

Sunday, January 11, 2026

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: Your Canopy of Vigil Lights *(Blue Book)*
O servants of God let us sing our praise
We bless your holy name O God.
From the rising of the sun to its setting,
We bless your holy name O God.
You lift up the meek and hungry.
We bless your holy name O God.
And you glory shines above the heavens.
We bless your holy name O God.

Your canopy of vigil lights,
each star your hand has set in place,
Bestows a blessing on our lives
and all creation sings your praise.
You formed the moon and fired the sun,
you quickened dust with holy breath,
and binding us to your dear Son,
renewed our life, destroyed our death.

You walk with us along the way,
your Word, a lamp to pilgrim feet:
stay with us now at break of day,
our unknown guest, our host and feast.

Grant those who share this sacred meal
the faith and vision to believe
that hearts might see what eyes conceal:
by grace your presence we receive.

Refreshed by sabbath rest this day,
awaken us to your shalom:
the reign of Christ, unfailing Light,
where peace and justice are at home
and saints need neither moon nor sun
to sing your praise eternally,
O merciful, immortal One,
O blessed, holy Trinity

We gather around the font
Chant: We Praise you, O God

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.
We Praise you, O God.

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.
We Praise you, O God.

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.
We Praise you, O God.

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.
We Praise you, O God.

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.
We Praise you, O God.

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.**

First Reading: Isaiah 42: 1-9
Reader: Corinne MacLean
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
Thanks be to God

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

The Gospel Reading: (Standing)
God be with you
And also with you
The Good News of Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ
The Gospel Reading: Matthew 3: 13-17
Reader: Deacon Lynne Smith
The Gospel of Christ
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Sermon – *The Rev. MJ Leewis-Kirk*

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 # 465 Here in This Place New Light (*Blue Book*)

Prayer over the Gifts

Great Thanksgiving:
May God be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to God
Let us thanks to our loving God.
It is right to offer thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good… …we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus:
Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes,
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Holy God,… …with every breath…
We praise you O God

Generations bless your faithfulness:… …into the future….
We bless you O God

We give you thanks for your Son:……with us now…
We thank you O God

On the night he was betrayed,
… we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit:…
…in your church, without end.

Amen, Amen, 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 # 410 Creating God, Your Fingers Trace
(Blue Book)

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 # 656 She Come Sailing on the Wind
Vs 1,3 &4 (*Blue Book*)

The Dismissal