

PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

*Serving St Benedict's, St Mary's & St Oswald's,
Warrington*



The Baptism of the Lord (A)

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THINKING OF OTHERS

There's a lot of colds, flu and Covid-19 circulating in the community at present. So:

- 1) Please sanitise your hands when entering church.
- 2) At the Sign of Peace, please understand if others don't wish to shake hands just now.
- 3) If you are unwell, it's probably best to stay at home or at least wear a face covering in church.

Thank you for your kindness.

Introductory Rites

Christmas Gloria

- 1 Joyful news to you I bring:
Christ the Lord is here on earth,
our redeemer and our King:
sing with gladness at his birth.

Gloria in excelsis Deo!
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- 2 Joyful news to you I bring:
Jesus Christ, a living sign,
for our human ransoming
comes to us through love divine.
- 3 Joyful news we sing today:
incarnation, living bread,
passion, taking sin away,
resurrection from the dead.

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Greeting & Penitential Act

Collect

Almighty ever-living God, who,
when Christ had been baptised in the River Jordan

and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him,
solemnly declared him your beloved Son,
grant that your children by adoption,
reborn of water and the Holy Spirit,
may always be well pleasing to you.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

(Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord:

Here is my servant whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom my soul delights.
I have endowed him with my spirit
that he may bring true justice to the nations.

He does not cry out or shout aloud,
or make his voice heard in the streets.
He does not break the crushed reed,
nor quench the wavering flame.

Faithfully he brings true justice;
he will neither waver, nor be crushed
until true justice is established on earth,
for the islands are awaiting his law.

I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right;
I have taken you by the hand and formed you;
I have appointed you as covenant of the people
and light of the nations,

to open the eyes of the blind,
to free captives from prison,
and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 28

- 1 **O give the Lord, you sons of God,
give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Adore the Lord in his holy court.**
- 2 **The Lord's voice resounding on the waters,
the Lord on the immensity of waters;
the voice of the Lord, full of power,
the voice of the Lord, full of splendour.**
- 3 **The God of glory thunders.
In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!'
The Lord sat enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits as king for ever.**

Second Reading

(Acts 10: 34-38)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The
truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God

does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.

'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ – but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

The word of the Lord.
R. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel *(Matthew 3: 13-17)*
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
R. Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him. 'It is I who need baptism from you' he said 'and yet you come to me!' But Jesus replied, 'Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that righteousness demands.' At this, John gave in to him.

As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. And a voice spoke from heaven, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Renewal of Baptismal Promises

Bidding Prayers

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts
Music: And the glory of the Lord – G.F. Handel

Prayer over the Offerings
Accept, O Lord, the offerings we have brought to honour the revealing of your beloved Son, so that the oblation of your faithful may be transformed into the sacrifice of him who willed in his compassion to wash away the sins of the world. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
R. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer
Mass of Hope – Bernadette Farrell (559)
**Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
Holy Lord, Holy Lord, God of hosts.
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed, blessed, blessed, blessed is he
who comes in the name,
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

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

Our Father

Sign of Peace

Communion
Music: Love has come – Matt Maher

Prayer after Communion
Nourished with these sacred gifts,
we humbly entreat your mercy, O Lord,
that, faithfully listening to your Only Begotten Son,
we may be your children in name and in truth.
Through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

Concluding Rite

Blessing & Dismissal

Final Song

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us,
you are one with us, Mary's Son —
cleansing our souls from all their sin,
pouring your love and goodness in;
Jesus, our love for you we sing,
living Lord.**
- 2 Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us,
born as one of us, Mary's son —
led out to die on Calvary,
risen from death to set us free;
living Lord Jesus, help us see,
you are Lord.**
- 3 Lord Jesus Christ, we would come to you,
live our lives for you, Son of God;
all your commands we know are true;
your many gifts will make us new;
into our lives your power breaks through,
living Lord.**

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