

# **The Baptism of the Lord**

**Saturday 9 & Sunday 10 January 2021**

## **Celebrants**

6pm, 8:15am (St Anne's) & 5pm: Fr John Sebastian OMI  
8am & 11am: Fr Angelo Wijewickrama OMI

## **Cantor**

Sun 11am: Alexandra Eimear Foley

## **Organist**

Andrew Brown

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## **ENTRANCE HYMN**

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| 1 When Jesus comes to be baptized,<br>He leaves the hidden years behind,<br>The years of safety and of peace.<br>To bear the sins of all mankind.        | 3 He will not quench the dying flame,<br>And what is bruised he will not break,<br>But heal the wound injustice dealt,<br>And out of death his triumph make. |
| 2 The Spirit of the Lord comes down,<br>Anoints the Christ to suffering,<br>To preach the word, to free the bound,<br>And to the mourner, comfort bring. | 4 Our everlasting Father, praise,<br>With Christ, his well-beloved Son,<br>Who with the Spirit reigns serene,<br>Untroubled Trinity in One.                  |

## **THE FIRST READING**

**Reader**

A reading from the book of Isaiah 55:1-11.

***Come to me and your soul will live, and I will make an everlasting covenant with you.***

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty;

though you have no money, come!

Buy corn without money, and eat,

and, at no cost, wine and milk.

Why spend money on what is not bread,

your wages on what fails to satisfy?

Listen, listen to me, and you will have good things to eat

and rich food to enjoy.

Pay attention, come to me;

listen, and your soul will live.

With you I will make an everlasting covenant

out of the favours promised to David.

See, I have made of you a witness to the peoples,

a leader and a master of the nations.

See, you will summon a nation you never knew,

those unknown will come hurrying to you,

for the sake of the Lord your God,

of the Holy One of Israel who will glorify you.

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,

call to him while he is still near.

Let the wicked man abandon his way,

the evil man his thoughts.

Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him,  
to our God who is rich in forgiving;  
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks.

Yes, the heavens are as high above earth  
as my ways are above your ways,  
my thoughts above your thoughts.

Yes, as the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering  
the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the  
eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out  
my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM (11am sung)**

***You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.***

Truly, God is my salvation,  
I trust, I shall not fear.

For the Lord is my strength, my song,  
he became my saviour.

With joy you will draw water  
from the wells of salvation.

***You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.***

Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!  
Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!  
Declare the greatness of his name.

***You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.***

Sing a psalm to the Lord  
for he has done glorious deeds;  
make them known to all the earth!  
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy,  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

***You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.***

### **THE SECOND READING**

**Reader**

A reading from First Letter of John 5:1-9.

***Jesus Christ came by water and blood.***

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ  
has been begotten by God;  
and whoever loves the Father that begot him  
loves the child whom he begets.

We can be sure that we love God's children  
if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us;  
this is what loving God is –  
keeping his commandments;  
and his commandments are not difficult,

because anyone who has been begotten by God  
has already overcome the world;  
this is the victory over the world –  
our faith.

Who can overcome the world?

Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God:

Jesus Christ who came by water and blood,

not with water only,

but with water and blood;

with the Spirit as another witness –

since the Spirit is the truth –

so that there are three witnesses,

the Spirit, the water and the blood,

and all three of them agree.

We accept the testimony of human witnesses,

but God's testimony is much greater,

and this is God's testimony,

given as evidence for his Son.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (11am sung)**

Alleluia, alleluia!

John saw Jesus approaching him, and said:

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Alleluia!

### **GOSPEL**

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you'.**

In the course of his preaching John the Baptist said:

'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

It was at this time that Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised in the Jordan by John. No sooner had he come up out of the water than he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit, like a dove, descending on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### **OFFERTORY MUSIC**

Hans Uwe Hielscher – "Silent Night" from *Christmas Fantasy*

### **COMMUNION MUSIC**

Others: Léon Boëllmann – "Priere a Notre-Dame" from *Suite Gothique* Op 25

11am Sun: Morten Lauridsen – *O Magnum Mysterium*

### **POST COMMUNION HYMN**

- 1 O breathe on me, O Breath of God,  
Fill me with life anew,  
That I may love what thou dost love,  
And do what thou wouldst do.
- 2 O breath on me, O Breath of God,  
Until my heart is pure;  
Until with thee I will one will,  
To do and to endure.
- 3 O breath on me, O Breath of God,  
Till I am wholly thine,  
Till all this earthly part of me  
Glows with thy fire divine.
- 4 O breath on me, O Breath of God,  
So I shall never die.  
But live with thee the perfect life,  
Of thine eternity.

### **RECESSIONAL HYMN**

- 1 Filled with the Spirit's power, with one accord  
the infant church confessed its risen Lord:  
O Holy Spirit, in the church today  
no less your power of fellowship display.
- 2 Now with the mind of Christ set us on fire,  
that unity may be our great desire:  
Give joy and peace;  
give faith to hear your call,  
and readiness in each to work for all.
- 3 Widen our love, good Spirit, to embrace  
in your strong care all those of every race:  
Like wind and fire with life among us move  
till we are known as Christ's  
and Christians prove.

### **ORGAN POSTLUDE**

Denis Bedard – Voluntary

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#### ***When Jesus comes to be baptized***

Melody: Saint Venantius or Winchester New L.M.; Music (Saint Venantius) Rouen Church Melody or (Winchester New) Muskalisches Handbueb, Hamburg 1690; Text: Stanbrook Abbey, 1971

#### ***Responsorial Psalm***

*Music: Kathleen Boschetti MSC*

#### ***O Breath on Me, Breath of God***

*Music: ST COLUMBA Traditional Irish; Words; Edwin Hatch 1835-1889*

#### ***Filled with the Spirit's Power, With one Accord***

*Music: WOODLANDS Walter Greatorex; Words: John Raphael Peacey*