

WELCOME TO ST JOHN ON BETHNAL GREEN



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD 13 JANUARY 2019

Today's Hymns - New English Hymnal: 56, 114 (t.443), 57, 52 (omit v.4)

Introductory Sentence

I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove and it remained on him.

The Greeting

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.

The Lord bless you.

The Collect

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**

First Reading: Isaiah 43. 1-7

A reading from the prophecy of Isaiah

But 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

Today

9.15am Morning Prayer
10am Parish Mass
5pm Christchurch London service

Monday 14th January (St Felix of Nola)

9am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 15th (St Ita)

9am Morning Prayer
1.10pm Said Mass

Wednesday 16th (St Honoratus of Arles)

9am Morning Prayer
7.30pm Said Mass

Thursday 17th (St Antony of Egypt)

9am Morning Prayer

Friday 18th (The Confession of St Peter)

Saturday 19th (St Wulfstan)

Sunday 20th (3rd SUNDAY IN EPIPHANY)

10am Parish Mass
12am Ss Peter & Paul Knanaya Church (Jacobite Syrian Orthodox) Service
5pm Christchurch London Service

Sunday 20 January, 6pm – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service, at the Methodist Church, Approach Road.

Sunday 27 January, 3pm – Holocaust Memorial Day Event, Nelson Street Synagogue

Wednesday 30 January, 7.30pm – Church Council, in the Vaughan Room

Epiphany Sonnets: 2. The Baptism of Christ, by Malcolm Guite

Beginning here we glimpse the Three-in-one;
The river runs, the clouds are torn apart,
The Father speaks, the Spirit and the Son
Reveal to us the single loving heart
That beats behind the being of all things
And calls and keeps and kindles us to light.
The dove descends, the spirit soars and sings
'You are beloved, you are my delight!'
In that quick light and life, as water spills
And streams around the Man like quickening rain,
The voice that made the universe reveals
The God in Man who makes it new again.
He calls us too, to step into that river
To die and rise and live and love forever.

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.’

Second Reading: Acts 8. 14-17

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.

The Gospel: Luke 3. 15-17, 21-22

Alleluia Alleluia

With many exhortations, John the Baptist proclaimed the good news to the people.
Alleluia

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.’

Thanksgiving for Holy Baptism

God in Christ gives us water welling up for eternal life.
With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.
Lord, give us this water and we shall thirst no more.

Praise God who made heaven and earth,
who keeps his promise for ever.

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

Father we give you thanks and praise.....
....For all might, majesty, dominion and power are yours, now and for ever
Alleluia. Amen.

I saw water flowing from the threshold of the temple.
**Wherever the river flows
everything will spring to life. Alleluia.**

On the banks of the river grow trees bearing every kind of fruit.
Their leaves will not wither nor their fruit fail.

Their fruit will serve for food,
their leaves for the healing of the nations.

**For the river of the water of life
flows from the throne of God and of the Lamb.**

Act of Penitence and Dedication – at each response

From all our sins, O Lord:
wash us, and we shall be clean.

At the Breaking of the Bread

We break the bread of life
and that life is the light of the world

**God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

Post Communion Sentence

Here is the Lamb of God; I have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.

Post Communion Prayer

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**

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.**

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