

Sunday, January 12, 2025
10:00 A.M.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

We're so pleased that you've come to worship with us this morning. While this bulletin is a guide to the service if you are unfamiliar with the ritual customs of the Anglican Church, simply relax with the liturgy and let the rest of the congregation carry you in worship. After the service please join us downstairs for coffee and tea.

(Congregational participation in **BOLD**)

We begin the service with a time of silence.
The gong will sound to start and end the silence.

Hymn # 679 The Gloria *(Blue Book)*

We gather around the font
Chant: Glory to you, for ever and ever.

Thanksgiving Over the Water
May God be with you.
And also with you.
Let us give thanks to God our Creator.
It is right to offer thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, source and sustainer of life,
for the gift of water. This is the water your Spirit stirred at the dawn of creation, separating the soil from the sea, and calling forth a humanity fashioned in your image.
Glory to you, for ever and ever.

This is the water through which you delivered twelve tribes from enslavement to empire and oppression. You led them through the sea, and through the Jordan into a land of promise, displaying your liberating power for all in captivity.
Glory to you, for ever and ever.

This is the water sprinkled upon a people in exile, gifting them with a new heart and a new spirit, gathering them home, restoring those in despair to the joy and dignity of hope.
Glory to you, for ever and ever.

This is the water in which Jesus was baptized and named as your beloved child. This is the water that takes its course from his wounded side, the living water that bursts tomb-sealing rock, giving rise to the new creation, and birthing from every tongue and nation a people consecrated to you.
Glory to you, for ever and ever.

Breathe your Spirit, O God, upon this water, that your servants who are washed and anointed may share with your Christ in his death and resurrection. From these waters, raise up a people hungry for justice and peace, a sign of your promise for all creation.
Glory to you, for ever and ever. Amen.

The water is shared as act of renewal and the congregation is seated.

Collect
God of grace and glory,
you call us to be your people, faithful and courageous.
As your beloved Son
embraced his mission in the waters of baptism,
inspire us with the fire of your Spirit
to join in his transforming work.
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Christ,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

HYMN # 161 I Have Called You by Your Name
(*Red Book*)

First Reading: Isaiah 43: 1-7
Reader: Helen Barry
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
Thanks be to God

Second Reading: Psalm 29
Reader: Helen Barry
Give glory to the Holy One, O heavenly court!
ascribe to God glory and strength.
Give the Holy One glory due the divine name;
worship God in the beauty of holiness.
The voice of God resounds over the waters;
the God of glory thunders over the raging seas.
The voice of God is powerful;
the voice of God is full of majesty.
The voice of God breaks the cedar trees;
It shatters the cedars of Lebanon,
and makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
The voice of God splits the lightning;
the voice of God shakes the wilderness;
it shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
The voice of God makes the oak trees writhe

and strips the forests bare,
and in God's temple all cry, "Glory!"
God sits enthroned as sovereign,
God is Ruler over the flood.
The Holy One shall give strength to this people;
God shall give this people the blessing of peace.
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
Thanks be to God

PSALM HYMN # 410 Creating God, Your Fingers Trace (*Blue Book*)

The Gospel Reading: (Standing)
God be with you
And also with you
The Good News of Jesus Christ according to Luke
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ
The Gospel Reading: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
Reader: The Rev. Dr. Jane Rowland
The Gospel of Christ
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Sermon – *The Rev. Dr. Jane Rowland*

The Affirmation of Faith (New Zealand)
You, O God, are supreme and holy.
You create our world and give us life.
Your purpose overarches everything we do.
You have always been with us.
You are God.
You, O God, are infinitely generous,
good beyond all measure.
You came to us before we came to you.
You have revealed and proved
your love for us in Jesus Christ,
who lived and died and rose again.
You are with us now.
You are God.
You, O God, are Holy Spirit.
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.
You are our God. We worship you.

Prayers of the People – *Spencer Stevens*

The Peace & Invitation

OFFERTORY HYMN # 45 Down Galilee's Slow Roadways (*Blue Book*)

Prayer over the Gifts

Eucharistic Prayer
Celebrant: May God be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Holy One.
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to our loving God.
People: It is right to offer our thanks and praise.
Celebrant: Thanks and praise,…..
…creation in the eternal hymn.

Sung Sanctus: #683 Blue Book
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory
Glory be to thee O Lord most High.
Blessed is the One that cometh in the name of the Lord Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: In the fullness of time,…
…here and everywhere.

Amen

Meditation on the Lord's Prayer
In awe we come to You again,
You, whose name remains
beyond all naming.
May your will be our will,
Your peace be peace on earth,
and what is broken in our lives
be forgiven and made right.
Grant us today the bread of Your fields.
From the labour of our days
may Your love be the yield.
For You are, have been, and
always will be, our source,
our end, our soul's delight. *Juleta Severson-Baker*

The gifts of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God

Chant # 649 Breathe on Me Breath of God
(Blue Book)

THE COMMUNION

HYMN: Where the Light Begins
by Susan LaBarr and Jan Richardson
Sung by Jensen and Corinne MacLean and Heather Lietz-Salomons. Accompaniment played by Elizabeth Lietz.

The Prayer after Communion

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
for ever and ever. Amen.

Announcements

HYMN # 527 How Firm a Foundation
Vs. 1,2,3 & 5 (*Blue Book*)

The Dismissal