



## The Sunday Sheet *for* The Baptism of Christ Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2026

*A very warm welcome as we gather for the **Parish Eucharist**  
An induction loop is provided.*

***Gluten free wafers are available*** for those who need them. Please inform one of the  
welcomers who will pass the information on to the clergy. Many thanks

### Entrance Hymn

When Jesus came to Jordan  
to be baptized by John,  
he did not come for pardon.  
but as his Father's Son.  
He came to share repentance  
with all who mourn their sins,  
to speak the vital sentence  
with which good news begins.

He came to share temptation,  
our utmost woe and loss,  
for us and our salvation  
to die upon the cross.  
So when the Dove descended  
on him, the Son of Man,  
the hidden years had ended,  
the age of grace began.

Come, Holy Spirit, aid us  
to keep the vows we make,  
this very day invade us,  
and every bondage break.  
Come, give our lives direction,  
the gift we covet most:

to share the resurrection  
that leads to Pentecost.

*Fred Pratt Green 1903-2000*  
*Tune: Cruger*

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

Grace and peace be with you  
**and keep you in the love of Christ.**

*The priest gives an introduction to the Eucharist and calls the people to penitence.*

Father God, you gave your Son as a light to guide us in the ways of truth and justice,  
but we have often failed to follow him.  
Lord, have mercy: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, at your baptism you received the power of the Holy Spirit, but we have  
often turned away from you.  
Christ, have mercy: **Christ, have mercy.**

Holy Spirit, you show us the fullness of life, but we have failed to understand in the  
depths of our being.  
Lord, have mercy: **Lord, have mercy.**

Almighty God have mercy on you,  
forgive you and set you free from sin,  
and keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## **Gloria**

Glory to God, we give you thanks and praise;  
of heavenly joy and earthly peace we sing.  
We worship you, to you our hearts we raise,  
Lord God, almighty Father, heavenly King.

Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,  
you bore for us the load of this world's sin.  
O Lamb of God, your glorious victory won,  
receive our prayer, grant us your peace within.

Alone, O Christ, you only are the Lord,  
at God's right hand in majesty most high:  
who with the Spirit worshipped and adored:  
with all the heav'nly host we glorify.

*Tune: Woodlands*

## The Collect

Let us pray:

Eternal Father,  
who at the baptism of Jesus  
revealed him to be your Son,  
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:  
grant that we who are born again by water and the Spirit  
may rejoice to be called your 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.**

*Please Sit*

## Isaiah 42. 1-9

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

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.  
<sup>2</sup> He will not cry or lift up his voice,  
or make it heard in the street;  
<sup>3</sup> a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.  
<sup>4</sup> He will not grow faint or be crushed  
until he has established justice in the earth;  
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.  
<sup>5</sup> 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:  
<sup>6</sup> I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness,  
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;  
I have given you as a covenant to the people,<sup>a</sup>  
a light to the nations,  
<sup>7</sup> to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.  
<sup>8</sup> I am the Lord, that is my name;

my glory I give to no other,  
nor my praise to idols.  
<sup>9</sup> See, the former things have come to pass,  
and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth,  
I tell you of them.

For the word of the Lord:  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **The Gospel**

*Please Stand*

Alleluia, alleluia,  
give thanks to the risen Lord,  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
give praise to his name.

God has proclaimed the just reward:  
life for the world, alleluia:

Alleluia, alleluia,  
give thanks to the risen Lord,  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
give praise to his name.

*Donald Fishel b.1950  
Tune: Alleluia No. 1*

## **Matthew 3. 13-17**

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Matthew.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' <sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup>And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord:  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **The Homily**

*Please Sit*

## The Affirmation of Faith

*Please Stand*

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again 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.**

## The Intercessions

*Please Sit*

*Appropriate responses may be used, for example*

Lord, in your mercy:  
**hear our prayer.**

Lord, hear us:  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

*The Intercession ends with a suitable collect said by the priest, or the following*

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

## The Peace

*Please Stand*

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 with you always.  
**And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of the Lord's peace.

## Offertory 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 doth thy people free,  
whom with the Father we adore  
and Holy Ghost for evermore.

*Charles Coffin 1676-1749*  
*Tr. by John Chandler 1806-1876*  
*Tune: Winchester New*

## The Thanksgiving

We celebrate together the gifts and grace of God.

**We take this bread,  
we take this wine  
to follow Christ's example  
and obey his command.**

## Prayer over the Gifts

Open the heavens, Lord our God,  
and send your transforming Spirit  
on us and on these gifts.

May we who are baptized into Christ  
be ready to share his cup of suffering  
and strengthened to serve him for ever;  
we ask this through the same Jesus Christ our 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 our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy  
at all times and in all places to give you thanks, holy Father,  
all-powerful and everliving God,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

And now we celebrate the revelation of your glory  
made manifest through the Word made flesh.  
The wise men worshipped him as king of all the nations.  
At the River Jordan you commanded us to listen to your beloved Son  
as he emerged from the waters of baptism.  
At Cana he revealed his power to restore the new creation  
in the water made wine.  
You have anointed him as your Messiah,  
Who brings hope and salvation to the world.

And so with the hosts of angels and all the company of heaven  
we proclaim the glory of your name  
and join in their unending hymn of praise:

**Holy, holy, holy, holy,  
Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty.  
And we lift our hearts before you  
as a token of our love.  
Holy, holy, holy, holy.**

**Gracious Father, gracious Father,  
Blessed is the one who comes to us  
in your name.  
And we lift our hearts before you  
as we give you thanks and praise.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

All praise and thanks to you, true and living God,  
Creator of all things, Giver of life.  
You formed us in your own image;  
but we have marred that image and fall short of your glory.  
We give you thanks  
that you sent your Son to share our life;  
you gave him up to death that the world might be saved,  
and you raised him from the dead  
that we might live in him and he in us.

