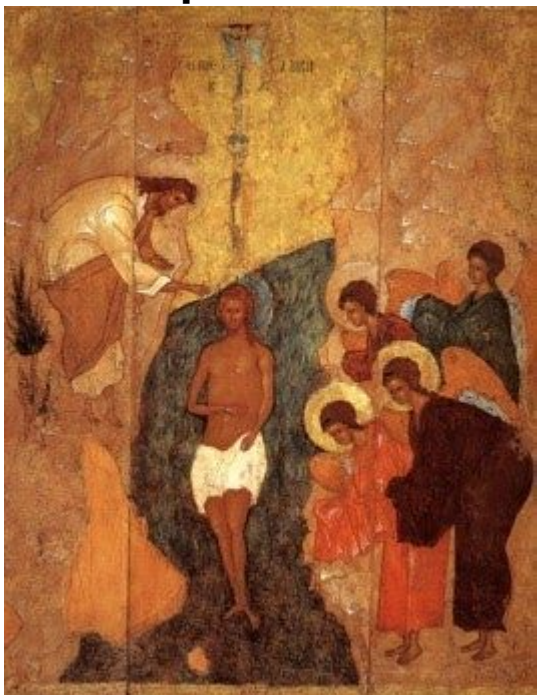


# First Sunday of Epiphany 10th January 2021 The Baptism of Christ



## Opening Responses

Our Lord Jesus Christ has told us  
that to enter the kingdom of heaven

**All we must be born again  
of water and the Spirit,**

and has given us baptism  
as the sign and seal of this new birth.

**All Here we are washed by  
the Holy Spirit and made clean.**

Here we are clothed with Christ,  
dying to sin that we may live his risen life.

**As children of God,  
we have a new dignity  
and God calls us to fullness of life.**

## Opening prayer

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. **All: Amen.**

## Confession

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Baptised and blessed in God's living waters,  
He calls us to be his children and disciples.  
Let us confess how we still struggle to follow  
in faith wherever Jesus leads us, by saying  
together -

**All Loving Lord, we confess we have not  
always heeded your prophets' voices or  
acknowledged John's baptism of  
repentance. Forgive us:**

**when we fail to welcome the  
stranger;**

**when we refuse to forgive as we  
should;**

**when we believe we are too good  
to kneel down and tie the shoes of the  
lost, the least, and the last.**

**Amen.**

## Absolution

Blessed by our baptisms and filled with the  
peace of the Spirit, we are God's people -  
redeemed, restored, and refreshed, Amen.

## Hymn

1. On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry  
announces that the Lord is nigh;  
awake and hearken, for he brings  
glad tidings of the King of kings.

2. Then cleansed be every  
breast from sin;  
make straight the way for God within;  
prepare we in our hearts a home  
where such a mighty guest may come.

3. For thou art our salvation, Lord,  
our refuge and our great reward:  
without thy grace, we waste away,  
like flowers that wither and decay.

4. To heal the sick,  
stretch out thine hand,  
and bid the fallen sinner stand;  
shine forth and let thy light restore  
earth's own true loveliness once more.

5. All praise, eternal Son, to thee,  
whose advent doth thy people free,  
whom, with the Father, we adore,  
and Holy Ghost, evermore.

## The Word of God

**Reading: Mark 1:4-11**

*At end of reading:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**All: Praise to you O Christ**

## Sermon

### Renewal of Baptism Vows

Do you renew and affirm the promises made at your baptism?

**I do.**

Do you reject the devil and all proud rebellion against God?

**I reject them.**

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

**I renounce them.**

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

**I repent of them.**

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

**I turn to Christ.**

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

**I submit to Christ.**

Do you come to Christ, the Way, the Truth and the Life?

**I come to Christ.**

## Hymn

Christ, when for us you were baptised  
God's Spirit on you came,  
As peaceful as a dove, and yet  
As urgent as a flame.

God called you his beloved Son,  
Called you his Servant too;  
His kingdom you were called to preach,  
His holy will to do.

Straightway and steadfast until death  
You then obeyed his call,  
Freely as Son of Man to serve,  
And give your life for all.

Baptise us with your Spirit, Lord,  
Your cross on us be signed,  
That likewise in God's service we  
May perfect freedom find.

## Prayers

### Intercessions

*The McMonigall family*

### The Collect

Let us pray that we will be faithful to our baptism -

Eternal Father, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and revealed him to us at his baptism in the River Jordan, grant that we, who have been born again of water and the Holy Spirit, and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour, who is alive with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**All: Amen**

### The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven...**

## Notices

### Blessing

May God the Father, who led the wise men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from light, lead you also in your pilgrimage to find the Lord.  
May God the Holy Spirit, who came upon the beloved Son at his baptism in the river Jordan, pour out his gifts on you who have come to the waters of new birth.  
And May the blessing...

### Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord,  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**