

The Collect

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one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Meditation before service

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

Luke 3.22

Isaiah 43.1–7

Old Testament reading

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. ²When 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. ³For 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. ⁴Because 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. ⁵Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; ⁶I 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— ⁷everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.'

Psalm 29

(BCP)

- 1 Bring unto the Lord O ye mighty, bring young rams unto the Lord : ascribe unto the Lord worship and strength.
- 2 Give the Lord the honour due unto his Name : worship the Lord with holy worship.
- 3 It is the Lord that commandeth the waters : it is the glorious God that maketh the thunder.
- 4 It is the Lord that ruleth the sea; the voice of the Lord is mighty in operation : the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaketh the cedar-trees : yea, the Lord breaketh the cedars of Libanus.
- 6 He maketh them also to skip like a calf : Libanus also and Sirion, like a young unicorn.
- 7 The voice of the Lord divideth the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shaketh the wilderness : yea, the Lord shaketh the wilderness of Cades.
- 8 The voice of the Lord maketh the hinds to bring forth young, and discovereth the thick bushes : in his temple doth every man speak of his honour.
- 9 The Lord sitteth above the water-flood : and the Lord remaineth a King for ever.
- 10 The Lord shall give strength unto his people : the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Acts 8.14–17

New Testament reading

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The Gospel Reading

Luke 3.15–17, 21–22

In the wilderness John proclaimed a baptism of repentance. ¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John 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. ¹⁷His 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.' ²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and 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.'

Postcommunion Collect

**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.**

*The Christ-child lay on Mary's lap,
His hair was like a light.
(O weary, weary, were the world,
But here is all aright.)*

*The Christ-child lay on Mary's breast,
His hair was like a star.
(O stern and cunning are the kings,
But here the true hearts are.)*

*The Christ-child lay on Mary's heart,
His hair was like a fire.
(O weary, weary, is the world,
But here the world's desire.)*

*The Christ-child stood at Mary's knee,
His hair was like a crown,
And all the flowers looked up at him
And all the stars looked down.*

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9 January 2022

The Baptism of Christ

Welcome to our Eucharist

Celebrant & Preacher	The Rector, Revd Canon Rachel Watts
Reader	Richard Cole
Intercessor	
Organist	John Wardle

Setting	Thorne, <i>Mass of S. Thomas</i>
Entrance hymn	99 (v.1,3,4) Hail to the Lord's Anointed
Reading (NT)	Acts 8.14–17
Gradual psalm	29
Offertory hymn	103 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness
Recessional hymn	819 (omit v.2–3) To the name of our salvation
Communion anthem	Elgar, <i>The Spirit of the Lord</i>

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind; to preach the acceptable year of the Lord. To give unto them that mourn a garland for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garland of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified. For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden that causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

Isaiah 61.1–3,11

Please remember in our prayers

The sick: Jane Downs, Sandra Kneale, Mary McWhinnie, Gail Nichols, Heather Schlich, David Price, Ian Cripps, Kathleen Watts, Pauline Simper, Adrian Simper, Sybil Cripps Daniels, Fran Britnell, Reg Whiffin, Phil Sargeant

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NOTICES

Epiphany Carol Service We shall have our usual service (with candles, of course) to mark the feast of the Epiphany this Sunday evening at 6 pm. Music will include 'Torches', 'Past three a clock', 'Personent hodie' and the opening sequence from Mendelssohn's *Christus* ('When Jesus our Lord was born in Bethlehem') as well as familiar Epiphany hymns.

Shirley Harris Shirley's funeral will be held this Wednesday **12 January** at 12 noon, as detailed below in Tristan's email.

We are arranging a funeral for [Shirley] on 12 January 2022 at 12 midday in the parish church in Uppingham with a buffet afterwards for any wanting to attend in the Falcon Hotel in the town square. We understand many may feel it is not safe to attend a large gathering with Omicron around at such high levels but you are welcome should you want to attend . . . After the service there will be a short burial service at the grave yard on Leicester Rd. This will be for family and close friends only. Mum was clear that she felt flowers at funerals were money wasted that could bless others in need – so if people want to give any gifts Dorman's undertakers in Uppingham are collecting any donations and these are going to LOROS and the NSPCC as mum directed. Dorman's have also set up a tribute site where people can leave messages or recollections of Mum (something new to me) or make a donation to the charities: <https://shirley-annepatricia-harris.muchloved.com/>

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