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Welcome

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Please stand as the clergy enter

In everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4.6-7)

Let us proceed in peace
In the name of Christ, Amen!

Entrance Hymn: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near
Praise Him in glad adoration**

**Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth
Shelters thee under His wings, yes, so gently sustaineth
Hast thou not seen how
Thy desires e'er have been Granted in what He ordaineth**

**Praise to the Lord! Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
If with His love He befriend thee**

**Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath: Come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen sound from His people again;
Gladly forever adore Him**

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

The Greeting

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Words of welcome or introduction may be said.

Prayer of Preparation

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,**

**that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ
to save us from our sins,
to be our advocate in heaven,
and to bring us to eternal life.
Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments
and to live in love and peace with all.

Silence is kept

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

The President declares absolution.

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Kyrie & Gloria

Lord, have mercy
Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy
Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

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.

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.

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.
Amen.

The Collect *we remain standing*

The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray' or a more specific bidding.

Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love you
such good things as pass our understanding:
pour into our hearts such love toward you
that we, loving you in all things and above all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever
Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First Reading: Amos 7:7-15. Read by Humphrey Kalanje *we sit*

A reading from the book of the prophet Amos

This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb-line, with a plumb-line in his hand. And the LORD said to me, 'Amos, what do you see?' And I said, 'A plumb-line.'

Then the Lord said,
'See, I am setting a plumb-line
in the midst of my people Israel;
I will never again pass them by;
the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.'

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, 'Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said,
"Jeroboam shall die by the sword,
and Israel must go into exile
away from his land."

And Amaziah said to Amos, 'O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.'

Then Amos answered Amaziah, 'I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm *we remain seated*

The refrain (+) for the psalm is:

Show us your mercy, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

Show us your mercy, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

8 I will listen to what the Lord God will say,
for he shall speak peace to his people and to the faithful,
that they turn not again to folly.

9 Truly, his salvation is near to those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land. +

10 Mercy and truth are met together,
righteousness and peace have kissed each other;

11 Truth shall spring up from the earth
and righteousness look down from heaven. +

12 The Lord will indeed give all that is good,
and our land will yield its increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before him
and direct his steps in the way. +

Gradual Hymn: Be Thou My Vision *please stand*

**Be Thou my vision O Lord of my heart
Nought be all else to me, save Thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.**

**Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.**

**Be Thou my battle Shield, Sword for the fight;
Be Thou my Dignity, Thou my Delight;
Thou my soul's Shelter, Thou my high Tow'r:
Raise Thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.**

**Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine Inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art.**

**High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whate'er befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.**

Gospel Reading: Mark 6.14-29 *please remain standing*

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Who do people say that I am, said Jesus,
and who do you say that I am? Alleluia! (Mark 8.27, 29)

The Lord be with you
and also with you.
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
Glory to you, O Lord.

King Herod heard of the healings and other miracles, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.' But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.'
For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him.

But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.' She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the Baptist.' Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptizer on a platter.' The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon *please sit*

The Nicene Creed *please stand*

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
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.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father *[and the Son]**,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and
apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**For ecumenical reasons, and according to the Anglican – Oriental Orthodox Agreement, Filioque can be omitted.*

Prayers of Intercession *please sit or stand*

The response to the petition
Lord, in your mercy *is*
hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:
Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Peace *please stand*

We are the body of Christ.
In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace. *Please wave or use a 'Namaste' greeting.*

Preparation of the Table

Offertory Hymn: Come Thou Fount

**Come, Thou Fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy, never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it
Mount of Thy redeeming love**

**Here I raise mine Ebenezer
Hither by Thy help I come
And I hope by Thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home
 Jesus sought me when a stranger
 Wandering from the fold of God
 He to rescue me from danger
 Interposed His precious blood**

**Oh to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter
Bind my wandering heart to Thee
 Prone to wander, Lord I feel it
 Prone to leave the God I love
 Here's my heart, Oh take and seal it
 Seal it for Thy courts above**

If you would like to make a donation to support the continuing mission of the Chaplaincy then please do so after the service as you exit the Church – we have a contactless payment option or offerings can be made in the basket provided. Thank you!

