

SUNDAY WORSHIP BY ZOOM

Sunday, January 10th | Baptism of the Lord

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PENITENTIAL RITE

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found, call upon him when he draws near; let the wicked forsake their ways, and the evil ones their thoughts; and let them return to the Lord, and he will have compassion, and to our God, for he will richly pardon. *Isaiah 55.6, 7*

Let us confess our sins
against God and our neighbour.

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy upon us,
pardon and deliver us from all of our sins,
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,
and keep us in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES

Lord, open our lips,

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

THE INVITATORY

The Word has been made flesh and dwelt among us: O come, let us worship.

Come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God,
and a great king above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth,
and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his for he made it,
and his hands have moulded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,
and kneel before the Lord our maker.

For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the
sheep of his hand.

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

The Word has been made flesh and dwelt among us: O come, let us worship.

OPENING HYMN – Star of the East

Star of the East oh Bethlehem's star
Guiding us on to Heaven afar
Sorrow and grief are lull'd by thy light
Thou hope of each mortal in death's lonely night
Fearless and tranquil we look up to thee
Knowing thou beam'st thro' eternity
Help us to follow where thou still dost guide
Pilgrims of earth so wide

Oh star that leads to God above
Whose rays are peace and joy and love
Watch o'er us still till life hath ceased
Beam on bright star sweet Bethlehem star

Star of the East undim'd by each cloud
What tho' the storms of grief gather loud
Faithful and pure thy rays beam to save
Still bright o'er the cradle
And bright o'er the grave
Smiles of a Saviour are mirror'd in there
Glimpses of Heav'n in thy light we see
Guide us still onward to that blessed shore
After earth's toil is o'er

THE PSALMS

PSALM 29

Ascribe to the Lord, you heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.
The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the Lord thunders over the mighty waters.
The voice of the Lord is powerful;
the voice of the Lord is majestic.
The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;
the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.
He makes Lebanon leap like a calf,
Sirion like a young wild ox.
The voice of the Lord strikes
with flashes of lightning.
The voice of the Lord shakes the desert;
the Lord shakes the Desert of Kadesh.
The voice of the Lord twists the oaks
and strips the forests bare.
And in his temple all cry, "Glory!"
The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;
the Lord is enthroned as King forever.
The Lord gives strength to his people;
the Lord blesses his people with peace.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

A reading from Genesis, chapter 1, beginning at verse 1.

¹ In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ² Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

³ And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴ God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

The word of the Lord. / **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

A reading from Acts, chapter 19, beginning at verse 1.

¹ While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples ² and asked them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?"

They answered, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit."

³ So Paul asked, "Then what baptism did you receive?"

"John's baptism," they replied.

⁴ Paul said, "John's baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus." ⁵ On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶ When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied. ⁷ There were about twelve men in all.

The word of the Lord. / **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL SONG – Ascribe to the Lord

Ascribe to the Lord O mighty ones
Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name
Worship the Lord in the beauty of His holiness

Come and sing praises to the Rock of all ages
Come and sing praises to Jesus my Lord
Come and adore Him bow down before Him
Come and sing praises to Jesus our Lord

GOSPEL READING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Mark, chapter 1, beginning at verse 4.
/ Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. ⁶ John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ And this was his message: "After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸ I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹ At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

The Gospel of Christ. / **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

REFLECTION

SONG – King of My Heart

Let the King of my heart
Be the mountain where I run
The fountain I drink from
Oh He is my song
Let the King of my heart
Be the shadow where I hide
The ransom for my life
Oh He is my song

You are good good oh (x4)

Let the King of my heart
Be the wind inside my sails
The anchor in the waves
Oh He is my song
Let the King of my heart
Be the fire inside my veins

The echo of my days
Oh He is my song

You're never gonna let
Never gonna let me down (x4)

When the night is holding on to me
God is holding on
When the night is holding on to me
God is holding on

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us confess our faith as we say,

**I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He 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.**

INTERCESSIONS AND THANKSGIVINGS

Living God,
Lord of heaven and earth,
as wise men from distant lands were called
to worship before the Christ child,
open our ears to your call,
and open our eyes to your glory. **Amen.**

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

For peace from on high and for our salvation,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world,
for the welfare of the holy Church of God,
and for the unity of all,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For bishop David,
and for all clergy and people,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Elizabeth our Queen,
for the leaders of the nations,
and for all in authority,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this place where we live,
for every city and community,
and for those who live in them in faith,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who are affected by coronavirus,
through illness or isolation or anxiety,
that they may find relief and recovery,
let us pray to the Lord,

Lord, have mercy.

For our own needs and the needs of others,
for the lonely, the sick and the suffering ... (we pray now for those in need, whether aloud or
quietly in our own hearts ...)

Together we pray, **Lord have mercy**

Remembering all the saints,
we commit ourselves, one another,
and our whole life to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord.

O Lord our God,
you call us in the depths of our being:
open our ears to your call,
open our hearts to your love,
open our minds to your will,
that we may know you and give ourselves
fully in your service,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT

Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit,
keep your children, born of water and the Spirit,
faithful to their calling;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

**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.**

CLOSING SONG – Glory (Let There Be Peace)

One star
Burns in the darkness
Shines with the promise Emmanuel
One child
Born in the stillness
Living within us Emmanuel

We're singing Glory Glory
Let there be peace let there be peace
Singing Glory Glory
Let there be peace let it start in me

One voice
Speaks for the voiceless
Hope for the hopeless Emmanuel
One love
Brings us together
Now and forever Emmanuel

Do not be afraid
His love is strong enough to save us
Nothing stands in the way
His love is strong enough to lead us

Let there be peace let it start in me

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all, evermore. **Amen.**

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pilgrim Course: The Bible (Jan 12-Feb 16)

Pilgrim is a discipleship course from the Church of England. It aims to help local churches like ours create a place where we can explore Christian faith together and see how it can be lived out each day. There are eight modules in the series.

We will be starting another Pilgrim module by Zoom on Tuesday, Jan. 12 at 7pm. We had planned to explore the Eucharist module together, but the handbook hasn't arrived yet, so we will be looking at the Bible module instead. All are welcome! No previous experience required. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84656332115>.

Midweek Bible Study (Jan 13-Feb 10)

Come join us for a midweek Bible study during the season of Epiphany. We will meet for five weeks on Wednesday eves at 7pm by Zoom to explore the book of James together. All are welcome! Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84656332115>.

Men's Bible Study

Meets on Saturdays at 9am by Zoom. Newcomers welcome! Currently we are working through the book of Acts. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84656332115>.

Update on Long-term Debt for St. Mark's

We paid a lump sum payment of \$10,000 on the long-term debt of St Marks. Over the remaining course of the loan, this will save us over \$4,100 in interest and shortens the life of the loan by 8 months. I am blessed by the faithfulness of God's people. We offer this sacrifice to His glory in this place. – Pat McCaig, Treasurer