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**Order of Service
for Holy Eucharist**

The Baptism of Jesus
(The First Sunday of Epiphany)



Sunday 9th January 2022
8.45 am

Welcome

TEXT FOR THE DAY

Today we remember the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan by John the Baptist. The Christmas season, which celebrates the revelation of God through Christ, reaches its fulfillment with today's commemoration. At Jesus' baptism, God declares Jesus' identity: he is a son. God also expresses what that relationship means to him: Jesus is a 'beloved' son. A single glorious acclamation links two moments of revelation in the Gospels: first, the baptism (as today), and, later, the Transfiguration.

All that we ever really want from life is to be truly beloved. What a moment of ecstasy, then, when the letters of Paul reveal that we too have become God's beloved children! Why does God bother with us? Isaiah records his answer: 'because I love you'.

The baptism of Christ is described in all four Gospels, and marks the beginning of his public ministry. It is a day in which we also remember and celebrate our own baptism, as we renew and reaffirm our own baptismal promises.

The congregation is asked to join in all text printed in **bold**.

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The Gathering

Voluntary

Prelude on 'Come down, O Love divine'
'Liebster Jesu wir sind hier'
(Blessed Jesu we are here)

H. Ley (1887 - 1962)
J.S. Bach, BWV 633 (1685 - 1750)

All keep silence and prepare for worship.

Introit

Sung by the cantors

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
Bow down before Him, His glory proclaim;
With gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,
Kneel and adore Him: the Lord is His name.

Words: J. S. B. Monsell (1811 - 75)

Tune: WAS LEBET
Melody from *Rheinhardt MS*, 1754

All STAND

Opening Acclamation

Led by the Presbyter from the West Door

Presbyter Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe.

**All From the rising of the sun to its setting
your name is proclaimed in all the world.**

Presbyter The Lord of glory be with you.

All The Lord bless you.

Presbyter This day Jesus is revealed as the Christ in the waters of
baptism.

All Alleluia. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Join in singing the hymn.

Hymn at the Procession

**Hail to the Lord's Anointed!
Great David's greater Son;
Hail, in the time appointed,
His reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
To set the captive free;
To take away transgression,
And rule in equity.**

**² He comes with succour speedy
To those who suffer wrong;
To help the poor and needy,
and bid the weak be strong;
To give them songs for sighing,
Their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying,
Were precious in his sight.**

**³ He shall come down like showers
Upon the fruitful earth,
And love, joy, hope, like flowers,
Spring in his path to birth:
Before him, on the mountains
Shall peace the herald go;
And righteousness, in fountains
From hill to valley flow.**

**⁴ Kings shall fall down before him,
And gold and incense bring;
All nations shall adore him,
His praise all people sing;
To him shall prayer unceasing
And daily vows ascend;
His kingdom still increasing,
A kingdom without end.**

Words: J. Montgomery (1771 - 1854)

Tune: CRÜGER
J. Crüger (1598 - 1662)

Please be SEATED

✠ *The Service begins on **page 350** of the Book of Common Prayer* ✠

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect for the day

Read by the Presbyter

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 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.

Old Testament Reading

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the 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. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Genesis 1: 1 - 5

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

While seated join in singing the response.

Response (all) **Send forth your Spirit, O Lord
and renew the face of the earth.**

Praise the Lord O my soul,
O Lord God, your glory is great:
How manifold are your works,
In wisdom you have made them all.

All creatures look to you,
To give them their food to eat:
When you open your hand, they are filled with good,
When you hide your face, they pine away.

When you take away their breath, they die,
And return to the earth whence they came:
When you send forth your Spirit, all things spring to life,
And the face of the earth is renewed.

The glory of the Lord shall never cease,
The Lord shall rejoice in all his works:
I will sing to the Lord as long as I live,
I will praise my God, while my breath remains.

**Send forth your Spirit, O Lord
and renew the face of the earth.**

New Testament Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John: Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost: (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.) Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost. *Acts 8. 14 – 17*

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

All **STAND** and join in singing the gradual hymn.

