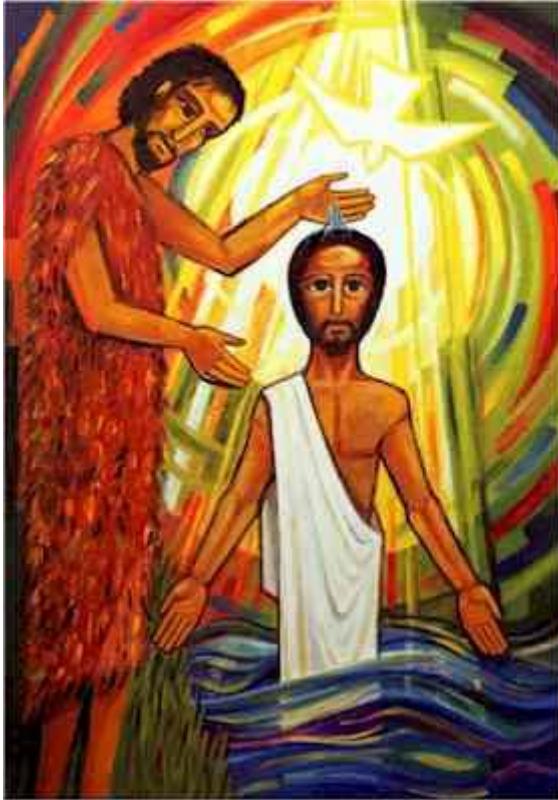


*Chelmsford Cathedral*



***Choral Evensong  
on the Feast of the Baptism of Christ***

*Sunday 13 January 2019  
at 3.30 pm*

*A very warm welcome to Chelmsford Cathedral, especially if you are a visitor or here for the first time. Everything you need for this celebration is in this booklet, including the hymns and details of all the music. Today is the Feast of the Baptism of Christ. If you are a visitor, or have any questions about the life of the church in this place, please ask the welcome stewards on duty at the doors.*

*The Preacher this evening is the Most Revd and Rt Hon Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury. Notices and Study notes are in the Sunday newssheet and also available on the cathedral website.*

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*The Precentor and the choir sing the opening responses.*

*Choir*      O Lord, open thou our lips,  
*and our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.*

*Choir*      O God, make speed to save us.

*Choir*      O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
*as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,*  
*world without end. Amen.*

Praise ye the Lord.  
*The Lord's name be praised.*

*Music: Ayleward*

*The Dean welcomes the congregation.*

*Please remain standing for the hymn.*

### **Hymn (NEH 137)**

DOWN AMPNEY

R. Vaughan Williams 1872-1958

The musical score is written on four staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature. The melody consists of quarter and half notes. The second staff continues the melody with a half note and a quarter note. The third staff has a repeat sign and continues the melody. The fourth staff concludes the piece with a final cadence.

**Come down, O Love divine,  
seek thou this soul of mine,  
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near,  
within my heart appear,  
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.**

**O let it freely burn,  
till earthly passions turn  
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
and let thy glorious light  
shine ever on my sight,  
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.**

**Let holy charity  
mine outward vesture be,  
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;  
true lowliness of heart,  
which takes the humbler part,  
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.**

**And so the yearning strong,  
with which the soul will long,  
shall far outpass the power of human telling;  
for none can guess its grace,  
till he become the place  
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.**

*Words: Italian, Bianco da Siena (d.1434),*

*tr. R F Littledale (1833-1890)*

*Tune: Down Ampney*

## **Psalmody**

*Please sit as the choir sings the Psalmody appointed for today.*

*Psalm 46*

*Deus noster refugium*

GOD is our hope and strength : a very present help in trouble.  
Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved :  
and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea;  
Though the waters thereof rage and swell :  
and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.  
The rivers of the flood thereof shall make glad the city of God :  
the holy place of the tabernacle of the most Highest.  
God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be removed :  
God shall help her, and that right early.  
The heathen make much ado, and the kingdoms are moved :

but God hath shewed his voice, and the earth shall melt away.  
The Lord of hosts is with us : the God of Jacob is our refuge.  
O come hither, and behold the works of the Lord :  
what destruction he hath brought upon the earth.  
He maketh wars to cease in all the world :  
he breaketh the bow, and knappeth the spear in sunder,  
and burneth the chariots in the fire.  
Be still then, and know that I am God :  
I will be exalted among the heathen, and I will be exalted in the earth.  
The Lord of hosts is with us : the God of Jacob is our refuge.

