



The Parish Church of St Cuthbert

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The First Sunday after the Epiphany

The Baptism of our Lord

Sunday 12 January 2025

A warm welcome to worship.

Today is the **First Sunday after the Epiphany**, when we also celebrate the **Baptism of the Lord**. The liturgical colours for this season of ongoing celebration of the Lord's Nativity are **white** and **gold**.

Hymns are unannounced and sung standing unless otherwise indicated. Please ask one of the Duty Elders if there is not a hymnbook (purple Church Hymnary) near your seat.

The text of the **Psalm** can either be found in this Order of Service, or in the hymnbook at the hymn number indicated. The **Alleluia**, the **Creed** and the **Lord's Prayer** can also be found in the hymnbook at the numbers indicated in this Order of Service.

Bible Readings are taken from the New Revised Standard Version. Please ask one of the Duty Elders if you would like a copy.

Congregational responses are printed in **bold**. The congregation is encouraged to join in with the saying of '**Amen**' at the end of prayers.

Please join us after the service in the Lammermuir Hall for tea and coffee.

Please note this service is being filmed and broadcast live on the church's website and YouTube channel. If you do not wish to be seen, please make your wishes known.

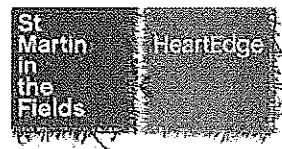


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APPROACH TO GOD

INTROIT

Out of the flowing river Jesus ascends
baptised by John waiting the sign

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

Church Hymnary, Fourth Edition, Hymn 335, verses 1&2

Text: Leith Fisher (1941-2009)

Music: Timothy Redman (1943-2005)

OPENING SENTENCE

Because God was merciful,
he saved us through the water of rebirth
and the renewing power of the Holy Spirit,
**which he lavished upon us
through Christ Jesus, our Saviour.**

Titus 3: 5

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

236 March on, my soul, with strength

CALL TO PRAYER

please remain standing

PRAYERS OF APPROACH AND CONFESSION

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

please be seated

COLLECT FOR THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

**Eternal Father, at the baptism of Jesus
you revealed him to be your Son,
and anointed him with the Holy Spirit.
Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit,
faithful to their calling as your people;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you
and also with you.

HYMN

629 Mark how the Lamb of God

THE WORD OF GOD

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 43: 1-7

EPISTLE

Acts 8: 14-17

PSALM 29

**Give ye unto the Lord, ye sons
that of the mighty be,
all strength and glory to the Lord
with cheerfulness give ye.**

Tune at Hymn 81

**Unto the Lord the glory give
that to his name is due;
and in the beauty of holiness
unto Jehovah bow.**

**The Lord's voice on the waters is;
the God of majesty
doth thunder, and on multitudes
of waters sitteth he.**

**The Lord sits on the floods; the Lord
sits King, and ever shall.
The Lord will give his people strength,
and with peace bless them all.**

**To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
the God whom we adore,
be glory, as it was, and is,
and shall be evermore. Amen.**

The Scottish Psalter, 1929, Psalm 29: 1-3, 10-11

THE GOSPEL

St Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

ALLELUIA

the music can be found at Hymn 752

THE SERMON

The Revd Dr Peter Sutton

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM

Why, impious Herod, shouldst thou fear
because the Christ is come so near?
He who doth heavenly kingdoms grant
thine earthly realm can never want.

Lo, sages from the East are gone
To where the star hath newly shone:
Led on by light to Light they press,
And by their gifts their God confess.

The Lamb of God is manifest
again in Jordan's water blest,
and he who sin had never known
by washing hath our sins undone.

Then glory, Lord, to thee we pay
for thine Epiphany today;
all glory through eternity
to Father, Son, and Spirit be. Amen.

The New English Hymnal, Hymn 46, verses 1-3, 5

Text: Latin, Caelius Sedulius, c.450,

translated by Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)

Music: 'St Venantius', Rouen Church melody, 1728

THE APOSTLES' CREED

the text can be found at Hymn 628

HYMN

553 Just as I am, without one plea

First Tune

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

One of the following responses may be used:

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Lord, hear us: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

The OFFERING is collected, and received during the singing of:

DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

Hymn 807

SURSUM CORDA

The Lord be with you.

and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PRAYERS OF
THANKSGIVING and
THE LORD'S PRAYER

the text can be found at Hymn 652, second form (b)

DISMISSAL HYMN

489 Come down, O Love Divine

DISMISSAL and BLESSING

Threefold Amen

Music: Danish

ORGAN RECESSIONAL

Light of the Nations

Andrew Moore (b.1954)

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

A form which may be used at Easter, Pentecost, the Baptism of our Lord, on Ash Wednesday, at the close of a mission or on other suitable occasions.

