

Home Liturgy 9th January 2022
The Baptism of Christ



O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Your light springs up for the righteous
and all the peoples have seen your glory.

Blessed are you, Sovereign God, king of the nations, to you be praise
and glory for ever.

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

As the Sun of Righteousness dawns in our hearts anoint our lips with
the seal of your Spirit that we may witness to your gospel and sing your
praise in all the earth.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever.

Hymn: [On Jordan's Bank](#)

Confession

Because God was merciful, he saved us through the water of rebirth
and the renewing power of the Holy Spirit. But through sin we have
fallen away from our baptism. Let us return to the Lord and renew our
faith in his promises by confessing our sins in penitence.

God our Father, long-suffering, full of grace and truth, you create us from nothing and give us life. You give your faithful people new life in the water of baptism. You do not turn your face from us, nor cast us aside. We confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbour. We have wounded your love and marred your image in us. Restore us for the sake of your Son, and bring us to heavenly joy, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer of forgiveness

May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw *us* to himself, and cleanse *us* from all *our* sins that *we* may behold the glory of his Son, the Word made flesh, 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**

Readings

[Acts 8: 14-17](#)

[Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22](#)

Hymn: [Jesus is the name we honour](#)

Reflection Rev'd Margaret

Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

**We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen. (cf
Ephesians 3)**

Hymn: [River wash over me](#)

Intercessions Albert and Margaret Rusling

Brothers and sisters—We come together as God’s adopted sons and daughters. Let us pray to our Gracious and loving Father, who knows us by our name, through our one and only true intercessor, His Son, Jesus Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Gracious and loving Father we pray that You will fill Your Church with such joy in believing, that Your people will overflow with love, compassion, generosity and with humility to those in Your world.

We ask that You will be with those who are in the process of following Jesus’ example of Baptism. Help all of us to walk in Your way and to live lives acceptable to You.

Come, Holy Spirit: **Fill our lives**

Gracious and loving Father we pray for peace in Your world. We pray for all leaders at home and abroad to govern with integrity, honesty

and with justice. May they open themselves to learn Your wisdom and to be guided by Your Holy Spirit into ways of peace. We pray for all the war-torn areas especially for the suffering of families and children in such places as Afghanistan. May Your light be taken into the dark places by those who carry Your love and care to others.

Come, Holy Spirit: **Fill our lives**

Gracious and loving Father we repent and pray for forgiveness from those we have hurt or damaged in any way. We pray that we may be fill with forgiving love overflowing into all who may have hurt us.

Come, Holy Spirit: **Fill our lives**

Gracious and loving Father we pray for those who are in pain, who are weary, for those who find it difficult to speak to You in prayer, for those who have lost all hope, for those in total despair. We pray for those who are suffering alone at home and for those suffering in hospital. We pray that Your healing light may shine from those who care and attend the sick. We give You thanks that there are such caring people who tend to the needs of others- for doctors, nurses first aiders, carers, families and scientists. May such people come to know that they are doing this work in Your Name. May they be encouraged by the Holy Spirit. We give thanks for all the healing You continue to give and ask for the on- going healing of Steve.

Come, Holy Spirit: **Fill our lives**

Gracious and loving Father we remember those who are now with You. Those whose faith was known and those whose faith is only known to You. We give You thanks for the amazing life of Desmond Tutu and for the great influence he had doing Your work in this world. May his life be a candle to many to guide people to You in peace.

We pray for those who are bereaved and overcome with the sadness of losing loved ones. May they find comfort in Your loving arms. We pray that You will prepare us all for life which lasts forever with You.

Come, Holy Spirit: **Fill our lives**

Gracious and loving Father we give You thanks that so many years ago, through Your prophets such as Isaiah and John the Baptist, You promised that You will be with each one of us, who are known to You by our name, in times of great difficulty and of great joy; always keeping us safe in the power of Your Holy Spirit.

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

Believing the promises of God, as our Saviour taught us, so 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.**

Hymn: [o breath of life](#)

Closing Prayer

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

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

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

May Christ, who sends us to the nations, give us the power of his Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Services Next Week

09:30 West Down Family Morning Worship

11:00 Heanton Family Communion