SOUTHWARK
♦ CATHEDRAL ♦

Eucharist

The Baptism of Christ

Sunday 9 January 2022
9.00am

Welcome to Southwark Cathedral

Set on the south bank of the River Thames in one of the most vibrant and diverse communities in London, this building has been a constant witness in a place of change.

The first church was built on this site around the year 606. First a convent, then a monastery, it became in 1106 the Augustinian Priory of St Mary Overie. With Westminster Abbey and St Bartholomew the Great in Smithfield it is one of the three remaining great monastic churches of London. At the Reformation the Priory became a parish church and it remains so for the people of Bankside. In 1905, as south London was rapidly expanding, the church was consecrated as the cathedral for the new Diocese of Southwark.

As well as a place of constant witness to our faith in Jesus Christ, this church has a momentous and proud history and has had links with many famous and influential characters including St Thomas Becket, Geoffrey Chaucer, William Shakespeare and Charles Dickens.

In the 20th century this cathedral was at the heart of the new movement in theology termed 'South Bank Religion'. This movement asked challenging questions of people about faith in the modern age which continue to be explored at Southwark Cathedral which describes itself as 'inclusive: faithful: radical'.

Whatever has brought you here today, you are most welcome. Become part of the life here if you can; it will change your life as you encounter with us our living God.

All stand as the President enters.

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

All **Amen.**

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

All **and also with you.**

The President welcomes the congregation and introduces the celebration.

Prayers of Penitence

Because God was merciful,
he saved us through the water of rebirth
and the renewing power of the Holy Spirit.
But through sin we have fallen away from our baptism.
Let us return to the Lord and renew our faith in
his promises
by confessing our sins in penitence.

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart:
Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided:
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

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

All **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.

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 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

Read by the Duty Verger.

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Now 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.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 29

The response is

The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due to his name;
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. **R**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders;
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendour. **R**

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox. **R**

The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe
and strips the forest bare.
And in the temple of the Lord
all are crying 'Glory!' **R**

The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.
The Lord shall give strength to his people;
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace. **R**

Second Reading
Acts 8. 14–17

Read by Juanita Fan.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

The Gospel Acclamation

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

All **Alleluia.**

Gospel

Luke 3. 15–17, 21–22

The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please sit.

Sermon

Canon Andrew Zihni, Precentor

Please stand.

The Creed

All We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

These responses may be used:

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

(or)

Lord, hear us.
All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

And at the end

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

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 Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
All **and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

It is truly right and just,
our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

You celebrated your new gift of baptism
in signs and wonders at the Jordan.
Your voice was heard from heaven
to awaken faith in the presence among us
of your Word made flesh.

Your Spirit was seen as a dove,
revealing Jesus as your servant,
and anointing him with the oil of gladness
to preach the good news to the poor.

Therefore, as we celebrate the union of earth
and heaven,
we rejoice to echo the song of the angels in heaven
for ever praising you and saying:

All **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:

All **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.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Believing the promises of Christ,
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

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.

Agnus Dei

All **Lamb of God,**
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.

Invitation to Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,**
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

The President makes their Communion saying

The body of Christ.

All **Amen.**

The blood of Christ.

All **Amen.**

Please follow the directions of the Stewards. Communion is given in one kind only and in silence. If you would like to receive a blessing please bow your head. The blessing will be given in silence. Please return to your seat by the central aisle and respect your distance at all times.

Please stand.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

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.

All **Amen.**

All **Merciful God,**
you have called us to your table
and fed us with the bread of life.
Draw us and all people to serve your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Please sit.

Notices

Please stand for the final rite of blessing and dismissal.

Acclamation

The Father's voice bears witness to the Son.

All **God has revealed himself to us.**

The Son bows his head beneath the waters of baptism.

All **God has revealed himself to us.**

The Spirit as a dove descends from heaven.

All **God has revealed himself to us.**

Submitting to John's baptism, Christ delivers us from bondage.

All **God has revealed himself to us.**

The Dismissal Gospel

John 1. 32–34

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

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Blessing

The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

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.**

The Dismissal

We have come to Christ, the living water.
Go in the peace of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Please leave the Cathedral by the north-west doors and the Millennium Courtyard. Please consider supporting us by giving using the contactless donation points if you have not set up a regular payment. Thank you for joining us. We look forward to welcoming you back.

