has come down from heaven.

All: Lord, give us this bread always.

The celebrant raises paten and chalice and says

The Body and Blood of Christ.

All: Amen.

Only the celebrant receives Communion under both kinds (bread and wine).

Agnus Dei

The Choir sings the Agnus Dei while the servers receive Communion.

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.

Music by Herbert Sumsion

Administration takes place.

The Choir sings an anthem during the distribution – Here is the Little Door by Herbert Howells.

Communion Hymn – NEH 49 – Brightest and Best

Post Communion Prayer

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.

The President prays the post-communion prayer for today.

All: Amen.

**All: God our Father,
whose Word has come among us**

**in the Holy Child of Bethlehem:
may the light of faith illumine our hearts
and shine in our words and deeds;
through him who is Christ the Lord. Amen.**

SENDING OUT

Notices

Final Hymn – NEH 58 – The Sinless one to Jordan came

Blessing

May God the Father,
who led the wise men by the shining of a star
to find the Christ, the Light from Light,
lead you also in your pilgrimage to find the Lord.
All Amen.

May God the Son,
who turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana,
transform your lives and make glad your hearts.
All Amen.

May God the Holy Spirit,
who came upon the beloved Son
at his baptism in the river Jordan,
pour out his gifts on you
who have come to the waters of new birth.
All Amen.

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

Let us go in peace.

**All We go into the world
to walk in God's light,
to rejoice in God's love
and to reflect God's glory.
Amen.**

Organ Voluntary: Grand Jeu - Pierre Du Mage

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