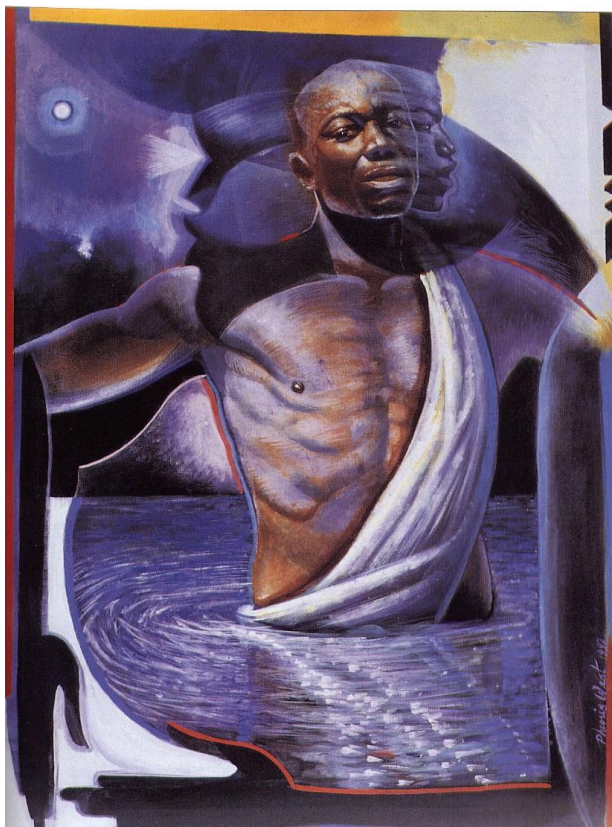


**Wesley House
Start of Term Service
Lent Term 2021**



Pheoris West, The Baptism of Jesus Christ

Led by the Principal, the Revd Dr Jane Leach
Preacher, the Chair of Trustees, the Revd Dr Stuart Jordan
Hymns led from All Saints, Harston

THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Gathering Music

performed by Ijeoma Mbugbaegbu, Research Student

Sonatina in A Minor by Georg Benda

The Reef by Walter Carroll

Holiday in Paris by William Gillock

The presiding minister says:

Grace and peace to you
from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

HYMN: 1 All people that on earth do dwell

Prayers of adoration

We listen to Charles Wesley's hymn, to the tune, Beck, by Nicola Morrison. Performed by Nicola Morrison and Ruth Jeffries

Open, Lord, my inward ear,
and bid my heart rejoice;
bid my quiet spirit hear
thy comfortable voice;
never in the whirlwind found,
or where earthquakes rock the place,
still and silent is the sound,
the whisper of thy grace.

From the world of sin, and noise,
and hurry I withdraw;
for the small and inward voice
I wait with humble awe;
silent am I now and still,
dare not in your presence move;

to my waiting soul reveal
the secret of thy love.

Thou didn't undertake for me,
for me to death was sold;
wisdom in a mystery
of bleeding love unfold;
teach the lesson of your cross:
let me die, with you to reign;
all things let me count but loss,
So I may thee regain.

Show me, as my soul can bear,
the depth of inbred sin;
all the unbelief declare,
the pride that lurks within;
take me, whom thyself hast bought,
bring into captivity
every high aspiring thought
that would not kneel to thee.

Lord, my time is in thy hand,
my soul to thee convert;
thou can make me understand,
though I am slow of heart;
thine in whom I live and move,
thine the work, the praise is thine;
thou art wisdom, power, and love,
and all thou art is mine.

The presiding minister says:

God calls us to serve,
forgives us in Christ,
and renews us by the Spirit.
Amen. Thanks be to God.

O Holy Spirit
in every time and place you are brooding over chaos
working together with those you love you
towards the salvation of the whole inhabited earth.
Gather us now, in this time together,
From all the various places in which we live and work,
Out of all that drives confusion and fear,
That we may join the dance of the new creation
That makes all things new.
In the name of the Christ who was baptized into our life
And into our death that we might live with him.
Amen

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Reading: Gen 1.1-5 read by Oscar Sui, Associate student

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.

³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

HYMN 393: She sits like a bird, brooding on the waters

*Reading: Mark 1.4-11
read by the Revd Douglas Ncebere, Research Student*

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river

Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Sermon

HYMN: 470 Lord for the years

THE PRESENTATION, PROMISES AND WELCOME

The Principal presents to the congregation those to be received as new members of the college:

Sisters and brothers,
I present to you Dr Helen Cameron, Dr Richard Davis, and
The Revd Dr Paul Chilcote, whom the Trustees have appointed to
serve on the staff of Wesley House.

The Principal says to the newly-appointed staff:

Helen, Richard and Paul
You have been appointed to serve as teachers and academic
supervisors in this place.
Will you live out the Christian faith
and through your ministry of teaching and supervision enable

others to embody the good news of Jesus Christ?
Will you share in the leadership of this community
through your presence and example
And will you help us to shape this college to serve God's mission
in this country and throughout the world?

Each responds in turn: I will and I ask God to help me.

Will you work together with our ecumenical and interfaith
colleagues in the Cambridge Theological Federation
And with Methodist partners in this Circuit and District and
throughout the world
To nurture a yearning for God
And a thirst for learning
That will build up the whole church
And equip us to serve the present age?

Each responds in turn: I will and I ask God to help me.

*The Principal introduces the family members of new staff
and says to the congregation:*

Members of Wesley House
Will you welcome these colleagues and their families
And will you offer them
Your support and prayers
As we work together
In this time and place?
With God's help we will

The Peace

We are the Body of Christ.
In the one Spirit
we were all baptized into one body.
Let us therefore keep the unity of the Spirit
in the bond of peace.

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

The congregation may send greetings through the chat.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Led by the Revd Carole Irwin, Director of Studies

HYMN 391: O breath of life, come sweeping through us

PRAYERS AND DISMISSAL

The presiding minister says:

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth,
give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
and to proclaim the word and works of God;
and the blessing of God,
Spirit, Son and Father,
remain with you always. **Amen.**

We go into the world in the power of the Spirit
to fulfil our high calling as servants of Christ.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Closing Music:

*Love Divine, arranged and performed by Ijeoma Mbubaegbu,
Research Student*

*Following the service there will be an opportunity to meet together in
groups of six for ten minutes, and then return to a farewell together.
If you would like to join, please click on the invitation that will appear.*

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