



January 9, 2022

BAPTISM OF JESUS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Today millions of Christians around the world choose to celebrate the baptism of Jesus. We have gathered here today in his name praying that we, who have been baptised with water, may daily be baptised with the Holy Spirit.

Amen!

Give God the glory, all you children of light,
Give God the glory for such radiant strength.

*Give all the glory God's name deserves.
Worship God in the courts of holiness*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT/PRAYER OF COUNTRY

This is God's Land.

Many people have gone before who have honoured God by caring for the Land, in the ways they have lived and in the stories they have shared.

We give thanks for the nations and people, who have held, as sacred, the duty of protecting the Land and living in harmony with it.

May God honour and bless them – now and to eternity.

Amen

SONG

Here I am Lord

<https://vimeo.com/worshipwell/download/552167197/b5e11338d5>

ADORATION

Let us pray.

Most wonderful God, we have come from many separate directions to gather here and online, as one community of faith. Please assist us to be one in peace and joy, that we may praise you with one voice and adore you with as with one heart, and be equipped to serve you in the world as the one compassionate body of Christ. For your name's sake.

Amen!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us, as the baptised community of Christ, confess to God our sin. Let us pray.

God most holy, God most discerning, God most merciful, you know the complete, uncensored story of this church and each of these people.

You know our tangled motives and our times of open disobedience.
You understand our weaknesses and our strengths much better than we do.

Please open our eyes to the truth, no matter how unpalatable it may seem to us.
Give us a moment of spiritual clarity and honesty.
Forgive us for all our failings as a church community, and for all our private sins of commission and omission; bless us with your freeing, healing grace.

Revive our stodgy spirits and bring under control our unruly wants and anxieties.
Let us make a new beginning, rid of the sludge of guilt and self-pitying regret.
In the name of Christ our Redeemer.

Amen!

ASSURANCE

Now the One who created you, the God who shaped your life, says this:

“Fear not, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.”

People of God, trust the plentiful love of our Saviour, and know for sure that you are forgiven and restored.
Thanks be to God!

SONG

River of Life

<https://vimeo.com/worshipwell/download/660820815/28351d23e3>

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

God of overflowing love.

We know your abundance in our lives in every moment.

As we dedicate this money here today,

we know that it represents only some of the many gifts that you have gifted us with.

It is our prayer that this money might be a gift to others in the world. In the name of the great gift giver.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

READINGS

Is 43:1-7 Ps 29 Acts 8:14-17 Lk 3:15-17, 21-22

REFLECTION

<https://vimeo.com/worshipwell/download/661136688/ac9b553827>



SILENCE

Now let silence gently enfold us...

May the silence we now share quieten us, touch our need, refresh our courage, and enlarge our wonder.

SONG

Morning Has Broken

<https://vimeo.com/worshipwell/download/561636940/398ceec9d6>

BLESSING

You are a baptised people, a community of hope, the new race dedicated to doing the unlikely deeds of grace, and sometimes even taking on the impossible.

Thanks be to Christ, whose power is made perfect in human weakness.

The blessing of the Creator, Redeemer and Inspirer will always be with you.

Amen!

BLESSING SONG

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

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