



Christ Church Lichfield

0930 Parish Eucharist

26th June 2022

The Birth of John the Baptist

Opening Hymn

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,

Sing To God (page 4)

Collect

Almighty God,
by whose providence your servant
John the Baptist was wonderfully born,
and sent to prepare the way of your Son our
Saviour by the preaching of repentance:
lead us to repent according to his preaching
and, after his example,
constantly to speak the truth,
boldly to rebuke vice,
and patiently to suffer for the truth's sake;
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.

Amen.

First Reading – Galatians 3: 23 – end

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned
and guarded under the law until faith would
be revealed. Therefore the law was our
disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we
might be justified by faith. But now that faith
has come, we are no longer subject to a
disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all
children of God through faith. As many of ➡

you as were baptized into Christ have clothed
yourselves with Christ.

There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no
longer slave or free, there is no longer male
and female; for all of you are one in Christ
Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you
are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to
the promise.

Gospel Reading - Luke 1: 57 – 66, 80

The time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and
she bore a son. Her neighbours and relatives
heard that the Lord had shown his great
mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her.
On the eighth day they came to circumcise
the child, and they were going to name him
Zechariah after his father. But his mother
said, 'No; he is to be called John.' They said
to her, 'None of your relatives has this name.'
Then they began motioning to his father to
find out what name he wanted to give him. He
asked for a writing-tablet and wrote, 'His
name is John.' And all of them were amazed.
Immediately his mouth was opened and his
tongue freed, and he began to speak,
praising God. Fear came over all their
neighbours, and all these things were talked
about throughout the entire hill country of
Judea. All who heard them pondered them
and said, 'What then will this child become?'
For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with
him.
The child grew and became strong in spirit,
and he was in the wilderness until the day he
appeared publicly to Israel.

Sermon

Offertory Hymn

I, the Lord of sea and sky,

Eucharistic Prayer B (page 13)

Communion Hymn

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

Post Communion

Merciful Lord,
whose prophet John the Baptist
proclaimed your Son as the Lamb of God who
takes away the sin of the world:
grant that we who in this sacrament have
known your forgiveness and your life-giving
love may ever tell of your mercy and your
peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Final Hymn

Restore, O Lord

