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Today's Hymns

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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.

Psalm Response:

The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Gospel Acclamation:

St John's:

Alleluia ...

Speak Lord your servant is listening, you have the words, you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia ...

St Luke's: **Come Holy Spirit fill the hearts of your faithful, enkindle in them the fire of your love.**

If you know of a church member, or anyone, who is unwell or would appreciate contact from our priests, please inform the clergy at the earliest opportunity.



Our worship today is still focused on beginnings and the beginning of Jesus public ministry at his baptism. We hear the voice of God the Father affirming his Son. Bridget Nichols writes: "Fathers were omnipotent figures in Roman households, and it was their right to acknowledge paternity by picking up a newborn child (this custom was known across the ancient world). Jessica Weiss sums up the situation: "Roman fatherhood was volitional, legal and social, rather than biological" That God claims Jesus in this dramatic way is more significant than a family tree extending all the way back to Adam, who was 'son of God' by virtue of being the first created human being - Jesus is the new creation". (Church Times, 8.1.2015). God, Our heavenly Father, has also claimed us in this way by virtue of our baptism. Discipleship and vocation begin from this moment.

Epiphany I - The Baptism of Christ

St Catherine's - 8:00 Holy Eucharist; 10:30 Choral Eucharist with Baptism;

St John's - 8:00 Holy Eucharist; 9:15 Sung Eucharist; **4:00 pm Messy Church**

St Luke's - 10:30 Sung Mass;

For Weekday Services and Regular Events see the Website or Church Notice boards for times and days.

Today's Readings

Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29: Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17,21-22

Psalm 29

- 1 Ascribe unto the Lord O ye / hosts of / heaven: ascribe unto the / Lord / glory • and / strength.
- 2 Ascribe unto the Lord the honour due / unto • his / name: worship the / Lord in / raiment • of / holiness.
- 3 The voice of the Lord is up-/on the / waters: it is the glorious God that maketh the thunder, * even the Lord up-/on the / great / waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is mighty in / oper-/ation: the voice of the / Lord • is a / glorious / voice.
- 5 The voice of the Lord / breaketh • the / cedar-trees: yea the Lord / breaketh • the / cedars • of / Lebanon.
- 6 He maketh them also to / skip • like a / calf: Lebanon also and / Siri • on / like young / oxen.
- 7 The voice of the Lord di-/videth • the / lightning: "the voice of the Lord shaketh the wilderness, * yea the Lord / shaketh • the / wilderness • of / Kadesh."
- 8 "The voice of the Lord maketh the hinds to be in travail, * and the goats to bring forth be-/ fore their / time:" in his / temple • do / all cry / ' Glory.'
- 9 The Lord sitteth a-/bove the / water-flood: the Lord / sitteth • as / King for / ever.
- 10 The Lord shall give strength / unto • his / people: the Lord shall give his / people • the / blessing • of / peace.

Next week's readings: Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 35:5-10; 1 Cor 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

Benefice Notes:

Forthcoming Meetings: PCC - Sun 17 Jan at 7:00 pm in St John's;

Messy Church - Today in St John's at 4:00 pm. The theme looks at Jesus as a boy

when he was found in the temple.

Youth Club - Launches this week: At last our youth club is launching: Monday 11 Jan between 7-9 in Calvary Baptist for the drop in and Friday 15 Jan between 7-9 in St Catherine's hall for pool, table tennis, games etc plus a workshop on DJing and mixing music by Dave Jones. See facebook.com/cantonyouth for details or ask Fr Phelim.

2020 Vision - In December 2014 we had a series of meetings reviewing mission, buildings, pastoral care and other aspects of our Church life. Many things came from this (see the summary page on our website). We hope to revisit this and look at our progress and perhaps targets for this coming year in a meeting on Sat 16 January 2016 in St John's at 11:00 am.

Bimonthly Events Publicity - We are hoping to publish every two months a new booklet with the forthcoming events, special services, meetings, fundraisers or any other gathering. This is to take some of the pressure of the newsletter, which has very limited space. If you have something to be included in this for Jan and Feb 2016 please contact Fr Phelim.

Christian Unity - There will be a special joint service for the week of prayer for Christian Unity in Conway Road Methodist Church on Sunday 24 January at 6pm. All are welcome to help us celebrate what unites as Christians.

Cardiff West Ministry Area - As a consequence of the recent Church in Wales review parishes throughout Wales are transitioning to Ministry Areas. The nature of each new ministry area depends largely on the ministry needs of the area. There will be a series of conversations starting this month about how the current C in W parishes of Cardiff West might collaborate and grow as a new ministry area in the New Year.

Volunteering in 2016 - We still need help with the following: Messy Church craft activity leaders, readers, servers, choir members. If you could help support the work we do please contact the clergy or churchwardens.

Night shelter - If you would like to get involved in helping homeless people this winter please contact Fr Phelim.

Living Faith Study Group - Tuesdays at 7:30 pm in St John's. For info: Andrew Sims maxsims@hotmail.com 09 2034 4641

Newsletter Email - If you'd like an email copy of the newsletter and readings please ask Sheila on mgsmkelly1@gmail.com

St Catherine's Notes:

Bookings - To book the Hall contact the clergy or email hall.stcatherines@gmail.com.

Logs - contact Clive 07931522683, Gareth 07527268461 or Diana 07909961256. From £5 per boot (depends on volume).

Midweek Services: Holy Eucharist at 11:00 am on Wednesday.

St John's Notes:

Church Booking - To book the church please contact the clergy. For concerts contact Gill Winton.

Midweek Services: Holy Eucharist at 10:30 am on Thursday.

St Luke's Notes:

Benefice Lunch - Sunday 24 January 12 noon - Benefice Lunch at St Luke's. £8.50

Hall Bookings - To book the Hall please contact Jackie or Haydn Page on 029 2091 3808 haydnpage@hotmail.co.uk

Midweek Services: Masses at 10:00 am on Tuesday and Wednesday; Friday at 6:30 pm; and 10:30 am on Saturday.

Recently Departed: Graham Rimeur, Ernest Parry, Isobel Gardner

This Week in the Benefice: (Diocesan Prayer / Anglican Prayer Cycle / Events and Services)

Sun 10 RB Eglwysilian & Caerphilly, Mark Greenaway-Robbins (TR), Gareth Combes (TV), Susan Pratten (C); Australia;

Mon 11 Gelligaer, Gary Powell (PinC); Adelaide;

Tues 12 Pontlottyn & Fochriw and Rhymney, Robert Lindsay (PinC); Afikpo, Nigeria;

Wed 13 All Officers of the Diocese of Llandaff; Agra, N. Africa; **St Hilary;**

Thur 14 Ystrad Mynach & Llanbradach, Steven Kirk (V), Keith Hemmings (C); Ahoada, Nigeria; **St Kentigern**

Fri 15 Cynon Valley Deanery, Michael Jones (AD); Aipo Rongo, Papua New Guinea;

Sat 16 Aberaman and Cwmaman, Matthew Gibbon (PinC designate); Ajayi Crowther, Nigeria;

Sun 17 Abercynon, Dr Sarah Rogers (PinC); Church of Bangladesh; **St Anthony; Epiphany 2**

10 January 2016 – The Baptism of Christ

Collect of the Day

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.

First Reading

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

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 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.'

Isaiah 43.1-7

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29

R The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

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

Ascribe to the Lord the honour 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**
R The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Second Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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.

Acts 8.14-17

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Hear the holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In the wilderness John proclaimed a baptism of repentance. 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.'

Luke 3.15-17,21-22

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

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.