

Morning Worship Sunday 12th January 2025 - The Baptism of Christ

Notices

Spotlight on Splodgy

We come to worship

May the light and peace of Jesus Christ our Lord be with you.

The Lord bless you.

In this place, or wherever we are, in this moment we gather in God.
Come and whisper your name, already familiar on the lips of God and in
the echoing silence listen as heaven celebrates its sound.

In this belonging place may we gather and make space to know God.

A moment of silence

Song

This is holy ground,
We're standing on holy ground.
For the Lord is here
And where He is, is holy.
This is holy ground,
We're standing on holy ground,
For the Lord is here
And where He is, is holy. *(Repeat)*

***FLAMES Sunday School** – our young people and leaders leave us for their own activities.*

Song

AS THE DEER pants for the water,
So my soul longs after You.
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship You.

*You alone are my strength, my shield,
To You alone may my spirit yield.*

*You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship You.*

I want You more than gold or silver,
Only You can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy-giver
And the apple of my eye.

You're my Friend and You are my Brother,
Even though You are a King.
I love You more than any other,
So much more than anything.

A time to reflect and to say sorry

And as we pause here, may we draw breath as we seek the space to confess and let go of that which we can no longer hold, that hurts too much, that corrupts our relationships, that tarnishes our communities and let's seek that place where fresh starts are possible and blessed.

May that space be here and that time, now.

So be it.

Father God, we thank you for calling us and making us your children.
In bringing us out of spiritual darkness and giving us light, you desire that we should be clearly seen as your people.

When we fail to live up to your expectations – Father, be merciful: **forgive us and help us.**

When we show uncaring attitudes; when our selfish desires are revealed in our life-style – Father, be merciful: **forgive us and help us.**

When we become mesmerised by trivial things of this world, and forget important things which belong to your kingdom – Father, be merciful: **forgive us and help us.**

When we have grown tired of searching for truth; When we have offered less than the best in our worship of You; When we have held on to petty differences in the practice of our faith, and failed to show unity within your family – Father, be merciful: **forgive us and help us.**

Father, purify us continually.

Remaining seated we sing

PURIFY MY HEART,

Let me be as gold
And precious silver.
Purify my heart,
Let me be as gold,
Pure gold.

*Refiner's fire,
My heart's one desire
Is to be holy,
Set apart for You, Lord.
I choose to be holy,
Set apart for You, my Master,
Ready to do Your will.*

Purify my heart,
Cleanse me from within
And make me holy.
Purify my heart,
Cleanse me from my sin,
Deep within.

For everyone who asks receives; the person who seeks finds; and to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. **Thanks be to God.**

The peace of Christ has been given to us, not as a gift of the world which will pass away but as a gift from heaven which is eternal.
The peace of Christ be with you, **and also with you.**

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 43.1-7

New Testament Reading

Luke 3:15-17 & 21-22

Ending with This is the Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Reflection – Into what were you baptised

Song -Tune: Skye Boat Song

SPIRIT OF GOD, unseen as the wind,
Gentle as is the dove:
Teach us the truth and help us believe,
Show us the Saviour's love.

You spoke to us, long, long ago – gave us the written word;
We read it still, needing its truth, through it God's voice is heard.

*Spirit of God, unseen as the wind,
Gentle as is the dove:
Teach us the truth and help us believe,
Show us the Saviour's love.*

Without your help, we fail our Lord – we cannot live his way.
We need your power, we need your strength, following Christ each day.

*Spirit of God, unseen as the wind,
Gentle as is the dove:
Teach us the truth and help us believe,
Show us the Saviour's love.*

Prayers including The Collect of the Day

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.

Ending with The Lord's Prayer

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.

This time tomorrow – Jane Fletcher

Song

ALL TO JESUS I SURRENDER,

All to Him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust Him,
In His presence daily live.

*I surrender all,
I surrender all,
All to Thee, my blessèd Saviour,
I surrender all.*

All to Jesus I surrender,
Humbly at His feet I bow;
Worldly pleasures all forsaken,
Take me, Jesus, take me now.

All to Jesus I surrender,
Make me, Saviour, wholly Thine;
Let me feel the Holy Spirit,
Truly know that Thou art mine.

All to Jesus I surrender,
Lord, I give myself to Thee;
Fill me with Thy love and power,
Let Thy blessing fall on me.

All to Jesus I surrender,
Now I feel the sacred flame;
O the joy of full salvation!
Glory, glory to His name!

Sending Out

Knowing that you are forgiven and cherished, may you go in peace.
Go in the knowledge that you are a treasured member of God's family, a
companion with Jesus along life's journey, and forever accompanied by
the Holy Spirit.

We bless one another

We sing Peace to you

PEACE TO YOU.

We bless you now in the name of the Lord.

Peace to you.

We bless you now in the name of the Prince of Peace.

Peace to you.