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JAN VAN THOFF '20



11<sup>th</sup> January 2026  
10:00 Parish Communion  
**The Baptism of Christ**  
Blended Worship

# SAMARITANS

January Charity of the Month  
**Samaritans**



## The prayer for The Green Howards Regiment

Almighty and most merciful Father,  
we give thanks for the service of The Green Howards Regiment  
which bore the symbol of your cross  
and whose sacrifice is commemorated in our Regimental Chapel.

Today, may your inspiration and protection  
be with The Royal Yorkshire Regiment,  
that it may protect the weak and vulnerable  
and serve the cause of liberty and truth.

We ask this in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Prince of Peace and Saviour of all.

**All**      **Amen.**



## Opening Hymn: Crown Him with Many Crowns

CP 166

1. **Crown him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon his throne;  
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns  
all music but its own!  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless King  
through all eternity.**



## Opening Hymn: Crown Him with Many Crowns

CP 166

2. **Crown him the Virgin's Son,  
the God incarnate born,  
whose arm those crimson trophies won  
which now his brow adorn:  
Fruit of the mystic Rose,  
as of that Rose the Stem;  
the Root whence mercy ever flows,  
the Babe of Bethlehem.**



## Opening Hymn: Crown Him with Many Crowns

CP 166

3. **Crown him the Lord of love;  
behold his hands and side,  
those wounds yet visible above  
in beauty glorified:  
no angel in the sky  
can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bends his burning eye  
at mysteries so bright.**



## Opening Hymn: Crown Him with Many Crowns

CP 166

4. **Crown him the Lord of peace,  
whose power a sceptre sways  
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,  
and all be prayer and praise:  
his reign shall know no end,  
and round his piercèd feet  
fair flowers of paradise extend  
their fragrance ever sweet.**



## Opening Hymn: Crown Him with Many Crowns

CP 166

5.     Crown him the Lord of years,  
         the Potentate of time,  
         creator of the rolling spheres,  
         ineffably sublime:  
         all hail, Redeemer, hail!  
         for thou hast died for me;  
         thy praise shall never, never fail  
         throughout eternity.

Matthew Bridges (1800-1894)



## The Gathering

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

**All** Amen.

## The Greeting

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



## 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.



## Prayers of Penitence

God be gracious to us and bless us,  
and make your face shine upon us:  
Lord, have mercy.

**All** **Lord, have mercy.**

May your ways be known on the earth,  
your saving power among the nations:  
Christ, have mercy.

**All** **Christ, have mercy.**

You, Lord, have made known your salvation,  
and reveal your justice in the sight of the nations:  
Lord, have mercy.

**All** **Lord, have mercy.**



## Absolution

May the God of all healing and forgiveness  
draw you to himself,  
that you may behold the glory of his Son,  
the Word made flesh,  
and be cleansed from all your sins,  
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.**



## Gloria in Excelsis

**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.

Heavenly Father,  
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:  
may we recognize him as our Lord  
and know ourselves to be your beloved children;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

**All**    **Amen.**



# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## Readings

A reading from the first book of Isaiah (42:1-9 NRSV)

Thus says the LORD:

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;

I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.

<sup>2</sup> He will not cry or lift up his voice,  
or make it heard in the street;

<sup>3</sup> a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

<sup>4</sup> He will not grow faint or be crushed  
until he has established justice in the earth;  
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.



# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## Readings

<sup>5</sup> Thus says God, the LORD,  
who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,  
who gives breath to the people upon it  
and spirit to those who walk in it:

<sup>6</sup> I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,  
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;  
I have given you as a covenant to the people,  
a light to the nations,

<sup>7</sup> to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.



# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## Readings

<sup>8</sup> I am the LORD, that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other,  
nor my praise to idols.

<sup>9</sup> See, the former things have come to pass,  
and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth,  
I tell you of them.

This is the word of the Lord

**All**      **Thanks be to God**



# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## Readings

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (10:34-43 NRSV)

Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius.

'I truly understand that God shows no partiality,<sup>35</sup> but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.<sup>36</sup> You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all.<sup>37</sup> That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced:<sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.



# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## Readings

<sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

This is the word of the Lord

**All**      **Thanks be to God**



## Second Hymn: O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness

CP 89

1. O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;  
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;  
with gold of obedience, and incense of lowness,  
kneel and adore him: the Lord is his name.
2. Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness:  
high on his heart he will bear it for thee,  
comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,  
guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.
3. Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness  
of the poor wealth thou wouldest reckon as thine:  
truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,  
these are the offerings to lay on his shrine.



## Second Hymn: O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness

CP 89

4. **These, though we bring them in trembling  
and fearfulness,  
he will accept for the name that is dear;  
mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,  
trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.**
5. **O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;  
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;  
with gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,  
kneel and adore him: the Lord is his name.**

J. S. B. Monsell (1811-1875)



# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## Gospel Reading

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (3:13-17 NRSV)

**All     Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, ‘I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?’ <sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, ‘Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.’ Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup>And a voice from heaven said, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**All     Praise to you, O Christ**





Sermon  
The Revd Canon Martin Fletcher

# 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.



# The Creed

**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.**



# The Creed

**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

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

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

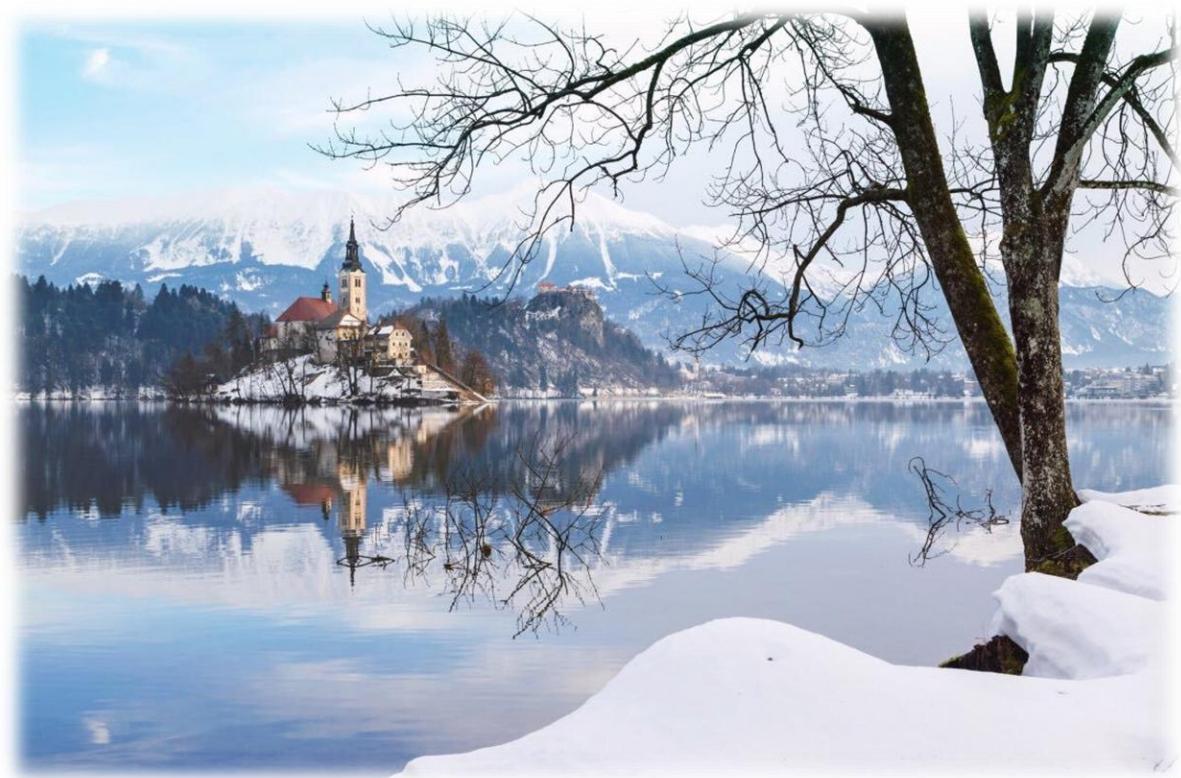


# The Peace

We are the body of Christ.  
In the one Spirit we were all  
baptised into one body.  
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace  
and builds up our common life.

