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SUNDAY 10th JANUARY 2021 **THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

Welcome to St Saviour's, especially if this is your first visit or if you haven't been to church in a while! If you would like say hello to one of the clergy or the hospitality team please do (hiding behind a pillar is fine too if you're a bit shy!) This booklet contains everything you need to follow this service, please join in as far as you would like but don't worry about remembering when to stand, or kneel, or sit, go along with what feels comfortable. A collection is taken during the Offertory Hymn, this helps to pay for the upkeep of the church and more importantly it helps to keep the mission and outreach of the church going, please give what you can. If you pay tax please fill out a Gift-Aid envelope, this allows us to claim extra dosh from the Government!

View From A Pew

Just as at Creation God breathed life into the world (in whatever way that might have been) so at Jesus' baptism for a brief moment the veil is lifted and Heaven in all its glory touches earth. God signals His presence among us. A seemingly ordinary young man goes into the water and emerges as The One Whom God Loves and through whom He wants to share His love and His everlasting communion with us ordinary people. And so the Trinity of Father, Son and Holy Spirit is revealed as complete.

The Introductory Rites

*As the bell is rung all **stand** as the clergy approach the altar. As he comes to the altar the priest prays a silent prayer of preparation, he kisses the altar because it contains a relic and so asks for the saint's prayers for us all. The altar is a symbol of Jesus here with and so is treated with great respect.*

Priest ✠ In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen**

Priest The Lord be with you.

All **And with your Spirit.**

The priest invites us to offer to God the times that we have done things we should not have done, knowing that God forgives all who are truly sorry. This means we can begin worship knowing we have been set right with God.

All **I confess to almighty God
and to you my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
and, striking their breast, all say
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask Blessed Mary, ever Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God**

Priest May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

All **Amen**

Priest Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Priest Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Priest Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Together we sing the Gloria, a hymn of praise to God. It reminds us that coming to church is a celebration of the wonderful things God has done, is doing, and will continue to do in our lives.

**Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.**

**We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer,
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.**

**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.**

*The priest then prays the **Collect** which sums up all our prayers for the day. After the prayer we sit for the readings, which come from the Old Testament (the Hebrew Bible Jesus would have known), followed by a psalm, then from the Epistles/Letters and a Gospel passage.*

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Isaiah 55:1-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

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.

At the end:

Reader	The word of the Lord
All	Thanks be to God

Canticle Isaiah 12

The Response is:

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

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| 1 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. R | 2 Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his
name!
Make his mighty deeds known to the
peoples!
Declare the greatness of his name.
With joy you will draw water from the R |
| 3 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. R | |

Second Reading

1 John 5:1-9

A reading from the first letter of S. John

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.

At the end:

Reader	The word of the Lord
All	Thanks be to God

We stand as the Gospel is heralded

Priest	Alleluia, alleluia. John saw Jesus coming towards him, and said: This is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.
All	Alleluia.

The Gospel

Gospel Mark 1:7-11

Deacon The Lord be with you
All **And with your Spirit**

Deacon ✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
All **Glory to you, O Lord**

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.’

At the end:

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord
All **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

The Homily

*We **sit** for the Homily, this is a short talk about the readings we have just heard or the theme of the day. Its purpose is to help us better understand the scriptures and how wisdom and advice that is so old can still help us today. After the homily comes the **Creed** for which we **stand**. This is the Church’s statement of belief and the word Creed comes from the Latin word for ‘I believe.’ If you are new to church or not a Christian do not feel you have to say the words with us. Have a read of them before the service (or if the Homily is boring then!) and if you feel you can agree with the words you are most welcome to join in saying them.*

The Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day 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. I 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 adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead ☩ and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Following the Creed we sit

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

At the offertory the altar is prepared, the sacred vessels, the chalice (cup) and paten (plate) are laid out and the gifts of bread and wine are offered back to God who first gave them to us. To mark these things out as holy offerings set aside for God blessings particular prayers are said. The priest washes his hands asking for purity (and practically its more hygienic, especially in these Covid times)

The priest prays silently asking Our Lady the saints will join with us in prayer, he then asks us to pray with and for him as we stand:

Priest Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

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

The priest then prays the prayer over the gifts before beginning the Eucharistic (thanksgiving) Prayer, saying:

Priest The Lord be with you.
All **And with your Spirit.**

Priest Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right and just.**

The priest goes on to say the Preface, this speaks to the theme of the day on special occasions or reminds us of important things to do with Jesus' mission to us. It begins the Eucharistic Prayer which is a remembering of both the Last Supper, and Jesus' sacrifice of himself on the Cross. The preface ends with words used to greet Jesus when he entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday.

All **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
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.**

All kneel or sit and the priest continues with the prayer during which the gifts of bread and wine are consecrated and so very truly become the Body and Blood of Jesus. During the prayer the priest makes many gestures and blessings which may seem strange, do speak to him afterwards and he happily talk to you about what happens. Part way through comes the following acclamation and response.

