

Sunday January 10th - Baptism of Our Lord - Order of Service

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Today we celebrate a special baptism;
the baptism of Jesus of Nazareth.

God says:

Look! See my chosen servant,
the One in whom I utterly delight;
**I have placed my Spirit on him,
he will bring true justice to the nations.**

When Jesus was baptised, the heavens opened up,
and Spirit came down like a dove;
and there was a voice from heaven saying:

**“This is my dearly loved Son,
with whom I am delighted.”**

The joy of the Lord be with you all.
And also with you.

Opening Hymn - God Whose Almighty Word CP 560 (vs. 1, 2, 3)

1. God, whose almighty word Chaos and darkness heard
And took their flight: Hear us, we humble pray,
And where the Gospel day Sheds not its glorious ray,
Let there be light!
2. Lord, who once came to bring, On your redeeming wing,
Healing and sight, Health to the sick in mind,
Sight to the inly blind: Oh, now to humankind
Let there be light!
3. Spirit of truth and love, Life giving, holy dove,
Speed forth your flight; Move on the water's face,
Bearing the lamp of grace, And in earth's darkest place
Let there be light!

Collect Prayer

Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

The Readings

Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11

The Homily

Hymn - Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song CP 635

Like the murmur of the dove's song,
like the challenge of her flight,
like the vigor of the wind's rush,
like the new flame's eager might:
come, Holy Spirit, come.

To the members of Christ's Body,
to the branches of the Vine,
to the Church in faith assembled,
to her midst as gift and sign:
come, Holy Spirit, come.

With the healing of division,
with the ceaseless voice of prayer,
with the power of love and witness,
with the peace beyond compare:
come, Holy Spirit, come.

The Prayers of the People

Confession & Absolution

Let us open our hearts in truth and confess to God the ways we in which we have failed to live up to our baptismal promises, saying together:

God our Creator,
**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.

Remember the grace of God's reconciling act made manifest in the life, death and resurrection of Christ, and receive the forgiveness that is yours and mine. Live into your forgiveness and know the new life that God has placed in your hearts, waiting to be shared with the world. Amen.

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 forever.
Amen.**

Doxology and Blessing

**Glory to God, whose power working in us, can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Closing Hymn - O Spirit of the Living God - CP 40

1 O Spirit of the living God,
in all the fullness of your grace,
wherever human feet have trod,
descend upon our fallen race.

2 Give tongues of fire and hearts of love

to preach the reconciling word;
anoint with power from heaven above
whenever gospel truth is heard.

3 Let darkness turn to radiant light,
confusion vanish from your path;
those who are weak inspire with might:
let mercy triumph over wrath!

4 O Spirit of our God, prepare
the whole wide world the Lord to meet;
breathe out new life, like morning air,
till hearts of stone begin to beat.

5 Baptize the nations; far and near
the triumphs of the cross record;
till Christ in glory shall appear
and every race declare him Lord! Amen.

Dismissal

Postlude