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The First Sunday after Epiphany – 10th January 2021 The Baptism of Christ

The Collect and Readings for today

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**

A reading from the book of Genesis.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.

Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Genesis 1:1-5

Psalm 29 - The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders.

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due to his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. **R**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendour. **R**

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox. **R**

The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.
And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, 'Glory!' **R**

The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.
The Lord shall give strength to his people; the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace. **R**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the inland regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, 'Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?' They replied, 'No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.' Then he said, 'Into what then were you baptized?' They answered, 'Into John's baptism.' Paul said, 'John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.'

On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied – altogether there were about twelve of them.

Acts 19:1-7

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Mark

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey.

He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.' In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

Mark 1:4-11

Prayers of Intercession for this week

Let us bring our prayers before the God who created and loves the whole of creation, confident that God hears us when we pray.

Let us pray for the world, thanking God for its beauty and for the wonder of creation; and bringing before God those parts of the world that are struggling or in pain.

Let us pray for our own neighbourhood, thanking God for the diversity of people and place, and bringing before God all those who need to know God's blessing or help today.

Let us pray for all places of care: for schools, hospitals and care homes,
thanking God for every moment of human kindness and wisdom,
and bringing before God all those who are struggling with sickness, loneliness or fear.

Let us pray for all those who have died,
thanking God for everyone who has touched our lives or shown us something of love and faith,
and bringing before God all those who grieve, and who need God's comfort and strength at this time.

Holy God, we thank you that you hear all our prayers, those we speak out loud and those we voice in secret.
May we trust you with our deepest desires as we leave our prayers with you.

THE WEEKLY PRAYER INTENTIONS and PRAYER RESOURCES

Those who are sick and have asked for prayer:

Roger Rathbone, Catherine Hughes, Archie Conway-Gardner, David Barron, Jane Craig,
Alison Lewis, Alyson Grant, Rhys Ghazaros, Canon David Jones, Sue Rayner, Lisa Wright,
Gerwyn Capon, *the Dean*.

The long-term sick and housebound, among them:

Mary Wines, Sid Baldwin, Tom Bailey, Dafydd Hughes, Ray Edwards,
Alan Robinson, Fred Mudge, Marjorie Mudge.

Those who have died recently: David Lambert, Shirley Prosser, Bipin Pitrola

Those whose anniversary of death falls this week:

10th January Muriel Elizabeth Watkins

11th January Robert Godfrey Waldron, Kenneth Morgan Harris (*Priest*), Peter Merrett Williams
Marilyn Eileen Griffiths

12th January Phillip Henry Evans

13th January Joyce Enoch, Percy Gwilym Allen, Chloe Jones, Jeanette Shepherd, Dorothy Biddle

14th January Dick Merrett, Aline Barbara Steele, Fred Wood, Alan Watts, Mike Meek, Barbara Mary Rogers,
Keith Evans Young

15th January Feronia David, John Appleton, Margery Nielsen, Thomas Hallford, Hilary Patricia Morgan

16th January Georgena Whiteway

The Cycle of Prayer for this week in the Anglican Communion and in this Diocese:

Sunday: The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia
The Parish of Gabalfa: The Rev'd Marcus Nelson

Monday: The Diocese of Afikpo Nigeria)
The Conventional District of Urban Crofters: The Reverend Will Souter

- Tuesday:** The Diocese of North Africa
The Conventional District of Teilo: The Rev'd Ryan Forey
- Wednesday:** The Diocese of the Horn of Africa
The Diocesan Department for Parish Resources: Mark Brampton, *Resources Advisor*
- Thursday:** The Diocese of Agra (North India)
The Parish of Cardiff, St German with St Saviour: The Rev'd Phelim O'Hare
- Friday:** The Diocese of Aguata (Nigeria)
The Parish of Cardiff, St Mary: The Rev'd Dean Atkins
- Saturday:** The Diocese of Ahoada (Nigeria)
The Benefice of Grangetown St Paul with Cardiff St Dyfrig & St Samson:
we pray for the appointment of a Parish Priest

Cathedral News

Tier 4 restrictions: the tighter restrictions still allow Churches to remain open for communal worship and private prayer but of course we need to be extra vigilant over the next few weeks and be particularly careful with our safety procedures.