The renewal of baptismal vows may be made at Morning or Evening Prayer, or at Holy Communion after the sermon, and the creed may be omitted. The prayers of intercession and of penitence may be omitted.

At Easter the minister says

As we celebrate again the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ we remember that through these saving acts we have died and been buried with him in baptism, so that we might rise with him to a new life within the family of his Church.

We now meet to renew the promises made at our baptism, to affirm our allegiance to Christ and our rejection of all that is evil.

On other occasions the minister says

In our baptism we died with Christ and were buried with him, so that we might rise with him to a new life within the family of his Church.

We now meet to renew the promises made at our baptism, to affirm our allegiance to Christ and our rejection of all that is evil.

Stand

THE FIRST FORM

The minister says

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.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

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

Do you believe and trust in God the Son?

**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.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Or

THE SECOND FORM

The minister says

Do you renew and affirm the promises made when you were baptized?

I do.

Do you turn in faith to Christ?
I do.

Do you then renounce all evil?
I do, by God's help.

Will you obey and serve Christ?
I will, by God's help.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
creator of heaven and earth?
I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ,
who redeemed the world?
I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit
who gives life to the people of God?
I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.
This is our faith.
We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The minister continues

Those who are baptized are called to worship and serve God.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
With the help of God, I will.

Will you persevere in resisting evil,
and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
With the help of God, I will.

Will you proclaim by word and example
the good news of God in Christ?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all people,
loving your neighbour as yourself?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you acknowledge Christ's authority over human society,
by prayer for the world and its leaders,
by defending the weak, and by seeking peace and justice?

With the help of God, I will.

The minister says

Let us pray.

Almighty God,

you have given us the will to do all these things:

Give us the courage and strength to achieve them

to the honour and glory of your name,

and the good of your Church and people;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

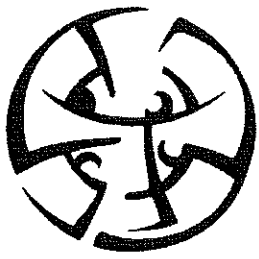
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith,

that you may be rooted and grounded in love

and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit. **Amen.**



The Parish Church of St Cuthbert, Edinburgh
12th January 2025

Weekly Intimations

Today

There will be a short service of Holy Communion after this morning service in the Anama Chara Chapel. All welcome.

Joint Service – Sunday 19th January, 10.30am

Next Sunday, we join our friends in St John's and New Town Church (STAGWS) for a service of Christian Unity. The service will be held at St John's at 10.30am and the preacher will be Rev Dr Peter Sutton. There will be no service at St Cuthbert's next Sunday.

Quarterly Communion – Sunday 26th January, 10.30am

Our Quarterly celebration of Holy Communion will be held on Sunday 26th January. at 10.30am

January Life and Work

The January edition of Life and work is now available, and can be picked up from the magazine table in the Lammermuir Hall.

Submissions for the Magazine

Articles for the February/ March magazine must be submitted to the Editor no later than Monday 20th January.

Saturday Coffee Morning Dates and Times

There will be no Saturday Coffee Morning in January.

Saturday 22nd February – 11am-2pm

Saturday 29th March – 10am-1pm

Tuesday Coffee Morning, 10.30am – noon

Pop along for a coffee and a chat in the Lindisfarne Room.

FreshStart

FreshStart are very grateful for all our donations of household items and non-perishable food. Please continue to place your donations in "The Big White Box" in the vestibule. If you are unable to deliver them, please telephone Jim McLean on **0131 332 5114** and leave a message with your name, phone number and that the call is about FreshStart, or email [**jamesangusmclean@gmail.com**](mailto:jamesangusmclean@gmail.com)

Prayer Circle

Prayer requests should be made to **Irene Gill** on **226 2727**. For longer term prayer, please add names to the purple book in the vestibule. If you could be part of the Prayer Circle and spend time praying for others, please contact Irene.

Steps to Hope

Our charity partner continues to provide, on Sunday and Monday evenings, a hot home-cooked meal for people who find themselves in difficult situations.

Bible Fellowship Group.

All are invited to meet on Thursdays. Please give this group a try for Christian fellowship. Zoom details from:
[**martin.pearce2109@outlook.com**](mailto:martin.pearce2109@outlook.com)

