

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

7 January 2018

HYMNS

422 Come, Holy Spirit, come
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baptised (tune: TIS 654)

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heaven (tune: TIS 291)

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SENTENCE

God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; and he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

When Jesus comes to be baptized by Stanbrook Abbey (1974) from Sing Praise

1. When Jesus comes to be baptized, he leaves the hidden years behind, the years of safety and of peace, to bear the sins of humankind.
2. The Spirit of the Lord comes down, anoints the Christ to suffering, to preach the word, to free the bound, and to the mourner comfort bring.
3. He will not quench the dying flame, and what is bruised he will not break, but heal the wound injustice dealt, and out of death his triumph make.
4. Our everlasting Father praise with Christ, his well-belovèd Son, who with the Spirit reigns serene, eternal Trinity in One.

Father, Lord of earth and heaven by James Quinn, SJ (1919-2010) from Sing Praise

1. Father, Lord of earth and heaven, King to whom all gifts belong, give your greatest gift, your Spirit, God the holy, God the strong.
2. Son of God, enthroned in glory, send your promised gift of grace; make your Church your holy temple, God the Spirit's dwelling-place.
3. Spirit, come in peace descending as at Jordan, heavenly dove; seal your Church as God's anointed, set our hearts on fire with love.
4. Stay among us, God the Father, stay among us, God the Son, stay among us, Holy Spirit: dwell within us, make us one.



COLLECT

Spirit of energy and change,
in whose power Jesus was anointed
to be the hope of the nations:
be poured out also upon us
without reserve of distinction,
that we may have confidence and strength
to implant your justice on the earth;
through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

READINGS

A reading from Genesis:

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.

Genesis 1.1-5

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

We say the verses of Psalm 29 alternately:

Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation; the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf and Sirion like a young wild ox.

The voice of the Lord splits the flash of lightning; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare; in his temple all cry, 'Glory!'

The Lord sits enthroned above the water flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.

The Lord shall give strength to his people; the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Psalm 29

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

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.

Acts 19.1-7

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

Alleluia, alleluia!

John saw Jesus approaching him, and said: This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Alleluia!

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Mark

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

John the baptizer 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 baptized 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 baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.' In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized 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.'

Mark 1.4-11

This is the Gospel of the Lord, **praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

PRAYERS

Anglican Church: Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand & Polynesia (*Abp Winston Halapua; Abp Philip Richardson*); The Diocese of Bendigo (*Clergy & People*); Converge International (*Lindsay McMillan, Managing Director & Chaplains*); Christ Church Hawthorn (*Andrew Dircks*).

For the Parish: Give thanks for our parish leadership: Fr John, Sharon Valentino, the Church Wardens and Parish Council, and the leaders of parish groups and teams; and pray that they may be inspired by the leadership of Jesus.

For the sick & in need: Keiran, Gail Lubie, Sally Newson, Joan, Michael, Lachie Richardson, Megan Evans, John Bell, Hannah (*Pauline Reeve's granddaughter serving in Middle East*), Ron Donohue, Will, Kane Harvey, Deirdre Baker, Russ, Yvonne, Eileen Gleimius (*Phillippa's mother*), and those in need of our prayers.

Community of the sick: Heather Weiss, Therese Cummins, Don, Alec Baker, Fiona Tunley, Jenny Stewart, Chris Erving.
This community are those who need ongoing prayers for strength, courage, and peace of heart, mind and soul as they journey onwards.

Year's Mind

9th Nancy Hooke (2002)

Birthdays & Wedding anniversaries

8th Judy Barnes

9th Jennifer Reid

10th Gail & Russell Hannan (1970)

11th Joanne Kanigowski

13th Marian Petering