



The Parish of St Alphage, Burnt Oak

A Parish of the Society of St Wilfred and St Hilda within the Diocese of London and under the episcopal care of the Bishop of Fulham

SUNDAY 11TH JANUARY 2026



SOLEMN MASS ON THE THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 11th	08:00 Low Mass
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	11:00 SOLEMN MASS
<i>Both Masses with the renewal of baptism vows</i>	

This week no Masses during the Week.

Saturday 17th	12:00 Sung Mass of Requiem
<i>St Anthony</i>	<i>(Hugh Moore, Priest)</i>

Sunday 18th	08:00 Low Mass
ORDINARY TIME 2A	11:00 SOLEMN MASS

Please keep silence in Church from 10:55.

SOME SPIRITUAL READING BEFORE MASS

From a Sermon by Saint Gregory Nazianzen (4th Century)

Christ is bathed in light; let us also be bathed in light. Christ is baptized; let us also go down with him, and rise with him.

John is baptizing when Jesus draws near. Perhaps he comes to sanctify his baptizer; certainly he comes to bury sinful humanity in the waters. He comes to sanctify the Jordan for our sake and in readiness for us; he who is spirit and flesh comes to begin a new creation through the Spirit and water.

The Baptist protests; Jesus insists. Then John says: I ought to be baptized by you. He is the lamp in the presence of the sun, the voice in the presence of the Word, the friend in the presence of the Bridegroom, the greatest of all born of woman in the presence of the firstborn of all creation, the one who leapt in his mother's womb in the presence of him who was adored in the womb, the forerunner and future forerunner in the presence of him who has already come and is to come again. I ought to be baptized by you: we should also add, "and for you," for John is to be baptized in blood, washed clean like Peter, not only by the washing of his feet.

Jesus rises from the waters; the world rises with him. The heavens, like Paradise with its flaming sword, closed by Adam for himself and his descendants, are rent open. The Spirit comes to him as to an equal, bearing witness to his Godhead. A voice bears witness to him from heaven, his place of origin. The Spirit descends in bodily form like the dove that so long ago announced the ending of the flood and so gives honour to the body that is one with God.

Today let us do honour to Christ's baptism and celebrate this feast in holiness. Be cleansed entirely and continue to be cleansed. Nothing gives such pleasure to God as the conversion and salvation of men, for whom his every word and every revelation exist. He wants you to become a living force for all mankind, lights shining in the world. You are to be radiant lights as you stand beside Christ, the great light, bathed in the glory of him who is the light of heaven. You are to enjoy more and more the pure and dazzling light of the Trinity, as now you have received – though not in its fullness – a ray of its splendour, proceeding from the one God, in Christ Jesus our Lord, to whom be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE HYMN *All stand when the bell rings.*

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.

GREETING

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

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

4 Kings shall fall 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.

5 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;
That name to us is Love.

PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do; through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary, ever-Virgin, all the angels and saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.

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.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.

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.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.

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.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.

COLLECT

Let us pray. Almighty ever-living God, who, when Christ had been baptized in the River Jordan and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him, solemnly declared him your beloved Son, grant that your children by adoption, reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, may always be well pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING (42:1-4, 6-7) – *please sit.*

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD:

Behold 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.
He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
a bruised reed he will not break,
and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
He will not grow faint or be discouraged
till he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his law.
'I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness;
I will take you by the hand and keep you;
I will give you as a covenant for the people,
a light for the nations,
to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.'

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

SECOND READING (10:34-38)

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

In those days: Peter opened his mouth and said: 'Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all — you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.'

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING (3:13-17). *Please stand.*

Alleluia...The heavens opened and the Father's voice resounded: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'. Alleluia...

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time: Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptised by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptised by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus was baptised, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.'

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

SERMON: Fr Luke Demetri SSC | *Vicar*

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS *Stand.*

Dear brothers and sisters, in baptism we were buried with Christ that we might walk with him in newness of life and so let us renew now the promises made at our baptism by which we once renounced Satan and his works and declared our faith in the Triune God.

And so I ask you:

Do you renounce Satan? **I do.**

And all his works? **I do.**

And all his empty promises? **I do.**

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?

I do.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father? **I do.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting? **I do.**

May almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and bestowed on us forgiveness of our sins, keep us by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord, for eternal life.

Amen.

Reminder: when the Holy Water reaches us it is customary to make the sign of the Cross as a reminder that through the baptismal waters we share in Christ's death and resurrection.

**1. O Jesus, I have promised
To serve Thee to the end;
Be Thou forever near me,
My Master and my Friend!
I shall not fear the battle
If Thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway
If Thou wilt be my guide.**

**2. Oh, let me see Thy foot-marks,
And in them plant my own!
My hope to follow duly
Is in thy strength alone,
Oh, guide me, call me, draw me,
Uphold me to the end!
At last in heaven receive me,
My saviour and my friend!**

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL *please remain standing*

At the end of each prayer: Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

At the pray for the dead: Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.

And let light perpetual shine upon them.

Invoking the prayers of Mary: **Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.**

*The Priest concludes the prayers and the people respond: **Amen.***

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY HYMN *All remain standing - A collection is taken.*

Alternatively, a QR Code is on the backpage

1 I bind unto myself today
The strong name of the Trinity,
By invocation of the same,
The Three in One, and One in Three.

2 I bind this day to me for ever,
By power of faith, Christ's Incarnation;
His baptism in Jordan river;
His death on Cross for my salvation;
His bursting from the spicèd tomb;
His riding up the heavenly way;
His coming at the day of doom;
I bind unto myself today.

