



KNOX CHURCH, DUNEDIN

10am – Sunday 10 January 2021 First Sunday of Epiphany - Baptism of Jesus

Organ prelude *Wie schon leuchtet uns der Morgenstern (How Brightly Shines the Morning Star)* Op. 135A No. 29
Max Reger (1873-1916)

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Georg Philipp Telemann (1681-1767)

Puer Natus in Bethlehem (A Boy is Born in Bethlehem) BuxWV 217 Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Gelobet seist du, Jesu Christ (Praise to You, Jesu Christ) BuxWV 189 Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

played by Peter Stockwell

Welcome

Call to worship

(from Psalm 29)

Hymn

(tune: Halley) AA 57 - Colin Gibson

1 Great ring of light,
true circle with no ending;
clear beam so bright,
whose purpose knows no bending;
O Word of God,
in darkness always shining out.

2 A man who cried
upon a cross at Calvary,
for him who died
an empty tomb, a mystery;
O risen Christ,
all pain and loss transcending.

3 Immortal fire
of love forever yearning;
flame of desire
for our salvation burning;
Spirit divine,
our friends and present comforter.

4 The light shines still,
the eternal Word has spoken;
on Calvary's hill
the power of death is broken;
and I receive
the life, the joy, the loving.

Prayer of Praise

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Beloved in Christ, be comforted by the assurance that through the death and resurrection of our Saviour Jesus Christ, God takes away our sins and blesses us with eternal life.

In Christ we are forgiven.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Leader: Kia tau tonu te rangimarie o te Karaiti ki runga ki a koutou.

May the peace of Christ be with you always.

People: **And also with you.**

Time with children

Hymn

AA70 - Brent Chambers, *based on Psalm 22*

1 In the presence of your people I will
praise your name;
for alone you are holy, enthroned on
the praises of Israel.
Let us celebrate your goodness and your
steadfast love.
May your name be exalted here on
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2 Lai – lai – lai ...

Bible Readings

First Lesson: Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Reader: *Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church*

People: **Thanks be to God**

Second Lesson: Acts 19:1-7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the inland regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, 'Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?' They replied, 'No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.' Then he said, 'Into what then were you baptized?' They answered, 'Into John's baptism.' Paul said, 'John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.' On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— altogether there were about twelve of them.

Reader: *Hear what the Spirit is saying to the*

People: ***Thanks be to God***

Hymn

(tune: St. Columba CH4 598) CH3 122 - Charles Wesley

1 Come Holy Ghost, our hearts inspire;
Let us thine influence prove,
Source of the old prophetic fire
Fountain of life and love.

3 Expand thy wings, celestial Dove;
Brood o'er our nature's night;
On our disordered spirits move
And let there now be light.

2 Come, Holy Ghost, for moved by thee
The prophets wrote and spoke;
Unlock the truth, thyself the key;
Unseal the sacred book.

4 God through himself we then shall
know;
If thou within us shine,
And sound with all thy saints below,
The depths of love divine.

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:1-11

John the baptiser appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptised by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptised you with water; but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.' In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptised by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

Reader: *This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ*

People: ***Praise to Christ the Word***

Sermon

Time for meditation

Prayer for others and ourselves

The Lord's Prayer *(said together)*

Anglican prayer book

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the
glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication Prayer for the coming week

Hymn

(tune: St Anne CH4 161) CH3 611 - Isaac Watts, slightly altered in verse 5

1 O God our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast
And our eternal home.

4 A thousand ages in thy sight
Are like and evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

2 Under the shadow of thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is thine arm alone,
And our defence is sure.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Soon bears us all way;
We fly forgotten as a dream
Dies at the opening day.

3 Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting thou art God,
To endless years the same.

6 O God our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home.

Benediction *(sung Amen)*

Organ postlude *Grand Choeur in G major* - Theodore Salome (1834-96)

Serving

Minister – Peter Wishart

Organist and Choir Director – Karen Knudson

Reader – Wendy Gunn

Prayer for others – Peter Matheson

Welcoming team – David Mann's team

Counting team – Week 4

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