Worship: The Cathedral Chapter is committed to maintaining Sunday worship in the Cathedral while we have the resources and while it is legal to do so. We will continue to offer 2 services on Sunday mornings at 9.00 am ('all-age' Eucharist) and 11.15 am. We will not be offering Choral Evensong or additional weekday services for the time being. The Cathedral Choir will effectively be 'stood down' and will not formally gather for rehearsals or to sing publicly. If some of our choristers wish to attend and to sing then we will include some choral music in the 11.15 am service, but attendance for choristers will be entirely optional.

Attendance and volunteering: We know that many people will prefer not to attend public worship while the current situation prevails. This is understandable and we are all very keen to emphasise that this is perfectly acceptable. Whilst we have good protocols in the Cathedral to ensure everyone's safety, it is equally important that people are confident and feel secure themselves. While many of our volunteers feel unable to help us for the time being, others are perfectly happy to come along and to continue to help as best they can. Our message to all our volunteers – Stewards, welcomers, shop attendants and others – is that we do not want anyone to feel that they 'must' be present to carry out their duties. No-one must feel obliged to carry out their roles and no-one will be letting the Cathedral down in any way if they are unable to help as usual. As a Chapter and as clergy, we would urge you to do what you feel is right for you and your household.

Tuning in 'online': Our audio-visual equipment now proves to be a blessing. The 11.15 am service will be live-streamed so it can be viewed as it happens or at any time afterwards, either through the Cathedral web-site or through the Llandaff Cathedral 'channel' on YouTube.

Foodbank news – the foodbank crate was emptied over the holiday period and contained 73 kilograms of foodstuffs. We are told this was enough to feed 6 families for 3 days. Thank you for your support, it is greatly appreciated. The crate is currently positioned near the South East door.

Orders of Service – you can access the Orders of Service very easily by scanning the QR codes on display at the entrance to the Cathedral. Please ask if you have any difficulty with this. The other easy way of accessing the Service sheets is from our electronic newsletter – do sign up if you have not already done so [here](#).



We are now displaying the QR code that links with the **NHS Tracing App**. If you have the app on your mobile device you can scan the code through the app. This means that if people visit the building and later test positive for coronavirus, other app users who were there at the same time may be sent an alert, if local public health teams think this is necessary.

Sunday School is being provided online for those registered this year, and participation is noted and recorded. Families are of course, still encouraged to attend the 9.00 am All-Age Service. For those who come to the service, there is now an option to tick on the ‘track and trace’ form so that children’s attendance can be registered in this way.

Llandaff Cathedral online

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Sunday Worship guidelines – a reminder....

Here are some of the key things to note:

- There are currently two services: 9.00 am and 11.15 am
- Both services are celebrations of the Holy Eucharist with the 9.00 am service catering particularly for children and families.
- Social distancing guidelines must be maintained at all times – especially before and after the services. Given that the usable rows are 2 metres apart, they can act as a useful guide when standing in the Nave.
- Hand sanitiser must be used on entry.
- Face-coverings: Welsh Government regulations now make the wearing of face coverings compulsory in public buildings. This includes the Cathedral.
- Everyone attending will be invited to complete a ‘track and trace’ card - please bring a pen!
- Communion will be administered standing and in one kind only.
- There will be no congregational singing.
- Ritual and ceremony will be kept to a minimum.

- No service sheets will be used – the order of service will be available online to print in advance and bring with you or to follow on a phone or other mobile device. They are also available through QR codes displayed at each service.
- The ‘2-metre distance’ rule means that the capacity of the Cathedral will be between 80 and 90 individuals although family groups sitting together will legitimately increase the number.
- 5 cathedral chairs must be left clear *between* households.

Please note that there will be a legal maximum capacity number and it may be necessary to impose restrictions on entry to ensure that number is not exceeded.

The Welsh Government, the Church in Wales and the Diocese have all produced and issued protocols and detailed instructions to clergy and parishes. We are following them all.

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As always, the Church encourages regular giving and the most effective and efficient way to give regularly to the Cathedral, remains the Church in Wales *Gift Direct* scheme. This continues to be a vital part of our stewardship and we would encourage everyone to consider regularly giving to the Cathedral through this scheme. You can find more details about *Gift Direct* [here](#).

We also have contactless giving machines available in the Cathedral for giving through contactless cards.

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