3 I bind unto myself the power
Of the great love of Cherubim;
The sweet 'Well done' in judgement hour;
The service of the Seraphim,
Confessors' faith, Apostles' word,
The Patriarchs' prayers, the Prophets'
scrolls,
All good deeds done unto the Lord,
And purity of virgin souls.

4 I bind unto myself today
The virtues of the star-lit heaven,
The glorious sun's life-giving ray,
The whiteness of the moon at even,
The flashing of the lightning free,
The whirling wind's tempestuous shocks,
The stable earth, the deep salt sea,
Around the old eternal rocks.

5 I bind unto myself today
The power of God to hold and lead,
His eye to watch, his might to stay,
His ear to hearken to my need.
The wisdom of my God to teach,
His hand to guide, his shield to ward;
The word of God to give me speech,
His heavenly host to be my guard.

6 I bind unto myself the name,
The strong name of the Trinity;
By invocation of the same,
The Three in One, and One in Three.
Of whom all nature hath creation;
Eternal Father, Spirit, Word:
Praise to the Lord of my salvation,
Salvation is of Christ the Lord.

INVITATION TO PRAYER *All remain standing.*

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.

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.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS:

Accept, O Lord, the offerings
we have brought to honour the revealing of your beloved Son,
so that the oblation of your faithful
may be transformed into the sacrifice of him
who willed in his compassion
to wash away the sins of the world.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

The Priest continues with the Preface until:

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.

The people kneel, if able, for the consecration. Half way through, we sing:

The mystery of Faith:
O Come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O Come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

*All: The Eucharistic Prayer continues until: ...for ever and ever. **Amen.***

COMMUNION RITE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Stand*)

At the Saviour's command, and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:
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.**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.

THE PEACE

Lord Jesus Christ who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace, I give you: look not on our sins but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

The sign of peace is exchanged.

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION (*Kneel*)

The people look up in adoration at the host.

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.

Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

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

The COMMUNION ANTIPHON is said by the Priest: Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

Holy Communion is now distributed at the Communion rail.

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

1 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Come unto me and rest;
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down
Thy head upon my breast:
I came to Jesus as I was,
Weary, and worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
And he has made me glad.

2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Behold, I freely give
The living water, thirsty one;
Stoop down, and drink, and live:
I came to Jesus, and I drank
Of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
And now I live in him.

3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'I am this dark world's Light;
Look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
And all thy day be bright:
I looked to Jesus, and I found
In him my Star, my Sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk
Till travelling days are done.

A moment of reflective silence is kept.

CONCLUDING RITES

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*please stand*)

Let us pray.

Nourished with these sacred gifts, we humbly entreat your mercy, O Lord, that, faithfully listening to your Only Begotten Son, we may be your children in name and in truth. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Notices are given - see back pages.

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

May almighty God bless you
the Father, and the Son, ☩ and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Go forth, the Mass is ended. **Thanks be to God.**

MARIAN DEVOTION

The Angelus is sung at the statue of Our Lady.

The angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary.

And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Behold the handmaid of the Lord. **Be it unto me according to thy word.**

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

And the Word was made flesh. **And dwelt among us.**

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Pray for us, O holy Mother, of God.

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray... We ask this through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

RECESSATIONAL HYMN

1 Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesu, Lord, to thee we raise,
Manifested by the star
To the sages from afar;
Branch of royal David's stem
In thy birth at Bethlehem;
Anthems be to thee addrest,
God in Man made manifest.

2 Manifest at Jordan's stream,
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;
And at Cana wedding-guest
In thy Godhead manifest;
Manifest in power divine,
Changing water into wine;
Anthems be to Thee addrest,
God in Man made manifest.

3 Manifest in making whole
Palsied limbs and fainting soul;
Manifest in valiant fight,
Quelling all the devil's might;
Manifest in gracious will,
Ever bringing good from ill;
Anthems be to Thee addrest,
God in Man made manifest.

4 Sun and moon shall darkened be,
Stars shall fall, the heavens shall flee;
Christ will then like lightning shine,
All will see his glorious sign;
All will then the trumpet hear,
All will see the Judge appear;
Thou by all wilt be confest,
God in Man made manifest.

5 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord,
Mirrored in thy holy word;
May we imitate thee now,
And be pure, as pure art thou;
That we like to thee may be
At thy great Epiphany,
And may praise thee, ever blest,
God in Man made manifest.

PRAYERS

SICK OR THOSE IN NEED: Jean Tester, Kary Demetri, Grace Acheampong, Alan Sanders, Catherine Sheenan, Dino Horattides, Michelle Barker, John Hemmings, Leslie Dawson, Elizabeth Chambers.

DEPARTED: Recent: Jim Warwick, Malcolm Kemp, John Gaisford (Bishop)

Anniversaries: *Sun:* Leslie Somerville, John White, *Mon:* Helen Allen, *Tues:* Julia Sullivan, Patrick Clay (Priest), Arthur Paul, Louisa Lockett, *Weds:* Ameeta Critchlow, *Thurs:* Albert Convention Edith Davie, Edith Garrison, Frederick Smyth (Priest), Hugh Moore (Priest, 4th Vicar of this Parish), *Sat:* George Spicer, May Quartey.

NOTICES

Please note there are no mid-week Masses this week as Fr Luke is on his Post-Christmas Break (except Saturday). If you need a Priest in the meantime please contact a churchwarden.

Help is needed taking down the Christmas decorations from inside church today after Mass. Please do stay to help if you can.

On Saturday 17th January there will be a sung Requiem Mass for the anniversary of death of Fr Moore. Mass at 12noon.

Any children wishing to go to the half term trip to 'Flip Out' listen out for instructions - there is a £10 deposit to be paid.

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