**All**

The peace of the Lord  
be always with you  
**and also with you.**



## Hymn at preparation: Hail to the Lord's Anointed

CP 87

1. Hail to the Lord's Anointed,  
great David's greater Son!  
hail, in the time appointed,  
his reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression,  
to set the captive free,  
to take away transgression,  
and rule in equity.



2. He comes with succour speedy  
to those who suffer wrong;  
to help the poor and needy,  
and bid the weak be strong;  
to give them songs for sighing,  
their darkness turn to light,  
whose souls, condemned and dying,  
were precious in his sight.

3. He shall come down like showers  
upon the fruitful earth,  
and love, joy, hope, like flowers,  
spring in his path to birth:  
before him on the mountains  
shall peace, the herald, go;  
and righteousness in fountains  
from hill to valley flow.

4. Arabia's desert-ranger  
    to him shall bow the knee;  
the Ethiopian stranger  
    his glory come to see;  
with offerings of devotion  
    ships from the isles shall meet,  
to pour the wealth of ocean  
    in tribute at his feet.

## Hymn at preparation: Hail to the Lord's Anointed

CP 87

5. Kings shall bow down before him,  
and gold and incense bring;  
all nations shall adore him,  
his praise all people sing:  
to him shall prayer unceasing  
and daily vows ascend;  
his kingdom still increasing,  
a kingdom without end.

## Hymn at preparation: Hail to the Lord's Anointed

CP 87

6. O'er every foe victorious,  
    he on his throne shall rest;  
from age to age more glorious,  
    all-blessing and all-blest:  
the tide of time shall never  
    his covenant remove;  
his name shall stand for ever,  
    his changeless name of love.

James Montgomery (1771-1854)



## Preparation of the Table

Gracious God,  
accept the offering of your Church,  
the hearts of your people  
joined in praise and thanksgiving,  
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

**All**    **Amen.**



# The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

**All His Spirit is with us.**

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 singing:

**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.**



Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
  
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.



In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
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.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

**All** **Lord, by your cross and resurrection  
you have set us free.  
You are the Saviour of the world.**



And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.



Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

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.

**All** Amen.



## The Lord's Prayer

Believing the promises of God,  
as our Saviour 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** Jesus, Lamb of God,  
have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins,  
have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
grant us peace.



# **Giving of Communion**

God's holy gifts  
for God's holy people.

**All** **Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**



## Communion Hymn: Bread of Heaven, On Thee We Feed

CP 284

1. **Bread of heaven, on thee we feed,  
for thy flesh is meat indeed;  
ever may our souls be fed  
with this true and living bread;  
day by day with strength supplied  
through the life of him who died.**
2. **Vine of heaven, thy blood supplies  
this blest cup of sacrifice;  
Lord, thy wounds our healing give,  
to thy cross we look and live:  
Jesus, may we ever be  
grafted, rooted, built in thee.**

Josiah Conder (1789-1855)



## Prayers after Communion

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.**



## Prayers after Communion

**All** You have opened to us the Scriptures, O Christ,  
and you have made yourself known  
in the breaking of the bread.  
Abide with us, we pray.  
that, blessed by your royal presence,  
we may walk with you  
all the days of our life,  
and at its end behold you  
in the glory of the eternal Trinity,  
one God for ever and ever.  
Amen.





Notices

## Final Hymn: The Kingdom of God Is Justice and Joy

CP 591

1. The kingdom of God is justice and joy,  
for Jesus restores what sin would destroy;  
God's power and glory in Jesus we know,  
and here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.
2. The kingdom of God is mercy and grace,  
the captives are freed, the sinners find place,  
the outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share,  
and hope is awakened in place of despair.



## Final Hymn: The Kingdom of God Is Justice and Joy

CP 591

3. The kingdom of God is challenge and choice,  
believe the good news, repent and rejoice!  
His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross,  
our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.
4. God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal,  
in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole;  
the heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call,  
and all things cry 'Glory!' to God all in all.

Bryn Rees (1911-1983)



# Blessing

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.**



# Blessing

And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

**All Amen.**

We have seen his glory, the glory revealed to the nations.  
Go in the peace of Christ.

**All Thanks be to God. Amen.**



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