



WORTH ABBEY

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (C)

12/01/2025

Principal Celebrant: Dom James

Entrance Hymn:

1. God, at creation's dawn,
over a world unborn,
your Spirit soared.

By word and water deign
that this same Spirit reign
in those now born again,
through Christ our Lord.

2. We, who in Adam fell,
are, as the Scriptures tell,
saved and restored.

For, when these rites are done,

dying we are made one,
rising we overcome,
with Christ our Lord.

3. Hear us, your Church, rejoice,
singing with grateful voice,
Father adored;

telling our faith anew,
greeting with welcome true
children new born to you,
in Christ our Lord.

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Introit Chant: *sung as the Altar is incensed.*

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T HIS is my be-lov-ed Son, * with whom I am
well pleased.

Introductory Rites:

Rite of Blessing and Sprinkling of Water

The celebrant introduces the Rite - and then moves to the Baptismal Font where he Blesses the water.

Sprinkling:

During the Sprinkling with Water we sing the following:

Springs of wa-ter, bless the Lord! Give him glo-ry and praise for ev - er!

At the chair the Celebrant says:

May almighty God cleanse us of our sins,
and through the celebration of this Eucharist
make us worthy to share at the table of his Kingdom. Amen

Gloria:

Mass VIII

Celebrant:

Cantor:

V

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Ló-ri-a in excélsis De-o. Et in terra pax ho-

mí-ni-bus bonae vo-luntá-tis. Laudá-mus te. Be-ne-dí-

ci-mus te. Ado-rá-mus te. Glo-ri-fi-cá-mus te. Grá-

ti-as á-gimus ti-bi propter magnam gló-ri-am tu-am.

Dó-mi-ne De-us, Rex caelé-stis, De-us Pa-ter omní-pot-ens.

Dó-mi-ne Fi-li u-ni-gé-ni-te Ie-su Chri-ste. Dó-mi-ne

De-us, Agnus De-i, Fí-li-us Pa-tris. Qui tol-lis peccá-

ta mun-di, mi-se-ré-re no-bis. Qui tol-lis peccá-ta mun-

di, súsci-pe depre-ca-ti-ó-nem no-stram. Qui se-des ad
 déxte-ram Pa-tris, mi-se-ré-re no-bis. Quó-ni-am tu so-lus
 sanctus. Tu so-lus Dó-mi-nus. Tu so-lus Al-tí-s-si-mus,
 Ie-su Chri-ste. Cum Sancto Spí-ri-tu, in gló-ri-a De-i
 Pa-tris. A-men.

Collect.

First Reading: Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7

Behold my servant in whom my soul delights.

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 29(28); 1-2 3ac-4, 3b,9b-10 Rv. 11b

The LORD will bless his people with peace.—

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Ascribe to the LORD, you heavenly powers, / Ascribe to the LORD, glory and strength.

Ascribe to the LORD, the glory of his name; / bow down before the LORD,, majestic in holiness.

The voice of theLORD, upon the waters, / theLORD,on the immensity of waters;
 the voice of theLORD,full of power; / the voice of theLORD, full of splendour.

The God of glory thunders, / in his temple they all cry, 'Glory!'

The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; / the LORD, sits as king for ever.

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38

God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit.

Gospel Acclamation: *(Repeat after Cantor and after each verse)*



The heavens were opened and the voice of the Father thundered;
'This is my beloved Son; listen to him' (Mk 9:7)

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Gospel: Matthew 2: 1-12

We have come from the east to worship the king.

A PASTORAL LETTER FROM BISHOP RICHARD

Profession of Faith:

Nicene 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 (all bow)
*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 and 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.

Universal Prayer:

Procession of the Gifts:

Abbey Choir: *O Nata Lux de Lumine - Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)*

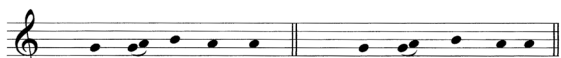
*O Light born of Light, Jesus, redeemer of the world, with loving-kindness deign to receive
suppliant praise and prayer.*

*Thou who once deigned to be clothed in flesh for the sake of the lost, grant us to be members
of thy blessed body*

C: Pray brethren (brothers and sisters), ... 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.**

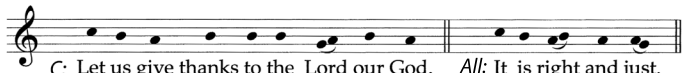
Eucharistic Acclamations & the Breaking of Bread:



C: The Lord be with you. All: And with your spirit.



C: Lift up your hearts. All: We lift them up to the Lord.



C: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. All: It is right and just.

Holy, holy:

Choir only

Missa de Angelis

All



San - - ctus, San - ctus, San - - ctus



Do - mi - nus De - us Sa - - - - ba - oth.



Ple - ni sunt coe - li et ter - ra glo - ri - a tu - a.



Ho - san - na in ex - cel - - - sis.

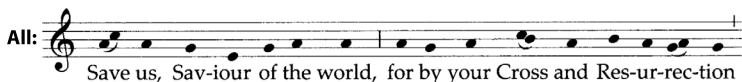


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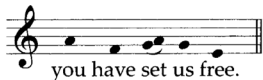


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Memorial Acclamation:

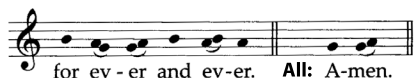


Save us, Sav-iour of the world, for by your Cross and Res-ur-rect-ion



you have set us free.

Concluding Doxology and Great Amen:



for ev - er and ev - er. **All:** A - men.

The Lord's Prayer: *music on separate sheet*

All: Our Father ...

C: Deliver us. Lord ... Jesus Christ.

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

Rite of Peace:

Agnus Dei:

Missa de Angelis

Choir only

All



A - gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec-ca - ta mun - di: mi-se - re-re _____ no - bis.



A-gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec-ca - ta mun - di: mi-se - re-re _____ no - bis.



A - gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec-ca - ta mun - di: do-na no-bis _____ pa - cem.

Communion:

C: Behold the Lamb of God, ...

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

*Those who do not receive Communion for any reason
are invited to come forward and ask for a Blessing.*

Communion Chant: sung by the choir

*'Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the
Son of God.'*
Jn 1:32,34

Abbey Choir: O Lord give thy Holy Spirit - Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

Post-Communion Prayer

Blessing:

Dismissal:

1. Bethlehem! of noblest cities
none can once with thee compare;
thou alone the Lord from heaven
didst for us incarnate bear.
2. Fairer than the sun at morning
was the star that told his birth,
to the lands their God announcing,
hid beneath a form of earth.

3. By its shining beauty guided,
see the eastern kings appear;
see them bend, their gifts to offer –
gifts of incense, gold and myrrh.
4. Solemn things of mystic meaning!
Incense doth the God disclose;
gold a royal child proclaimeth;
Myrrh a future tomb foreshows.
5. Holy Jesu, in thy brightness
to the gentile world display' d,
with the Father and the Spirit,
endless praise to thee be paid.

Aurelius Prudentius (348–413), tr. E. Caswall (1814–1878), alt. Adapted from a melody by C F Witt (1660-1716)

Postlude: *Fugato from Variations sur un Noël - Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)*
Organist: Robert Sholl

All are invited for coffee or tea in the Narthex after Mass

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God, at creation's dawn
This my beloved Son
The Lord will bless his people
Alleluia 14

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Bethlehem of nobliest cities

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