Sanctify with your Spirit this bread and wine, your gifts to us,  
that they may be for us the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

On the night he was betrayed, he took bread,  
and when he had given thanks  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying,

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you:  
do this in remembrance of me.



In the same way after supper he took the cup,  
and when he had given thanks  
he gave it to them, saying,

Drink from this, all of you,  
for this is my blood of the new covenant  
which is shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins:  
do this as often as you drink it  
in remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come in glory.**

As he has commanded us, Father,  
we remember Jesus Christ, your Son.  
Proclaiming his victorious death,  
rejoicing in his resurrection  
and waiting for him to come in glory  
we bring to you this bread, this cup.

Accept our sacrifice of thanks and praise.  
Restore and revive your people,  
renew us and all for whom we pray  
with your grace and heavenly blessing,  
and at the last receive us with all your saints  
into that unending joy promised by your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, with him, in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit  
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Silence is kept*

*Please Sit*

Let us pray with confidence to the Father:

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread,  
forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

## **The Communion**

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

*We sing*  
**Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.**

## **The Invitation to Holy Communion**

Jesus is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sins of the world.  
Happy 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 sacrament is administered with these words:*

The body of Christ. **Amen.**      The blood of Christ. **Amen.**

*All those who are baptised (Christened) are welcome to receive Holy Communion today. Baptised (Christened) children are welcome to receive holy communion at the discretion of their parents.*

*If you are not receiving you are welcome to come forward for a blessing but please bring this leaflet with you as a signal to the priest.*

## **Hymn at the end of Communion**

Bless the Lord, my soul,  
and bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, my soul,  
who leads me into life. *Sing through 3 times*

*Silence is kept*

## **The Sending Out**

*Please Stand*

## **Post Communion Prayer**

Give thanks to the Lord for he is gracious:  
**his love is everlasting.**

Refreshed by these holy gifts, Lord God,  
we seek your mercy:  
that by listening faithfully to your only Son,  
and being obedient to the prompting of the Spirit,  
we may be your children in name and in truth  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Blessing**

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you.**

Christ the Son of God gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom.  
And the blessing of God almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be  
among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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

## Final Hymn

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine:  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God;  
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

*This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Saviour all the day long.  
This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Saviour all the day long.*

Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
visions of rapture burst on my sight;  
angels descending, bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Saviour am happy and blest;  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

*Fanny Crosby 1820-1915  
Tune: Blessed Assurance*

## Notices

**Refreshments.** Please do join us for refreshments after the service if you can.

**Praying for Growth.** Please pray for the growth and renewal of the Church here in this place. Here is the Leading Your Church into Growth Prayer:

*God of Mission,  
Who alone brings growth to your  
Church,  
Send your Holy Spirit to give  
Vision to our planning,  
Wisdom to our actions,  
Joy to our worship,  
And power to our witness.  
Help our church to grow in numbers,  
In spiritual commitment to you,  
And in service to our local community,  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**The Community Fridge** takes place every Sunday from 4-5pm at the Parish Church.

**Sunday Sheet.** Please take this sheet home with you for the notices for the week and to pray for what is happening in the life of our Church.

**Start Course** – a course on Christian basics starts on 15<sup>th</sup> January 7-8pm at the Cathedral Tearoom. Further information from Canon Josh:  
[JoshuaAskwith@churchinwales.org.uk](mailto:JoshuaAskwith@churchinwales.org.uk)

**Ways of Giving to the work of the Parish Church.** We are very grateful to all those who contribute financially to the life and witness of our Parish. There are various ways to do this:

1. The Collection plate near the entrance to the Church
2. Setting up a Standing Order.

Contact Dave Bradley or Marion Hughes for the bank details  
3. Gift Direct. Set up regular giving or make a one off donation.  
For Gift Direct you can use the QR code below. Thank you very much.



## The Week Ahead

### 12<sup>th</sup> Monday – Epiphany Weekday

9am Morning Prayer  
9.30am Holy Eucharist  
5pm Evening Prayer

### 13<sup>th</sup> Tuesday – Hilary, Bishop

9am Morning Prayer  
5pm Evening Prayer  
6pm Holy Eucharist

### 14<sup>th</sup> Wednesday – Kentigern, Bishop

9am Morning Prayer  
10.30am Holy Eucharist  
5pm Evening Prayer

### 15<sup>th</sup> Thursday – Epiphany Weekday

9am Morning Prayer  
10am Holy Eucharist *at the Parish Church*  
10.45am Prayer Group *at the Parish Church*  
5pm Evening Prayer

### 16<sup>th</sup> Friday – Epiphany Weekday

9am Morning Prayer  
9.30am Offeren (Welsh Eucharist)  
6pm Choral Evensong

## **17<sup>th</sup> Saturday – Antony of Egypt**

9am Morning Prayer

5pm Evening Prayer

## **18<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Epiphany 2**

9.30am The Parish Eucharist

11am The Cathedral Eucharist

3.30pm Choral Evensong

## **Today's Readings**

### **Isaiah 42. 1-9**

God describes his servant who will bring justice in a new way to all nations, acting as a light to guide all who live in darkness.

### **Psalm 29**

### **Acts 10. 34-43**

Peter speaks to the people, telling them about Jesus whom God anointed with the Holy Spirit, bringing him power to do good, heal the oppressed and forgive the sins of all who believe in him.

### **Matthew 3. 13-17**

Jesus is baptised in the river Jordan by John, and receive the Holy Spirit.



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