Please sit whilst the table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it. One or more of the prayers at the preparation of the table may be said with the following response:

Blessed be God for ever

This, or another suitable prayer may be read:

Pray, my brothers and sisters,
that our sacrifice may be acceptable
to God the almighty Father.
**May the Lord accept the sacrifice we offer
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

The Eucharistic Prayer *please stand*

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.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

From sunrise to sunset this day is holy,
for Christ has risen from the tomb
and scattered the darkness of death
with light that will not fade.
This day the risen Lord walks with your gathered people,
unfolds for us your word,
and makes himself known in the breaking of the bread.
And though the night will overtake this day
you summon us to live in endless light,
the never-ceasing sabbath of the Lord.
And so, with choirs of angels
and with all the heavenly host,
we proclaim your glory
and join their unending song of praise:

**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.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;

rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

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. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

The Breaking of Bread

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Giving of Communion

The president says the invitation to communion:

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

PLEASE WAIT TO BE INVITED BY THE VERGER TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION.

The president and people receive communion. The Church of England invites to Holy Communion all baptised persons who are communicant members of other Churches which subscribe to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity, and who are in good standing in their own Church. Those who are prevented by conscience or the rules of their own Churches from receiving the Blessed Sacrament are invited to receive a blessing. Gluten-free bread is available upon request.

Post-Communion Hymn The Lord's My Shepherd (Scottish Psalter) *please sit*

**The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me
The quiet waters by.**

**My soul He doth restore again,
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for His own Name's sake.**

**Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill,
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod
And staff me comfort still.**

**A table Thou hast furnished me
In presence of my foes;
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.**

**Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me,
And in God's house forevermore
My dwelling place shall be.**

The Lord leads me beside still waters; he revives my soul; and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake. (Psalm 23.2-3)

Silence is kept.

Post-Communion Prayers

God of our pilgrimage,
you have led us to the living water:
refresh and sustain us
as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Please stand

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood
of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you
our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work
to your praise and glory. Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

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 our Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Some brief announcements may be made by the president

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

The ministers and people depart.

PLEASE WAIT TO BE GUIDED OUT SAFELY BY THE VERGER

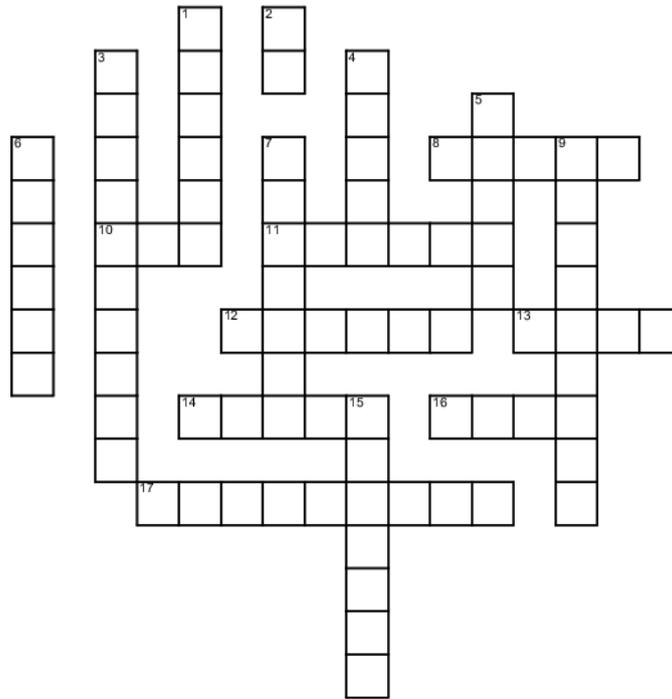
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Bible Activity for Kids:

John the Baptist



Across

8. John says that he baptized with what? John 1:32
10. When Jesus was baptized God spoke. He said that "This is my _____ and I love him. I am very pleased with him": Matt 3:17
11. John told the people they needed to _____ their hearts and lives because the kingdom of heaven is coming soon.
12. Which prophet in the Old Testament spoke about John? Matt 3:3
13. John saw Jesus coming to be baptized and called him the _____ of God. John 1:29
14. Who is the HE that John refers to in John 1:27?
16. What did the Holy Spirit look like when it came from heaven? John 1:33
17. Name of John's father. Luke 1:5

Down

1. John baptized people in what river? John 3:6
2. When Jesus was baptized the scripture says he came _____ out of the water. Matt 3:16
3. John also says that Jesus will baptize with the _____. John 1:32-33
4. Where was the wilderness located where John preached?
5. John's clothes were made of what kind of hair? Matt 3:4
6. The priests asked John if he was this Old Testament prophet. John 1:21
7. John liked to eat this insect. Matthew 3:4
9. Name of John's mother. Luke 1:5
15. John said he was not worthy or good enough to touch the _____ of Jesus' sandals. John 1:27