Gradual Hymn

**Christ, when for us you were baptized,
God's Spirit on you came,
as peaceful as a dove and yet
as urgent as as a flame.**

**² God called you, "My beloved One,"
declared delight in you,
anointed you to preach and heal,
God's holy will to do.**

**³ Straightway and steadfast until death,
you then obeyed God's call,
freely as Son of God to serve
and give your life for all.**

**⁴ Baptize us with your Spirit, God,
your cross on us be signed,
that, likewise in God's service, we
may perfect freedom find.**

Words: F. Bland Tucker (1895 - 1984)

Tune: ST. PETER
A. R. Reinagle (1799 - 1877)

Remain **STANDING** for the Gospel

The Gospel of Christ

All

Alleluia.

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

Matthew 3. 17

Alleluia.

The Gospeller

The Lord be with you

All

and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke.

All **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

And as the people were in expectation, and all men mused in their hearts of John, whether he were the Christ, or not; John answered, saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire: Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and will gather the wheat into his garner; but the chaff he will burn with fire unquenchable. Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased. *St Luke 3. 15 - 17, 21 & 22*

The Gospeller

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

All

Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

*Remain **STANDING** for the Creed, all reciting together*

The Nicene Creed | **Page 354**

*Please be **SEATED***

Sermon

The Revd Avinash Rangayya

Welcome and Announcements

Thanksgiving for Baptism

While seated, we sing

**When Jesus came to Jordan
to be baptised by John,
he did not come for pardon,
but as his Father's Son.
he came to share repentance
with all who mourn their sins,
to speak the vital sentence
with which good news begins.**

The Presbyter pours water into the font saying,

God in Christ gives us water welling up for eternal life.
With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.
Lord, give us this water and we shall thirst no more.

The Vicar stands before the water and says

Praise God who made heaven and earth,
who keeps His promise for ever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

Father, we give you thanks and praise
for your gift of water in creation;
for your Spirit, sweeping over the waters,
bringing light and life;
for your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
baptized in the river Jordan.

We bless you for your new creation,
brought to birth by water and the Spirit,
and for your grace bestowed upon us your children,
washing away our sins.

Act of Penitence and Dedication

God of truth, you are faithful to the covenant
you have made with us;
look in mercy on your people.

From all our sins,

○ Lord: wash us, and we shall be clean.

We have broken the pledges of our baptism,
and failed to be your disciples.

From all our sins, ○ Lord:

○ Lord: wash us, and we shall be clean.

Though we are saved by Christ
and dead to sin through the deep waters of death,
we have not witnessed to his grace by our manner of life.

From all our sins, ○ Lord:

○ Lord: wash us, and we shall be clean.

We have shown indifference to those in need
and have been afraid to stand up for justice and truth

From all our sins, ○ Lord:

○ Lord: wash us, and we shall be clean.

We have been slow to forgive, and have failed to remember
your repeated forgiveness of our sins.

From all our sins, ○ Lord:

○ Lord: wash us, and we shall be clean.

Today we rejoice and give thanks
because your Son humbled himself to be baptized in the Jordan.
Through the waters you have given us the mystery of baptism
for the remission of our sins.

From all our sins, ○ Lord

○ Lord: wash us, and we shall be clean.

Through water and Spirit you give us new life as the people of God,
and pour out upon us the gifts of your new covenant.

From all our sins, ○ Lord:

○ Lord: wash us, and we shall be clean.

The Presbyter says

Almighty God, in our baptism you have consecrated us
to be temples of your Holy Spirit.

May we, whom you have counted worthy,
nurture your indwelling Spirit with a lively faith,
and worship you with upright lives;
through Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Water is sprinkled.

All STAND and say the Covenant Prayer.

I am no longer my own, but yours.

Put me to what you will,

set me with whom you will;

put me to doing, put me to suffering*;

let me be employed for you or laid aside for you,

exalted for you or brought low for you;

let me be full, let me be empty;

let me have all things, let me have nothing;

I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things

to your pleasure and disposal.

And now, glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
you are mine and I am yours.

So be it.

And the covenant now renewed on earth,

let it be ratified in heaven.

Amen.

All sing

**Come, Holy Spirit, aid us
to keep the vows we make:
this very day invade us,
and every bondage break;
come, give our lives direction,
the gift we covet most –
to share the resurrection
that leads to Pentecost.**

Words: F. Pratt Green (1903 - 2000)

Tune: AURELIA
S. S. Wesley (1810 - 76)

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The Celebrant offers a greeting of peace

God has made us one in Christ.
He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come,
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.

cf Corinthians I. 22

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

While remaining in your place, share the sign of peace with a namaste with your neighbour.

