

SAINT MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS BARNES



SUNG MASS

for the feast of the
Baptism of Christ

(Temporary order of service)

'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

Mark 1.11

THE EPIPHANY OF THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST

THE Epiphany on 6th January commemorates the visit of the Magi (often called Kings or Wise Men) to the infant Jesus at Bethlehem. It also marks the end of the Twelve Days of Christmas, a period of celebration for the birth of Christ. However, the Christmas season continues in a lesser form until the 2nd February and the Presentation of Christ in the Temple also known as Candlemas.

Epiphany means 'showing'. In the case of the Magi, they see the wonder of God in the Christ-child. God revealing himself to these foreigners and gentiles (non-Jews) is a sign that God's love and salvation has been extended to all people and the whole world. However, there are many Epiphanies in the Gospels, moments when individuals and groups glimpse the Divine in Jesus, but at this time we remember three particular Epiphanies:

- ✠ The **Visit of the Magi** in which the Saviour is revealed to the whole world.
- ✠ The **Baptism of Christ** in the river Jordan that reveals the Trinity.
- ✠ The **Wedding at Cana** and miracle of water into wine revealing Christ's 'glory'.

Today as we celebrate the Baptism of Christ we give thanks for our own Baptism and membership of God's Church. As we hear the words spoken to Jesus in the Gospels - *'this is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased'* (Mark 1.11) - we may consider them as also being spoken to us who have also become God's children through the Sacrament of Baptism, part of his family of grace forever.

Please stand when the bell rings.

PROCESSIONAL VOLUNTARY and INTROIT HYMN

The Clergy and Servers enter and the Altar is censed as the Choir sing.

GREETING

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

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The Celebrant introduces the Mass.

PENITENTIAL RITE

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Kneel

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we have sinned against you, and against our neighbour, in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins; for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve you in newness of life, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, ✠ pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Stand as the Choir sing the GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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. **Amen.**

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

At the end of the reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Sung by the Choir*

NEW TESTAMENT READING

At the end of the reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Stand as the Alleluia begins.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

This is my Son the Beloved in whom I am well pleased.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

✠ Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N.*
Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end of the reading:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

SERMON

A short silence follows the Sermon.

Stand

THE CREED

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.

INTERCESSIONS

The Celebrant introduces the prayers and the congregation kneels.

After each petition:

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

At the prayer for the departed:

✠ Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

At the end of the prayers:

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

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.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

You are invited to share the Peace with those around you saying 'Peace be with you', while maintaining social-distance.

OFFERTORY

During the Offertory the gifts of Bread and Wine are brought to the Altar and the gifts, altar and people are censed as the Choir sing an anthem or hymn. The collection is gathered at the end of the service in the bowls at the back of the church.

◆ *If you are making a cash donation, we ask you to **Gift Aid** your offering using the blue envelopes provided.*

◆ *You can donate by **text**; simply text SAINTMICHAEL to 70470 followed by the amount you wish to give (e.g. SAINTMICHAEL£10) up the value of £20 – although you can donate more by texting again.*

◆ *A bank transfer can be made using the bank details on our website or (ideally) join **Planned Giving** to give regularly. A form is available on the 'Giving' page of the church website.*

Please give generously to the ministry of the church. Thank you for your gift.

Remain standing

Pray my brothers and sisters, that this our sacrifice, may be acceptable to God the Almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name, for our good,
and for the good of all his Church.**

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.

The Celebrant prays the Proper Preface of the feast, concluding with:

... Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim
your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

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 kneel as we come to the holiest part of the Mass in which the bread and wine are
blessed and consecrated as the Body and Blood of Christ.*

The Eucharistic Prayer continues until:

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Eucharistic Prayer continues to the Doxology:

... by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for
ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour taught us, so we are bold to say:

**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.**

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

AGNUS DEI *Sung by the Choir*

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.

The Celebrant invites the people to Communion saying:

✠ Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins 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.**

The Priest receives Communion saying:

The Body of Christ. Amen. The Blood of Christ. Amen.

*The people are invited to say **Amen** with the Priest in preparation for their own
Communion.*

*All Baptised Christians who normally receive Communion in their own church are
welcome to do so here.*

◆ *The Sacrament is distributed from in front of the Chancel steps in one kind (the Body
of Christ). If you would like to receive a Blessing, bow your head.*

◆ *Please follow the direction of the Stewards and maintain an appropriate distance from
other worshippers.*

◆ *Worshippers in the side aisles will be invited to receive Communion first, followed by
those in the Nave.*

During Communion the Choir sing an ANTHEM or HYMN

A short period of silence is kept after Communion.



POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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. **Amen.**

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ; through him we offer you our souls and bodies, to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit, to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

Sit for the NOTICES

BLESSING and DISMISSAL

The Lord be with you.

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. **Amen.**

May God the Son, who turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts. **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. **Amen.**

The blessing of God almighty, the ✠ Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you, now and always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Remain standing as an Organ VOLUNTARY begins and the RECESSON takes place.

As you depart the church please –

- ◆ *Return your **order of service** to the basket on the table at the back of church.*
- ◆ *Remember the **collection** using the Gift Aid envelope provided.*
- ◆ *Fill out your **Welcome Card** and place it in the collection bowls.*



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