Notices

Worship

Sunday 9 January
The Baptism of Christ

8.30am Morning Prayer (online and in person)
Officant – Canon Andrew Zihni, Precentor

9.00am Eucharist (in person)
Preacher – Canon Andrew Zihni, Precentor

11.00am Cathedral Eucharist (online and in person)
Preacher – The Bishop of Croydon

12.30pm The Blessing of the River (in person)

3.00pm Evensong (in person)
Preacher – The Dean

6.00pm Night Prayer (Compline) (online only)
Officiant – Canon Andrew Zihni, Precentor

Monday 10 – Friday 14 January

9.00am Morning Prayer (online and in person)

12.00pm Litany of Reconciliation of the Community of the Cross of Nails (in person, Fridays only)

12.30pm Midday Prayer (in person only)

12.45pm Eucharist (in person only)

5.30pm Evensong (in person only)

Saturday 15 January

9.00am Morning Prayer (online and in person)

9.30am Eucharist

4.00pm Evening Prayer (in person only)

Sunday 16 January
The Second Sunday of Epiphany

8.30am Morning Prayer (online and in person)
Officiant – Canon Andrew Zihni, Precentor

9.00am Eucharist (in person)
Preacher – Canon Andrew Zihni, Precentor

11.00am Cathedral Eucharist (online and in person)
Preacher – Canon Andrew Zihni, Precentor

3.00pm Choral Evensong (in person)
Preacher – Canon Michael Rawson, Sub Dean

6.00pm Night Prayer (Compline) (online only)
Officiant – Canon Michael Rawson, Sub Dean

This week we pray for

Those who are sick

Angie Brown, Baby Poppy, Barbara Martin, Bea Jones, Beverley King, Bill Rathbone, Boguslaw Myszona, Charlotte Davis, Christine Hill, David Ives, David Southwell, Dinah Kormi, Duncan Swann, Earle Bryce, Elizabeth Hall, Gloria Elorriaga Mejia, Godfrey Ashby, Harriette Kevill-Davies, Helen Shipley, Hugh Preedy, Ian Ford, Janet Hurst, Jean McCarthy, Jo Rumbell, Joan Lawrence, John Cumins, Jonathan Green, June Smith, Katie Cross, Linda Munt, Linda Scott Garnett, Mark Smith, Mavis Fabling, Michelle Shipley, Nan CSF, Naomi Shaw, Olu Adams, Ron Goddard, Ruth Silvester, Sarah Rawlins, Soji Temilade, Stephen Cook, Susan Endacott, Teddy Thomson-Moore, Victoria Vashlynn, William Brown.

Those who have died recently
Brian Ingram, Cecilia Roma Wright, Charles Medhurst, Eric Watts, Kevan Tryner, Lillian Mason, Peter Harding, Rudolph Christie.

The Baptism of Christ

Sunday 9 January

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of Christ with our annual Blessing of the River at 12.30pm following the Choral Eucharist. We are delighted that the Rt Revd Jonathan Clarke, Bishop of Croydon, will be the President and Preacher at the Choral Eucharist and will then join us on London Bridge. As in previous years we will be joined by the clergy and congregation of the Church of St Magnus Martyr with whom we share responsibility for the care of the bridge community. Our relationship dates back to the days when the bridge was inhabited and we rejoice that the relationship and stewardship of the river remains as powerful and vibrant as ever. Please join us – but wrap up warm.

Update from Zimbabwe

Please keep the people of Zimbabwe and especially our friends in the Diocese of Masvingo who are electing their new bishop this weekend. Bishop Godfrey was the founding bishop of the diocese and so this is a huge moment of transition for the diocese. We have been enormously grateful to +Godfrey and to his wife Albertina for their friendship, support and wisdom. We pray for them in the final months of his episcopate.

If you wish to give support through regular financial giving to the Diocese of Masvingo please speak to Canon Wendy Robins or Chapter member Helen Quintrell.

God bless Zimbabwe
protect her children
transform her leaders
heal her communities
and grant her peace.
for Jesus Christ's sake.
Amen.

The Hour is Come

A talk by the Very Reverend Andrew Nunn,
Dean of Southwark

Sunday 13 February, 12.30pm (in person)
Tuesday 15 February, 7.00pm (online via Zoom)

Join the Dean in person or online for a talk on his latest publication 'The Hour is Come – The Passion in Real Time'. He will be speaking about his own engagement with the biblical texts and how we might enter into the experience of the Passion.

The book is available in the Cathedral Shop.
Tickets for both talks are available on Eventbrite.

Friends' Pilgrimage to Canterbury – Part I

After a very long wait, and several postponements, we finally begin our Pilgrimage to Canterbury on 15 January.

We hope you'll join us as we set off on the first stage of the route:

Southwark Cathedral to The Bull, Shooters Hill – 8 miles (gentle)

We are starting our pilgrimage at Southwark Cathedral with a short service and Pilgrims blessing in the Harvard Chapel at 10.00am (the Cathedral Eucharist is at 9.30am and you are welcome to join that Service immediately beforehand).

Together we begin our walk, briefly stopping in Borough High Street to view the plaque marking the place from which Chaucer's pilgrims set off. The first leg takes us to Shooters Hill. This part of the walk is largely on tarmac.

Book your space by Thursday 13 January on pilgrimage-to-canterbury-stage-one.eventbrite.co.uk. Tickets do not include any travel or refreshments during the day.

Last minute information will be sent by email on Thursday evening to all those booked to join the group.

A Safe Church

Any issues relating to the safeguarding of children or vulnerable adults should be directed to the Cathedral Safeguarding Officers:

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Concerns can be brought to any member of the clergy.

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