Priest The Mystery of Faith
All **We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess
your Resurrection until you come again.**

The prayer continues and concludes:

Priest Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour is yours,
for ever and ever.
All **Amen.**

All stand and the Priest invites us to join in saying the Lord's Prayer

The Communion Rite

All **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.**

Priest **Deliver us, Lord, we pray...**

All **For the kingdom,
the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever.**

The priest introduces the Peace

Priest **The peace of the Lord be with you always.**

All **And with your Spirit.**

In light of recent recommendations in order to reduce the spread of infection we share the Peace simply through this call and response rather than through any physical gesture; as was the practice up until really quite recently.

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

The priest then breaks the consecrated Host and drops a tiny fragment into the chalice to symbolise the re-joining of Christ's body and blood after it was spilled on the Cross. To prepare himself to receive communion he prays silently and we are encouraged to do the same. The priest invites us to receive communion by elevating the Broken Host and saying:

Priest **Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the
sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.**

All **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under
my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

Having acclaimed the Real Presence of Christ the clergy make their communion.

*If you have been joining us for the Rosary or would like to begin that meditation this might be an ideal moment to reflect on **The Fifth Luminous Mystery – The Institution of the Eucharist** or **The First Glorious Mystery – The Resurrection**? Perhaps offer a decade thinking about either of these as you make your spiritual communion?*

*We **stand** for the prayer after communion.*

The Concluding Rites

Priest	The Lord be with you
All	And with your Spirit
Priest	May Almighty God bless ☩ you...
All	Amen
Deacon	Go forth the mass is ended.
All	Thanks be to God.

*We **remain standing** and again the priest kisses the altar in a gesture of thanks and farewell. The priest then returns to the sacristy he prays silently for himself and for those who have received God in this mass.*

Prayer List

As we are returning to public worship now seems to be the ideal time to update the list of the sick particularly. If you would like particular names included let Fr Andrew know. Names on the pewsheets will appear for about a month, if prayer is still required they will be moved to the list of long-term/ongoing illness. The pewsheets are for short-term illness or those who have been rushed to hospital and are in acute need.

The Sick and Those in Need

Jack, John, Darren, Terry, Pamela, Fr Chris, Fr Ron, Audrey, Mike and Amina Monir

The Recently Departed

John Tatton, David Martin, Christopher Stonier, Joan Procter, Linda Heap, and Dorothy Franks

Anointing of the Sick

This sacrament is open to all who are ill in any way, it is no longer reserved to those who are dying. If you are unwell, or preparing for an operation you are most welcome to receive an anointing, again just let Fr Andrew know. If you, or a family member, or a member of this congregation goes into hospital please let us know – Fr Andrew may be many things but psychic, he is not.

Except when absent from the parish, Fr Andrew is on call 24/7 in case of emergencies, especially if someone is dying, he would much prefer a lost night's sleep than discover too late someone had died without prayer and the sacraments.

When Fr Andrew is away please get in touch with one of the Church Wardens and they will find you a priest.

Baptisms, Marriages, and Funerals

All of these offices are by arrangement please speak to Fr Andrew about instruction and availability

Notes on the Diary:

Days in italicised type called Ferias are the 'ordinary' weekdays of the year or season

Days in plain type are memoria, commemorations of the saints

Days in bold type are feasts, they are the more important days in the year

DAYS IN BOLD RED CAPITALS ARE SOLEMNITIES, THESE ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT DAYS AND IF POSSIBLE YOU ARE REQUIRED TO BE AT MASS. (as the BCP would say, red letter days!)

The letters after a saint's name indicate something about them M = Martyr, Bp = Bishop, Pr = Priest, Dn = Deacon, Rel = Religious, V = Virgin and so on.

The letter in brackets indicates the liturgical colour of the day, green, red, white and so on

The item in brackets is the mass/prayer intention for the day.

Please note that Fr Andrew's usual day of rest is Saturday and Fr Glen's is Monday, they are available in case of emergency otherwise please try and avoid contacting them as they take some down time

THIS WEEK'S DIARY

FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Lectionary Cycle - Sundays Year B – Weekdays Year I

Monday 11th January

Feria (G)

(for the fisheries industry)

9.00am Morning Prayer (SS)

6.00pm Evening Prayer (SS)

7.00pm Mass (SS)

Tuesday 12th January

S. Aelred of Rievaulx, Rel (W)

(for vocations to the religious life)

9.00am Morning Prayer (HT)

10.00am Mass (HT)

6.00pm Evening Prayer (HT)

Wednesday 13th January

S. Hilary, Bp & Dr (W)

(for the sick and those in need)

9.00am Morning Prayer (SW)

6.00pm Evening Prayer (SW)

7.00pm Mass (SW)

Thursday 14th January

Feria (G)

(for the NHS)

9.00am Morning Prayer (SS)

10.00am Mass (SS)

6.00pm Evening Prayer (SW)

Friday 15th January

Feria (G)

(for confessors)

9.00am Morning Prayer (SW)

12noon Mass (HT)

6.00pm Evening Prayer and Benediction (HT)

Saturday 16th January

Our Lady on Saturday (W)

(for children's hospitals)

10.00am Holy Communion (SW)

Sunday 17th January

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (G)

(Our Team, mission and outreach)

9.30am SAID PARISH MASS (SW)

10.30am SAID PARISH MASS (HT)

11.30am SAID PARISH MASS (SS)