

The 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.

The Lord's Prayer

God of Glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world.
In darkness and in light, in trouble and in joy, Help us heavenly Father, to trust your love, to serve your purpose, and to praise your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We go into the world to walk in God's light, to rejoice in God's love and to reflect God's glory. Amen.

The Blessing

Christ our Lord reveal to you his glory and pour down upon you the riches of his grace; and the blessing ...

Hymn 451 Songs of thankfulness and praise



Morning Worship - 8th January 2023 The Baptism of Christ

Welcome and call to worship

A voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

Matthew 3.17

Opening hymn 193 Hail to the Lord's anointed

God in Christ has revealed his glory.

All Come let us worship.

From the rising of the sun to its setting

All the Lord's name is greatly to be praised.

Give him praise, you servants of the Lord.

All O praise the name of the Lord!

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Prayers of Forgiveness

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' So let us turn away from our sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

All Lord God,

we have sinned against you;

we have done evil in your sight.

We are sorry and repent.

Have mercy on us according to your love.

Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.

Renew a right spirit within us

and restore us to the joy of your salvation;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the Father of all mercies
cleanse you from your sins,
and restore you in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
All Amen.

The Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah, Luke 1.68–79)

1 Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,
who has come to his people and set them free.
**2 He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,
born of the house of his servant David.**
3 Through his holy prophets God promised of old
to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all that hate us,
**4 To show mercy to our ancestors,
and to remember his holy covenant.**
5 This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
**6 Free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.**
7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
**8 To give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of all their sins.**
9 In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
**10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of
death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

**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.**

Hymn 198 Hark the glad sound

Readings: Matthew 3 1-17
Psalm 2 7-8

Sermon – Chris Scruby

Hymn 90 Come down O Love Divine

We declare our faith

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

All: We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

All: We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

All: We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

All: This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

The Intercessions

Hymn 311 Lord Jesus Christ