*Psalm 47*  
*Omnes gentes, plaudite*

O CLAP your hands together, all ye people :  
O Sing unto God with the voice of melody.  
For the Lord is high, and to be feared :  
he is the great King upon all the earth.  
He shall subdue the people under us :  
and the nations under our feet.  
He shall choose out an heritage for us :  
even the worship of Jacob, whom he loved.  
God is gone up with a merry noise :  
and the Lord with the sound of the trump.  
O sing praises, sing praises unto our God :  
O sing praises, sing praises unto our King.  
For God is the King of all the earth :  
sing ye praises with understanding.  
God reigneth over the heathen :  
God sitteth upon his holy seat.  
The princes of the people are joined unto the people of the God of  
Abraham :  
for God, which is very high exalted, doth defend the earth,  
as it were with a shield.

*Please stand*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

*Please sit*

## The First Reading

*Isaiah 55.1-11*

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

## Magnificat

*Please stand as the choir sings*

My soul doth magnify the Lord :  
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.  
For he hath regarded : the lowliness of his handmaiden.  
For behold, from henceforth : all generations shall call me blessed.  
For he that is mighty hath magnified me : and holy is his Name.  
And his mercy is on them that fear him : throughout all generations.  
He hath shewed strength with his arm :

he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.  
He hath put down the mighty from their seat :  
and hath exalted the humble and meek.  
He hath filled the hungry with good things :  
and the rich he hath sent empty away.  
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel :  
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.  
*Luke 1.46-55*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen.

*Music: Aston in F*

*Please sit*

## **The Second Reading**

*Romans 6.1-11*

What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

## Nunc dimittis

*Please stand as the choir sings*

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace :  
according to thy word.  
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation :  
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;  
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles :  
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

*Luke 2.29-32*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen.

*Music: Aston in F*

## The Apostles' Creed

*All* **I believe in God the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth:  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy catholic Church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen**

## Prayers

*The Precentor and the choir sing*

*Choir* The Lord be with you,  
and with thy spirit.  
Let us pray.

*Please sit or kneel*

*Choir* Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Choir* Our Father,  
who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come; thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil. Amen.

*Choir* O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.  
And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the Queen.  
*Choir* And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

*Choir* And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people.  
*Choir* And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord.

*Choir* Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

O God, make clean our hearts within us.

*Choir* And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

## The Collects

*The Precentor sings*

Eternal Father,  
who at the baptism of Jesus  
didst reveal him to be thy Son,  
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:  
grant that we, being born again by water and the Spirit,  
may be faithful to our calling as thine adopted children;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Choir* Amen.

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels,  
and all just works do proceed;  
give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give;  
that both, our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments,  
and also that, by thee, we being defended from the fear of our enemies  
may pass our time in rest and quietness;  
through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

*Choir* Amen.

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord;  
and by thy great mercy defend us  
from all perils and dangers of this night;  
for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

*Choir* Amen.

*Music: Ayleward*

## The Anthem

*Please sit. The choir sings the anthem.*

The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor: he hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord; to give unto them that mourn a garland for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified. For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations, as the earth bringeth forth her bud. The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel.

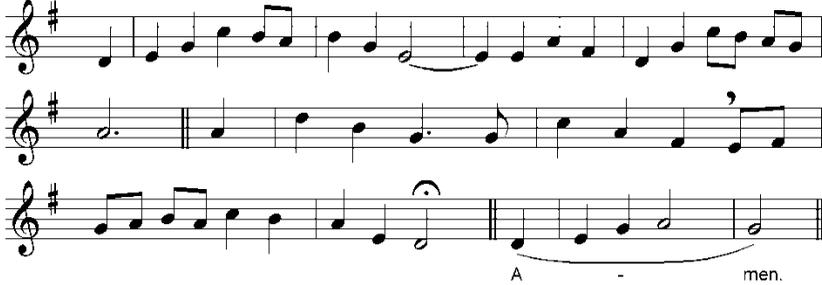
*Words: from Isaiah 61.1-3, 11*

*Music: Edward Elgar (1857-1934)*

## Hymn (NEH 218 ii)

GONFALON ROYAL

Percy Buck 1871-1947



**The Magi came from foreign lands;  
Their gifts they offer, rich and rare,  
And I have naught but empty hands,  
A heart that's cold, a spirit bare.**

