

THE CHAPEL OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

First Sunday in Epiphany & Baptism of Christ, 12th January 2025

Theme: *'Manifestation in Christ's Baptism'*

THE GATHERING & THE PREPARATION

Processional Hymn 153 **Christ is made the sure foundation**

Welcome & Call to Worship

And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

St. Matthew 3: 17

Blessed be God.

Blessed be God's reign for ever. Amen.

Prayer of Preparation *Page 1 of the Liturgy Books*

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Call to Penitence

Human sin disfigures the whole creation, which groans with eager longing for God's redemption. We confess our sin in penitence and faith.

SILENCE as we recollect our sins of omission and commission

Confession

God our Father, long-suffering, full of grace and truth, you create us from nothing and give us life. You give your faithful people new life in the water of baptism. You do not turn your face from us, nor cast us aside. We confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbour. We have wounded your love and marred your image in us. Restore us for the sake of your Son, and bring us to heavenly joy, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Kyries

(Holy Communion Service in E – Harold Darke)

Absolution

May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw us to himself, and cleanse us from all our sins that we may behold the glory of his Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Gloria

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**Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards men, We praise thee we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee.
We give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father
That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy, thou only art the Lord:
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
Art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

COLLECT for the day

Gracious God, at the baptism in Jordan you anointed the Lord Jesus with the Holy Spirit to be revealed as your Only Begotten, the Light of the world: by your Word and Sacraments, give us who are born of water and the Spirit, the grace to shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that Jesus Christ may be known, worshipped and obeyed even to the ends of the earth; and we give you thanks for the return of plow time and harvest. Help us to share our bounty with those in need and consciously to maintain the integrity of the environment; through Jesus Christ our Lord who with you and the Holy Spirit is One God, at the beginning, middle and forever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Old Testament 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 Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, 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.’

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 29

† **The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.**

1. Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
2. Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendour. †
3. The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.
4. The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty. †
5. The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
6. He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox. †
7. The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.
8. The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
9. The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, ‘Glory!’ †
10. The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king for ever.
11. May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace! †

Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now and shall be forever. Amen.

New Testament 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.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia. "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! **Alleluia.**"
cf John 1.29

Gospel

St. Matthew 3: 13 - 17

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.'

Sermon

The Chaplain

Renewal of the Baptismal Covenant

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. Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all 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 from neighbour?

I repent of them.

In baptism God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. Therefore I ask:

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.

The Profession of Faith

Let us affirm together the common faith of the Church’.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

We 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 parents of the new entrants are requested to bring the children up for a blessing during the prayers of the people.

Prayers of the People

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

The Peace

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Offertory Hymn

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As with gladness men of old

Offertory Prayer

Second Prayer on Page 7 of the Liturgy Books

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

(From page 8 of Liturgy Books)

Proper Preface

And now we give thee thanks because thou hast brought us from darkness to light and made thy light shine in our hearts. Thou bringest us to know thy glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Therefore...

Communion Hymn **30** **O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!**

AFTER COMMUNION & DISMISSAL

The Thanksgiving for Communion

Give thanks to the Lord for God is gracious

God's mercy endures for ever.

Sentence

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. *St. Matthew 5:16*

After Communion Prayer

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Blessing

Christ our Lord, to whom Wise Men bowed down in worship and offered gifts, reveal to you his glory and pour upon you the riches of his grace; and the blessing... **Amen.**

Dismissal

Go in peace to bring light to those in darkness.

In the name of Christ the Light of the World. Amen.

Recessional Hymn **29** **Brightest and best of the sons of the morning**

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