

Sunday January 9th EPIPHANY 2 2022
Baptism of Christ
led by Rev David Newsome

Entrance Hymn Brightest and Best 85

Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Cold on his cradle the dewdrops are shining;
Low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
Angels adore him in slumber reclining,
Maker and Monarch and Saviour of all!

Say, shall we yield him, in costly devotion,
Odours of Edom and offerings divine?
Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,
Myrrh from the forest, and gold from the mine?

Vainly we offer each ample oblation,
Vainly with gifts would his favour secure;
Richer by far is the heart's adoration,
Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

Reginald Heber (1783-1826)

We meet in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
All **Amen.**

The Lord be with you
All **and also with you.**

Words of welcome or introduction.

Loving God, we come to worship. You have called each of us by name, we belong to you. Pour out your Spirit on us, we pray, that we may know your love and our belovedness today. **Amen.**

Prayer of Preparation

We say together
All **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.**

Invitation to confession

The grace of God has dawned upon the world with healing for all.

Though we have grieved him, yet he will heal us if we confess our sins in penitence and faith.

We say together

All **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.**

Lord Jesus,
you are mighty God and Prince of Peace:

Lord, have mercy

All **Lord, have mercy**

Lord Jesus,
you are Son of God and Son of Mary:
Christ, have mercy

All **Christ, have mercy**

Lord Jesus,
you are Word made flesh and splendour of the
Father:
Lord, have mercy

All **Lord, have mercy**

May God who loved the world so much
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour
forgive us our sins and make us holy to serve
him in the world, through Jesus Christ our
Lord.

All **Amen.**

Let us stand for the Gloria

Gloria in Excelsis

All **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

Let us pray that we may be faithful to our baptism.

Heavenly Father,
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your
Son: may we recognize him as our Lord
and know ourselves to be your beloved
children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Please sit for our Readings

1st Reading

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

Thanks be to God

2nd Reading Acts 8.14-17;

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading Luke 3.15-17; 21-22

Please stand for the gospel reading

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.

All **Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *Luke*

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.'

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

Sermon Rev David Newsome

The Creed

Let us stand to declare our faith in God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**All I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son,
our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the
Father,
and he will come to judge the living and
the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession – Lisa Wakeman

All Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

And at the end

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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

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

All **and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All exchange a sign of peace by waving to each other.

Preparation of the Table

Offertory Hymn The King of Love my Shepherd is

The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never,
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow
my ransomed soul he leadeth,

and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
Thy unction grace bestoweth;
and O what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never;
Good shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

*Words: Henry Baker, 1868. Music: Ancient Irish
melody*

The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

We say together

**Open the heavens, Lord our God,
and send your transforming Spirit
on us and on these gifts.
May we who are baptized into Christ
be ready to share his cup of suffering
and strengthened to serve him for ever.
Amen**

The Eucharistic Prayer

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

All Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

All 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.

You celebrated your new gift of baptism
in signs and wonders at the Jordan.
Your voice was heard from heaven
to awaken faith in the presence among us
of your Word made flesh.

Your Spirit was seen as a dove,
revealing Jesus as your servant,
and anointing him with the oil of gladness
to preach the good news to the poor.

Therefore, as we celebrate the union of earth
and heaven, we rejoice to echo the song of
the angels in heaven for ever praising you
and saying:

All **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.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and
wine outpoured may be for us the body and
blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: 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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith

All

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with Mary Mother of Jesus,
Margaret and all the saints to feast at your
table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving
Father, for ever and ever.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Believing the promises of God,
As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

All Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.

All **God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.**

Agnus Dei

All Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

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

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

Giving of Communion

The president says the invitation to communion

Christ is the true bread which has come down from heaven.

All **Lord, give us this bread always.**

The president and people receive communion.

The Giving of Holy Communion (on PPT screen)

Due to COVID-19 we are unable to distribute the wine but please come forward either to receive the bread or to receive a blessing if you do not normally receive communion. If you wish to receive a blessing please keep your hands down as you step forward so that the president knows.

Please wait until directed to the centre aisle to receive the bread or a blessing, wear your face mask and sanitise your hands before receiving. The president may or may not say any words of distribution.

As you receive the bread, please return to your pew where you can remove your mouth covering to consume the element.

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

We say together

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Notices are read and Banns (if there are any)

The Dismissal

President The Lord be with you!

And also with you

Blessing

Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom;

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

All Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

The ministers and people depart.

Exit Hymn Alleluia, Sing to Jesus

Alleluia! sing to Jesus!
his the sceptre, his the throne.
Alleluia! his the triumph,
his the victory alone.
Hark! the songs of peaceful Sion
thunder like a mighty flood.
Jesus out of every nation,
hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! he is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how;
Though the cloud, from sight received him
when the forty days were o'er
Shall our hearts forget his promise,
"I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! bread of angels,
Here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! here the sinful
come to you from day to day:
Intercessor, friend of sinners,
earth's redeemer, plead for me,
Where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal,
He the Lord of lords we own;
Alleluia! born of Mary,
Earth his footstool, heaven his throne:
He within the veil hast entered,
robed in flesh our great High Priest;
He on earth both priest and victim
in the Eucharistic feast.

W. Chatterton Dix (1837-98)

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