**It was not Christ who most received  
When kings their homage to him paid;  
They left with joy, their souls relieved,  
For with their gifts their woes they'd laid.**

**And when this child, to manhood grown,  
Received from John the cleansing rite,  
The cleansing was not his alone,  
For his obedience gave us sight.**

**Insight, to see what God has done  
In changing water into wine,  
In healing bodies racked with pain,  
In warming hearts; yes, even mine. Amen.**

*Words: Jeremy Davies*

### **The Sermon**

*The Most Revd and Rt Hon Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury.*

## The Prayers of Intercession

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ,  
let us pray to the Father.

*Please sit or kneel.*

God of our salvation,  
hope of all the ends of the earth, we pray:

*All* **Thy kingdom come.**

That the world may know Jesus Christ  
as the Prince of Peace, we pray:

*All* **Thy kingdom come.**

That all who are estranged and without hope  
may be brought near in the blood of Christ, we pray:

*All* **Thy kingdom come.**

That the Church may be one in serving  
and proclaiming the gospel, we pray:

*All* **Thy kingdom come.**

That we may be bold to speak the word of God  
while you stretch out your hand to save, we pray:

*All* **Thy kingdom come.**

That the Church may be generous in giving,  
faithful in serving, bold in proclaiming, we pray:

*All* **Thy kingdom come.**

That the Church may welcome and support  
all whom God calls to faith, we pray:

*All* **Thy kingdom come.**

That all who serve the gospel may be kept in safety  
while your word accomplishes its purpose, we pray:

*All* **Thy kingdom come.**

That all who suffer for the gospel  
may know the comfort and glory of Christ, we pray:

*All* **Thy kingdom come.**

That the day may come when every knee shall bow  
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, we pray:

*All* **Thy kingdom come.**

Almighty God,  
by your Holy Spirit you have made us one  
with your saints in heaven and on earth:  
grant that in our earthly pilgrimage  
we may ever be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer,  
and know ourselves surrounded by their witness  
to your power and mercy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

*All* **The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ  
and the love of God  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with us all evermore.  
Amen.**

*Please stand to sing the closing hymn*

SAGINA

Thomas Campbell 1824-1876

**And can it be that I should gain  
 an interest in the Saviour's blood?  
 Died he for me, who caused his pain?  
 For me, who him to death pursued?  
 Amazing love! How can it be  
 that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?**

**'Tis mystery all: the Immortal dies!  
 Who can explore his strange design?  
 In vain the first-born seraph tries  
 to sound the depths of love divine.  
 'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,  
 let angel minds enquire no more.**

**He left his Father's throne above  
so free, so infinite his grace –  
emptied himself of all but love,  
and bled for Adam's helpless race.  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;  
for, O my God, it found out me!**

**Long my imprisoned spirit lay  
fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
thine eye diffused a quickening ray;  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
my chains fell off, my heart was free,  
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.**

**No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in him, is mine!  
Alive in him, my living Head,  
and clothed in righteousness divine,  
bold I approach the eternal throne,  
and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.**

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

## **The Blessing**

*The Archbishop of Canterbury blesses the congregation.*

The peace of God which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge  
and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ,  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

*All*     **Amen.**

## Conclusion

*The closing responses are sung*

Choir     The Lord be with you,  
            *and with thy spirit.*

            Let us bless the Lord.

Choir     *Thanks be to God.*

*Music: Rose*

*Please stand while the clergy and choir process out.*

## Organ Voluntary

Carillon-Sortie *Henri Mulet*

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*A retiring collection will be taken.*

*After the expenses of the service are met, the remainder will be given to the Mayor's charities (Kids Inspire and the Dementia project at Broomfield hospital).*

*Please take this order of service with you and use it in your daily prayer through the week.*



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