

**Readings, Collect and Year's Mind**  
**Sunday 9th January, 2022 (In Church)**  
**Baptism of the Lord**

**In our Year's Mind this week, we pray for** Mhairi Macphail, George Polson, Elizabeth Ferguson, Miriam McLaren, Gordon McGregor, Eileen Broughton, Jim Phillips

**We also give special prayers for** Chris & Susie for their ministry in the Ukraine, Tony & Gill and family, Jan, Charlie, Glynis, Masami, Peter, Joan M., Delia, Nancy, Gonzalo, Jane T., Pam B., Claire A. & family, and Jenny, Colin & family.

*The Intercessions are being led by Pam Dugan*

**Collect for The Baptism of the Lord**

Eternal Father,  
who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son,  
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:  
grant that we, being born again,  
and made your children by adoption and grace,  
may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit;  
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end **Amen**

**The Old Testament Reading Isaiah 43: 1-7**

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.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 29**

1. Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
2. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due to his name;  
    worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
3. The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;  
    the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
4. The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendour.
5. The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;  
    the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
6. He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
7. The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
8. The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.
9. And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, 'Glory!'
10. The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.
11. The Lord shall give strength to his people;  
    the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **The New Testament Reading is Acts 8: 14-17** (Read by Ralph Garden)

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 baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **The Gospel Reading is Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22**

### **Glory to Christ our Saviour.**

In the wilderness John proclaimed a baptism of repentance. 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.'

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

### **Praise to Christ our Lord.**

### **Post 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**

### **Hymns:**

NEH 436 Praise my soul the King of heaven  
NEH 495 God is working his purpose out  
NEH 352 Crown him with many crowns