

Morning Prayer
Sunday, 10 January 2021
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.

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and for ever. **Amen.**

Psalm 89.19-29

19 You spoke once in a vision and said to your faithful people: ♦
'I have set a youth above the mighty;
I have raised a young man over the people.

**20 'I have found David my servant; ♦
with my holy oil have I anointed him.**

21 'My hand shall hold him fast ♦
and my arm shall strengthen him.

**22 'No enemy shall deceive him, ♦
nor any wicked person afflict him.**

23 'I will strike down his foes before his face ♦
and beat down those that hate him.

**24 'My truth also and my steadfast love shall be with him, ♦
and in my name shall his head be exalted.**

25 'I will set his dominion upon the sea ♦
and his right hand upon the rivers.

**26 'He shall call to me, "You are my Father, ♦
my God, and the rock of my salvation;"**

27 'And I will make him my firstborn: ♦
the most high above the kings of the earth.

**28 'The love I have pledged to him will I keep for ever, ♦
and my covenant will stand fast with him.**

29 'His seed also will I make to endure for ever ♦
and his throne as the days of heaven.

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

Faithful God,
remember your promise
fulfilled in your anointed Son Jesus Christ,
in whose strength alone we stand,
now and for ever. **Amen**

Canticle

The Spirit of God fills the whole world.

1I will take you from the nations, ♦
and gather you from all the countries.

**2I will sprinkle clean water upon you, ♦
and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses.**

3A new heart I will give you, ♦
and put a new spirit within you,

**4And I will remove from your body the heart of stone ♦
and give you a heart of flesh.**

5You shall be my people, ♦
and I will be your God.

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

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A reading from John 1.29-34

The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

There will be a brief time of silence before the Responsory for reflection

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
let the whole earth tremble before him.

Tell it out among the nations that the Lord is King.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

Tell out his salvation from day to day.

Let the whole earth tremble before him.

Declare his glory among the nations
and his wonders among all peoples.

**O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
let the whole earth tremble before him.**

The Benedictus

**Jesus is baptized and the whole world is made holy;
Christ washes away our sins and purifies us with the Holy Spirit**

**+ Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,
who has come to his people and set them free.**

**He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,
born of the house of his servant David.**

**Through his holy prophets God promised of old
to save us from our enemies,**

from the hands of all that hate us,

**To show mercy to our ancestors,
and to remember his holy covenant.**

This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:

to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear,

**holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.**

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,

for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation

by the forgiveness of all their sins.

**In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

Luke 1.68-79

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

**Jesus is baptized and the whole world is made holy;
Christ washes away our sins and purifies us with the Holy Spirit**

Prayers for the world, for others and for our parish will be offered, using
the response:

Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer

Silence may be kept.

The Collect of the day is said:

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**

Believing the promises of God,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Conclusion

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 .

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