Preparation of the Table Hymn at the Offertory

*At this time an offering will be received for the ministries of the Cathedral.
Thank you for your generosity. All join in singing the hymn.*

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;
be Thou my best thought in the day and the night,
both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.**

² **Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,
be Thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;
be Thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
be Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.**

³ **Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise:
be Thou mine inheritance now and always;
be Thou and Thou only the first in my heart;
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**⁴ High King of Heaven, Thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys after victory is won;
great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be Thou my vision, O Ruler of all.**

Words: Irish, 8th century
tr. Mary Byrne (1880 - 1931)

Tune: SLANE
Irish traditional melody

All say

Offertory Prayer | **page 357**

Please be SEATED

The Preparation for Communion | **Page 361**

The Consecration | **Page 363**

The Communion | **Page 368**

Please follow the directions of the Servers to proceed to the High Altar.

*Communicants are requested to leave space on either side of them
when they receive Communion.*

While seated, we sing

Hymn at the Communion

**Hands that have been handling,
holy things and high,
still, Lord, in thy service
bless and fortify.**

**³ Eyes whose contemplation
looked upon thy love,
let them gaze expectant
on the world above.**

**² Ears which heard the message
of the words of life,
keep thou closed and guarded
from the noise of strife.**

**⁴ "Holy, holy, holy,"
thee our lips confessed:
on those lips for ever
let no falsehood rest.**

**⁵ Bodies that have tasted
of the living Bread,
be they re-created
in their living Head.**

Words: Adam Fox (1883 - 1977)

Tune: EUDOXIA

All STAND and say

Post Communion Prayer

**Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

All sing

Gloria in Excelsis | **Page 371**

The Blessing

The Presbyter

O Lord of all time and eternity,
who in the baptism of Jesus thy beloved Son
didst open the heavens
and didst reveal thyself as Father:
by the power of thy Spirit
make perfect the heavenly work of our rebirth
through the waters of the new creation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
And the blessing of God almighty,
the † the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Hymn at the Closing

**We all are one in mission,
We all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united
By Christ, the Lord of all.
A single, great commission
Compels us from above
To plan and work together
That all may know Christ's love.**

² **We all are called for service
To witness in God's name.
Our ministries are different,
Our purpose is the same:
To touch the lives of others
By God's surprising grace
So every folk and nation
May feel God's warm embrace.**

³ **We all behold one vision,
A stark reality:
The steward of salvation
Was nailed upon a tree.
Yet resurrected Justice
Gives rise that we may share
Free reconciliation
And hope amid despair.**

⁴ **Now let us be united
And let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel
For God's redeeming Word.
We all are one in mission,
We all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united
By Christ, the Lord of all.**

Words: Rusty Edwards (b. 1955)

Tune: MORNING LIGHT
G. J. Webb (1803 - 87)

Dismissal

From the West Door the Presbyter says

We have seen His glory, the glory revealed to all the nations.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

Postlude

‘Est ist das Heil uns kommen her’
(‘Salvation has come to us’)

J.S. Bach *BWV 638*

Birthdays this week

May God bless you abundantly.

Kusum Parker (9), Manju John (13), Rekha Ghose (15)

Wedding Anniversaries this Week

Be blessed with love, joy and companionship all the years of your life.

Latha & T. Ravichandran (12)

Prayer Requests & Announcements

Your prayers are requested for

- † God’s protection and healing hand as the world sees a surge in covid cases.
- † all senior citizens and those who live alone in our congregation. May we reach out in Christian fellowship.
- † Daniel Phillips and Lina Singh as they get married this week.
- † in the Diocese, The Church of the Good Shepherd, Dharavi and the Revd Matthew Gnanasigamani
- † the *Church of North India’s* Diocese of Delhi.
- † the *Church of South India’s* Diocese of Madhya (Central) Kerala and the Rt Revd Dr.Malayil Sabu Koshy Cherian
- † in the *Anglican Communion*, the Church in Chile and the the Most Revd Hector Zavala.

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