

Sunday 8th January, 2023 11.00 am

The First Sunday after Epiphany

Baptism of the Lord

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Welcome & Intimations

Call to Worship

Hymn 358 The great love of God is revealed in the Son,

The great love of God is revealed in the Son,
Who came to this earth to redeem everyone.
That love, like a stream flowing clear to the sea,
Makes clean every heart that from sin would be free.

It binds the whole world, every barrier it breaks,
The hills it lays low, and the mountains is shakes.
It's yours, it is ours, see how lavishly given!
The pearl of great price, and the treasure of heaven!

Daniel Thambyrajah Niles (1908-1970)

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Children's Address

Hymn 126 Let's sing to the Lord, yes, sing God a new song.

1 Let's sing to the Lord, yes, sing God a new song.
Let's sing to the Lord, yes, sing God a new song.
Let's sing to the Lord, yes, sing God a new song.
Let's sing to the Lord, let's sing to the Lord.

2 For God is the Lord, and God has done wonders.
For God is the Lord, and God has done wonders.
For God is the Lord, and God has done wonders.
Let's sing to the Lord, let's sing to the Lord.

3 So dance for our God and blow all the trumpets.
So dance for our God and blow all the trumpets.
So dance for our God and blow all the trumpets.
Let's sing to the Lord, let's sing to the Lord.

4 Let's shout to our God, who gave us the Spirit.
Let's shout to our God, who gave us the Spirit.
Let's shout to our God, who gave us the Spirit.
Let's sing to the Lord, let's sing to the Lord.

5 For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia!
For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia!
For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia!
Let's sing to the Lord, let's sing to the Lord.

Isaiah 42:1-9

St. Matthew 3:13-17

Hymn 335 Out of the flowing river

1 Out of the flowing river
Jesus ascends
baptized by John
waiting the sign.

2 Out of the open heavens
God's spirit comes
down like a dove
in peace and power.

3 Out speaks the voice from heaven:
'You are my Son,
chosen and loved,
my own delight'.

4 Out through the life of Jesus
God's word of love,
calling in grace,
comes to our lives.

5 Out in the world we live in
we will make known
the love revealed
through God in Christ.

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Sermon

The Offering (& Sung Doxology: Hymn 807)

Prayer of Intercession & The Lord's Prayer

Our Father which art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy Name.

Thy Kingdom come.

Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:

**For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for
ever. Amen.**

Hymn 336 Christ is our light! the bright and morning star

1 Christ is our light! the bright and morning star
covering with radiance all from near and far.

Christ be our light, shine on, shine on we pray
into our hearts, into our world today.

2 Christ is our love! baptised that we may know
the love of God among us, swooping low.
Christ be our love, bring us to turn our face
and see in you the light of heaven's embrace.

3 Christ is our joy! transforming wedding guest!
Through water turned to wine the feast was blessed.
Christ be our joy; your glory let us see,
as your disciples did in Galilee.

Benediction

Choral Amen (3-fold)