

# **EPIPHANY 1 – Baptism of Christ – January 10, 2021**

## **WELCOME**

### **OPENING PRAYER**

Heavenly Father, who sent the Holy Spirit on your Son at his baptism to anoint Him for the service of mankind: send your Spirit now to us who have been made your children by adoption and grace, that we may follow in his steps, worship him in and spirit and truth and work for the coming of his kingdom, to the glory of his name. **Amen**

### **PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open all desires know 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 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

### **Psalm 29**

***A psalm of David.***

<sup>1</sup> Ascribe to the LORD, you heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

<sup>2</sup> Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendour of his holiness.

<sup>3</sup> The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD thunders over the mighty waters.

<sup>4</sup> The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is majestic.

<sup>5</sup> The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.

<sup>6</sup> He makes Lebanon leap like a calf, Sirion like a young wild ox.

<sup>7</sup> The voice of the LORD strikes with flashes of lightning.

<sup>8</sup> The voice of the LORD shakes the desert; the LORD shakes the Desert of Kadesh.

<sup>9</sup> The voice of the LORD twists the oaks and strips the forests bare.

And in his temple all cry, "Glory!"

<sup>10</sup> The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD is enthroned as King forever.

<sup>11</sup> The LORD gives strength to his people; the LORD blesses his people with peace.

*Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now and shall be forever. Amen*

## **SONG**

God sent His Son they called Him Jesus  
He came to love heal and forgive  
He lived and died to buy my pardon  
An empty grave is there to prove my Saviour lives

*Because He lives I can face tomorrow  
Because He lives all fear is gone  
Because I know He holds the future  
And life is worth the living just because He lives*

How sweet to hold a newborn baby  
And feel the pride and joy he brings  
But greater still the calm assurance  
This child can face uncertain days because  
He lives

And then one day I'll cross that river  
I'll fight life's final war with pain  
And then as death gives way to victory  
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives

## **CONFESSION**

God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, Jesus Christ, to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven and to bring us to eternal life.

*Therefore, 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.*

*Silence:*

**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. Amen**

**ABSOLUTION:**

May the God of all mercy and forgiveness draw you to himself, that you may behold the glory of his Son, the Word made flesh, and be cleansed from all your sins, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 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**

**READING: Acts 19:1-7**

19 While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples <sup>2</sup> and asked them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when <sup>3</sup> you believed?"

They answered, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit."

<sup>3</sup> So Paul asked, "Then what baptism did you receive?"

"John's baptism," they replied.

<sup>4</sup> Paul said, "John's baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus." <sup>5</sup> On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup> When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues <sup>7</sup> and prophesied. <sup>7</sup> There were about twelve men in all.

*This is the word of the Lord;  
Thanks be to God.*

**SONG:**

When I Look Into Your Holiness,  
When I Gaze Into Your Loveliness,  
When All Things That Surround,  
Become Shadows In The Light Of You.

When I've Found The Joy Of Reaching Your Heart,  
When My Will Becomes Enthralled In Your Love,  
When All Things That Surround  
Become Shadows In The Light Of You.

*I Worship You, I Worship You,  
The Reason I Live, Is To Worship You.  
I Worship You, I Worship You,  
The Reason I Live, Is To Worship You.*

**GOSPEL: Mark 1:4-11**

*Hear the gospel according to Mark;  
Glory to you, O Lord.*

<sup>4</sup> And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup> The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. <sup>6</sup> John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup> And this was his message: "After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. <sup>8</sup> I baptize you with <sup>9</sup> water, but he will baptize you with <sup>10</sup> the Holy Spirit."

The Baptism and Testing of Jesus

<sup>9</sup> At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup> Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup> And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

*This is the Gospel of Christ;  
Praise to you O Lord.*

**SERMON: The Baptism of Jesus**

**SONG**

Fill thou my life, O Lord my God,  
In every part with praise,  
That my whole being may proclaim  
Thy being and thy ways.

Not for the words of praise alone,  
Nor e'en the praising heart,  
I ask, but for a life made up  
Of praise in every part;

Praise in the common things of life,  
Its goings out and in,  
Praise in each duty and each deed,  
However small and mean.

Fill every part of me with praise;  
Let all my being speak  
Of thee and of they love, O Lord,  
Poor though I be, and weak.

So shalt thou, Lord, from me, e'en me,  
Receive the glory due,  
And so shall I begin on earth  
The song for ever new.

So shall no part of day or night  
From sacredness be free:  
But all my life, in every step,  
Be fellowship with thee.

**CREED:**

*All God's promises are yes in Christ; through  
him we give glory to God and say, amen:*

It is **Christ** to whom we belong.  
It is the **Father** who assures us of our  
salvation and anoints us for his service.  
It is the **Spirit** by whom we are sealed in  
love for evermore.  
**We believe in one God: Father, Son, and  
Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**Intercession:**

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

**PEACE**

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given,  
and his name shall be called the Prince of  
Peace.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**And also with you**

**OFFERING:**

**We thank you, O Lord, for all your gifts,  
which we receive as tokens of your love to  
us. Accept these gifts which we now bring  
to you as tokens of our gratitude, and use  
both them and us in the service of your  
kingdom for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

The Lord is here.  
**His Spirit is with us.**

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

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

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all  
creation; in your love you made us for  
yourself.

When we turned away you did not reject us,  
but came to meet us in your Son.  
**You embraced us as your children and  
welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life that we might live  
in him and he in us.  
**He opened his arms of love upon the cross  
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for  
sin.**

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with  
his friends he took bread, and gave you  
thanks; he broke it and gave it to them,  
saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is  
given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,  
he gave you thanks, and said: Drink this, all of  
you; this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of  
sins; do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his  
rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this  
bread and this wine may be to us the body  
and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts make  
us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world  
we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our  
voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and  
might, Heaven and earth are full of your  
glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*Jesus taught us to call God Father, so in faith and trust we pray:*

**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 this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

### **Lamb of God**

**Lamb of God you take away the sins of the  
world; have mercy on us  
Lamb of God you take away the sins of the  
world; have mercy on us  
Lamb of God you take away the sins of the  
world; grant us peace.**

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that Jesus died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving. **Amen**

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but  
only say the word and I shall be healed.  
Amen**

### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

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**

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus  
Christ. Through him we offer you our souls  
and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us**

**out in the power of your Holy Spirit to live  
and work to your praise and glory. Amen**

### **FINAL SONG**

Lord, for the years  
your love has kept and guided,  
urged and inspired us,  
cheered us on our way,  
sought us and saved us,  
pardoned and provided:  
Lord of the years,  
we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word,  
the word of life which fires us,  
speaks to our hearts  
and sets our souls ablaze,  
teaches and trains,  
rebukes us and inspires us:  
Lord of the word,  
receive Your people's praise.

Lord, for our land  
in this our generation,  
spirits oppressed by pleasure,  
wealth and care:  
for young and old,  
for commonwealth and nation,  
Lord of our land,  
be pleased to hear our prayer.

Lord, for our world  
when we disown and doubt him,  
loveless in strength,  
and comfortless in pain,  
hungry and helpless,  
lost indeed without him:  
Lord of the world,  
we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord for ourselves;  
in living power remake us -  
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne,  
past put behind us, for the future take us:  
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

### **PRAYER AND BLESSING**

Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters,  
be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in  
the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord  
your labour is not in vain. (1 Cor. 15:58)

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord;  
**In the name of Christ, Amen**