



WELWYN TEAM MINISTRY

THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST

VIRTUAL EUCHARIST
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Welcome!

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The Gathering

The Greeting

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.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe!
**From the rising of the sun to its setting
your name is proclaimed in all the world.**

**The Lord of glory be with you.
The Lord bless you.**

At our Lord's baptism in the river Jordan
God showed himself to all who have eyes to see and ears to hear.
The Father spoke from heaven, the Spirit descended as a dove
and Jesus was anointed with power from on high.
Here is the door of faith,
through which we enter the kingdom of heaven.
As children of God, we are adopted as his sons and daughters,
and called to proclaim the wonders of him
who called us out of darkness into his marvellous light.

Sing along to our first recorded hymn:

Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesu, Lord, to thee we raise,
Manifested by the star
To the sages from afar;
Branch of royal Jesse's stem
In thy birth at Bethlehem;
Anthems be to thee address,
God in Man made manifest.



Manifest at Jordan's stream,
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;
And at Cana wedding guest
In thy Godhead manifest;
Manifest in power divine,
Changing water into wine;
Anthems be to thee address,
God in Man made manifest.

Gloria in Excelsis

We say the Gloria:

**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.**

Let us pray:

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. **Amen**

We listen to this Sunday's bible readings.



A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (19:1-7),

¹While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the inland regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ²He said to them,

'Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?' They replied, 'No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.'³ Then he said, 'Into what then were you baptized?' They answered, 'Into John's baptism.'⁴ Paul said, 'John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.'⁵ On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.⁶ When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied –⁷ altogether there were about twelve of them.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (1:4-11)

Glory to you, O Lord.



⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon: Usha Hull, Reader

Water is poured into the font with these words

God in Christ gives us water welling up for eternal life.
With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.
Lord, give us this water and we shall thirst no more.

Praise God who made heaven and earth,
who keeps his promise for ever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

We thank you, almighty God, for the gift of water
to sustain, refresh and cleanse all life.
Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation.
Through water you led the children of Israel
from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the Promised Land.
In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John
and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ,
to lead us from the death of sin to newness of life.
Lord of life, renew your creation.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism.
In it we are buried with Christ in his death.
By it we share in his resurrection.
Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.
Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son,
we baptize into his fellowship those who come to him in faith.
Lord of life, renew your creation.

Now sanctify this water that, by the power of your Holy Spirit,
they may be cleansed from sin and born again.
Renewed in your image, may they walk by the light of faith
and continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Lord;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be all honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.
Lord of life, renew your creation.

Father, we give you thanks and praise.....
.....For all might, majesty, dominion and power are yours,
now and for ever. **Alleluia. Amen.**

I saw water flowing from the threshold of the temple.
Wherever the river flows everything will spring to life. Alleluia.

On the banks of the river grow trees bearing every kind of fruit.
Their leaves will not wither nor their fruit fail.

Their fruit will serve for food, their leaves for the healing of the nations.
**For the river of the water of life
flows from the throne of God and of the Lamb.**

God of truth, you are faithful to the covenant you have made with us;
look in mercy on your people. From all our sins, O Lord:
wash us, and we shall be clean.

We have broken the pledges of our baptism,
and failed to be your disciples. From all our sins, O Lord:
wash us, and we shall be clean.

Though we are saved by Christ and dead to sin through the deep waters
of death, we have not witnessed to his grace by our manner of life. From
all our sins, O Lord:
wash us, and we shall be clean.

We have shown indifference to those in need and have been afraid to
stand up for justice and truth. From all our sins, O Lord:
wash us, and we shall be clean.

We have been slow to forgive, and have failed to remember
your repeated forgiveness of our sins. From all our sins, O Lord:
wash us, and we shall be clean.

Today we rejoice and give thanks because your Son humbled himself to
be baptized in the Jordan. Through the waters you have given us the
mystery of baptism for the remission of our sins.
From all our sins, O Lord:
wash us, and we shall be clean.

Through water and Spirit you give us new life as the people of God,
and pour out upon us the gifts of your new covenant.
From all our sins, O Lord:
wash us, and we shall be clean.

Almighty God, in our baptism you have consecrated us
to be temples of your Holy Spirit. May we, whom you have counted
worthy, nurture your indwelling Spirit with a lively faith,
and worship you with upright lives; through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

'Come,' say the Spirit and the Bride. 'Come forward, you who are thirsty,
receive the water of life, the free gift to all who desire it.'
May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray

These responses are used

All Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

And at the end

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

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.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace

All exchange a sign of peace.

Preparation of the Table Taking of the Bread and Wine

The priest takes the bread and wine

**Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.
All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.**

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 everywhere,
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.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.
On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you; 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.
So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith
Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.
Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Silence is kept

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour has taught us so we pray

All

**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.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

The priest breaks the consecrated bread

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.**

We say:

**Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us (x2)
Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace**

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.**

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

**My Jesus, I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if
You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.**

The choir sings the anthem during communion:

O little one sweet, O little one mild,
Thy Father's purpose thou hast fulfilled;
Thou cam'st from heav'n to mortal ken,
Equal to be with us poor men,
O little one sweet, O little one mild.

O little one sweet, O little one mild,
With joy thou hast the whole world filled;
Thou camest here from heav'n's domain,
To bring men comfort in their pain,
O little one sweet, O little one mild.

After communion we pray together:

**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. Amen.**

The Father's voice bears witness to the Son.
God has revealed himself to us.

The Son bows his head beneath the waters of baptism.
God has revealed himself to us.

The Spirit as a dove descends from heaven.
God has revealed himself to us.

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Submitting to John's baptism, Christ delivers us from bondage.
God has revealed himself to us.

The priest says the blessing ending:

Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory
and 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 the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

We sing our final hymn:

Thou didst leave thy throne and thy kingly crown
When thou camest to earth for me;
But in Bethlehem's home was there found no room
For thy holy nativity:
*O come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
There is room in my heart for thee.*

Heaven's arches rang when the angels sang,
Proclaiming thy royal degree;
But in lowly birth didst thou come to earth
And in great humility:

When all heaven shall ring, and her choirs shall sing,
At thy coming to victory,
Let thy voice call me home, saying, Yet there is room,
There is room at my side for thee:

Organ voluntary
Fugue sur le theme du Carillon des Heures de la Cathédrale de
Soissons (Opus 12) by Maurice Duruflé

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