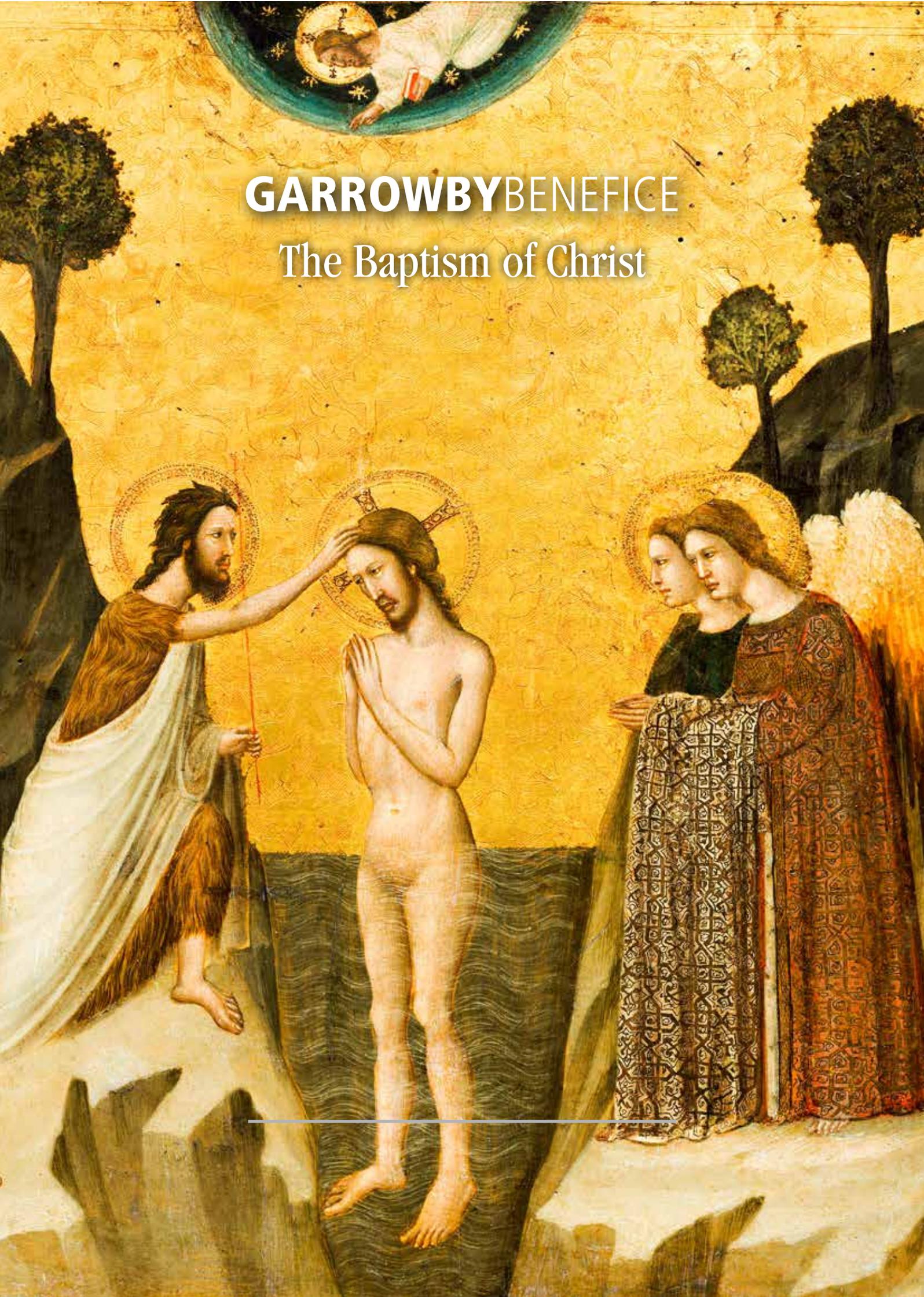


**GARROWBYBENEFICE**

The Baptism of Christ



## *Hymn: Be still for the presence of the Lord*

### **THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST**

#### **Welcome & Introduction**

As if this were the only time, and this the only place, and we the only people

**All Jesus Christ will meet us**

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**All Let us worship God**

#### **Confession and Absolution**

Our Lord Jesus Christ said, the first commandment is this “Hear O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength.

The second commandment is this, Love your neighbour as yourself, there is no other commandment greater than these”

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.

**All Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ we confess that we have sinned in thought word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are and direct what we shall be that we may do justly, love mercy and walk humbly with you our God.**

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 eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

#### **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 our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**All Amen.**

## Ministry of the Word

May God guide each of us in the way of Christ  
Whatever our age or experience  
May the love of God speak to us all

### The Old Testament lesson: Isaiah 43 1-7

But now 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.'

This is the word of the Lord

**All Thanks be to God**

***Hymn: I the Lord of Sea and Sky***

**Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 3 15-17, 21-22**

**All Glory to you O Lord**

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.'

This is the gospel of the Lord

**All Praise to you O Christ**

**Sermon/Meditation**

***Hymn: Will you come and follow me?***

**Intercessions**

**THE PEACE**

Christ is our peace. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold everything has become new (*2 Corinthians 5.17*)

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**All And also with you**

**Concluding Prayers & Blessing**

In gratitude, in deep gratitude for this moment and one another we give ourselves to you. Take us out to live as changed people because meeting with you we cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us. So Lord may we live to your glory both as inhabitants of the earth and citizens of the commonwealth of Heaven.

**All Amen**

May God the Father, who led the wise men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the light from light, lead you also in your pilgrimage to find the Lord. Amen

May God the Son, who turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts.

**All Amen**

May God the Holy Spirit who came upon the beloved Son at his baptism in the river Jordan, pour out His gifts on you who have come to the waters of new birth.

**All Amen**

And the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit rest upon you, your homes and all whom you love, now and forever.

**All Amen**

***Hymn: On Eagles Wings***