

**January 9, 2022 - Baptism of the Lord
Season of Epiphany
Morning Prayer**

The Penitential Rite

A virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel. *(Matthew 1.23)*

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbour

Silence is kept

God of all mercy,

All we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore and strengthen us
through our Saviour Jesus Christ,
so that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.

Officiant: May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen by the Holy Spirit
and raise you to new life in Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn: Rise Up and Shine (#157 CP)

Rise up and shine! Your light has come; God's glory breaks like dawn
For though the earth be cloaked in night and gloom shrouds everyone,
yet over you the Lord will rise, with glory gleaming clear,
till nations turn to seek your light and humbled kings draw near.

Fling wide your gates, both day and night; no more keep watch or guard.
You will be called God's holy hill, the city of the Lord.
No sound of strife will plague your land, nor ham besiege your ways;
"Salvation" will you name your walls, and all your portals "Praise."

No more will you implore the sun to shed by day its light,
nor will you need the changeful moon to glisten through the night.
Your glory then will be your God, whose light will never cease.
Rise up and shine! Your light has come to give you joy and peace.

Introductory Responses

Leader Blessed are you, David's heir, born to rule,

All **you received gifts from the magi.**

Leader Blessed are you, Son of Man, baptized by John,

All **you saved us from ourselves.**

Leader Blessed are you, Servant Lord,
teaching and preaching, healing and comforting

All **you proclaimed God's gracious reign.**

Leader With all the voices of heaven and earth,
we celebrate your epiphany

All **Let heaven and earth shout their praise.**

Leader Blessed be God: Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Isaiah 43:1-7

But now thus says the Lord,

he who created you, O Jacob,

he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,

and the flame shall not consume you.

For I am the Lord your God,

the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom,

Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

Because you are precious in my sight,

and honored, and I love you,

I give people in return for you,

nations in exchange for your life.

Do not fear, for I am with you;

I will bring your offspring from the east,

and from the west I will gather you;

I will say to the north, "Give them up,"

and to the south, "Do not withhold;

bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth—
everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made.”

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The Responory

Reader O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;

All **let the whole earth tremble before God.**

Reader Tell it out among the nations that the Lord is sovereign.

All **O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**

Reader Tell out the salvation of God from day to day.

All **Let the whole earth tremble before God.**

Reader Declare the glory of the Holy One among the nations
and the wonders of God among the peoples.

All **O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
let the whole earth tremble before God.**

Psalm 29

Reader Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, *
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength;

People: **Ascribe to the Lord the glory due the divine name; *
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**

Reader The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; *
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

People: **The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendour.**

Reader The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; *
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon,

People: **and makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

Reader The voice of the Lord *
splits the flames of fire;

People: **the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; *
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

Reader The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the Lord
all are crying, “Glory!”

People: **The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; *
the Lord sits enthroned as sovereign for evermore..**

Reader The Lord shall give strength to this people; *
the Lord shall give this people the blessing of peace..

Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit

People: **As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

God of mystery and power, open our eyes to the flame of your love and open our ears to the thunder of your justice, that we may receive your gifts of blessing and Peace, to the glory of your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Second Reading. Acts 8:14-17

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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All **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn. Down Galilee's Slow Roadways (#45 CP)

Down Galilee's slow roadways, a stranger travelled on
from Nazareth to Jordan to be baptized by John.
He went down to the waters with soldier, scribe, and slave,
but there within the river the sign was birth and grave.

Arising from the river, he saw the heaven's torn;
it seemed the sky was open to show the Spirit's form.
The holy dove descended; he heard a glorious voice:
"You are my own beloved—my child, my heart, my choice."

We too have found a roadway; it led us to this place.
We all have had to travel in search of hope and grace.
But now beside this water again a voice is heard:
"You are my own, my chosen, beloved of your Lord."

Gospel. Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Reader The Gospel of Christ

All Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers of the Community

In the world wide Anglican cycle of prayer today we pray for the Iglesia Anglican de Chile.

In the Anglican/Lutheran cycle of prayer we pray for Dr. Andrea Mann, Director, and the staff of Global Relations; Ryan Weston, Lead Animator, Public Witness for Social and Ecological Justice of the ACC and the Assistants to the Bishop and the staff of the Eastern Synod of the ELCIC.

In our diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for the people, community and parish of Teslin and the congregation of St. Philip's. We ask God's blessing, and give thanks, for The Ven Sarah Usher & Len Usher and the whole ministry team.

The Litany

Let us pray to the Creator of the universe.

Leader Everlasting Light of creation, may your people in all the world worship in spirit and in truth.

All Holy One, shine upon us and hear us.

Leader May the church discover that unity which is your will.

All Holy One, shine upon us and hear us.

Leader May the nations of the earth seek after the ways that make for peace.

All **Holy One, shine upon us and hear us.**

Leader May the whole creation be set free to enjoy the glorious liberty of your children.

All **Holy One, shine upon us and hear us**

Leader May all who with Christ have entered the shadow of death rest in peace and rise in glory.

All **Holy One, shine upon us and hear us.**

The Collect

God, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, mark us with your image and raise us to live our baptismal vows empowered by the Holy Spirit and the example of Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray.. Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Leader Believing in the promises of God and gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

**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.

**Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

Closing Hymn. In Christ Alone (CCLI 3350395)

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My comforter, my all in all
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe

This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

The Dismissal

Leader Let us bless the Lord

All **Thanks be to God**

Leader May Christ, who sends us to the nations, give us the power of the Spirit. **Amen.**