

# Sunday @ 9

## Baptism of our Lord

### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2024

We join together, both those at St Luke's, and those at home using the internet or telephone

If you are at home, find somewhere comfortable, light a candle, and connect to our service via Zoom on the internet (<https://zoom.us/j/7210725462>) or by telephone (07 3185 3730, meeting ID 721 072 5462). Contact the Parish Office for the password. Follow the order of service below.

### *Gathering as God's people*

#### *Welcome*

The Lord be with you  
And also with you

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.

*Acts 10.38*

#### *Hymn: The servant King*

From heaven You came, helpless babe,  
entered our world, Your glory veiled,  
not to be served but to serve,  
and give Your life that we might live.

*This is our God, the Servant King,  
He calls us now to follow Him.*

*To bring our lives as a daily offering  
of worship to the Servant King.*

There in the garden of tears  
my heavy load He chose to bear;  
His heart with sorrow was torn,  
'Yet not my will but yours,' He said.

*This is our God, the Servant King...*

Come see His hands and His feet,  
the scars that speak of sacrifice,  
hands that flung stars into space  
to cruel nails surrendered.

*This is our God, the Servant King...*

So let us learn how to serve  
and in our lives enthrone Him,  
each other's needs to prefer,  
for it is Christ we're serving.

*This is our God, the Servant King...*

Graham Kendrick  
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### *The Ministry of the Word*

#### *Prayer for the day*

Eternal God, at the baptism of Jesus in the river Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son, and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: grant that all who are baptised into his name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Saviour; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

#### *Children's message*

#### *Prayer before the reading of scripture*

Thank you, Father, for making yourself known to us and showing the way of salvation through faith in your Son. We ask you now to teach and encourage us through your word, so that we may be ready to serve you; for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### *First Reading: Acts 19:1-7*

#### *Hymn: Spirit of God*

*Spirit of God, unseen as the wind,  
gentle as is the dove;  
teach us the truth and help us believe,  
show us the Saviour's love!*

You spoke to men long, long ago,  
**gave us the written word;**  
**we read it still, needing its truth**  
through it God's voice is heard.

*Spirit of God, unseen as the wind....*

Without your help we fail our Lord,  
we cannot live his way;  
we need your power, we need your strength,  
following Christ each day.

*Spirit of God, unseen as the wind....*

Margaret Old

*Gospel reading: Mark 1:4-11*

*Sermon*

*Music for reflection: Veni Sancte Spiritus*

### *The Apostles Creed*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,**  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
from there he will come to judge  
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
**the resurrection of the body,**  
**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### *The Ministry of Prayer*

*We pray for the church and the world.*

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who taught us to pray,

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 for ever. Amen.

### *Confession of sin*

Christ the Son of God has been revealed as a light to  
the nations

*A pause for reflection*

Let us bring our darkness to his light, confessing our

sins in penitence and faith.

Merciful God,  
our maker and our judge,  
we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
and in what we have failed to do:  
we have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;  
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.

Father, forgive us.

Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of  
life;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God,  
who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to  
him in faith:

pardon you and set you free from all your sins,  
strengthen you in all goodness  
and keep you in eternal life,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### *The Greeting of peace*

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

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
And also with you.

*Please say hello to everyone!*

### *The Offertory*

*Hymn: She sits like a bird*

She sits like a bird, brooding on the waters,  
hovering on the chaos of the world's first day;  
**she sighs and she sings, mothering creation,**  
**waiting to give birth to all the Word will say.**

**She wings over earth, resting where she wishes,**  
**lighting close at hand or soaring through the skies;**  
she nests in the womb, welcoming each wonder,  
**nourishing potential hidden to our eyes.**

She dances in fire, startling her spectators,  
waking tongues of ecstasy where dumbness  
reigned;

she weans and inspires all whose hearts are open,  
nor can she be captured, silenced or restrained.

For she is the Spirit, one with God in essence,  
**gifted by the Saviour in eternal love;**  
she is the key opening the scriptures,  
enemy of apathy and heavenly dove.

### *Thanksgiving for offered gifts*

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.  
Through your goodness we have these gifts to  
share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory  
and for the service of your kingdom.  
Blessed be God for ever

### *The Great Thanksgiving*

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Loving God,  
we thank you for this world of wonder and delight.  
You have given it to us to care for,  
so that all your creatures may enjoy its bounty.

Lord our God,  
we give you thanks and praise.

We thank you that when we turned away from you,  
you sent Jesus to live and work as one of us,  
and bring us back to you.  
He showed us how to love you  
and set us free to love and serve one another.

Lord our God,  
we give you thanks and praise.

We thank you that on the cross  
Jesus took away our sin,  
all that keeps us from each other and from you.  
He frees us from hate and fear,  
from all that destroys love and trust.

Lord our God,  
we give you thanks and praise.

And so with everyone who believes in you,  
with all the saints and angels,  
we rejoice and praise you, saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.

...Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance  
of me.'

Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.

...Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing and honour and glory and power  
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.

### *The Breaking of bread and the Communion*

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ

We who are many are one body  
For we all share in the one bread

The gifts of God for the people of God...

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.

*Communion is shared*

### *Post Communion Prayer*

Living God  
in this holy meal you fill us with new hope.  
May the power of your love,  
which we have known in word and sacrament,  
continue your saving work among us,  
give us courage for our pilgrimage,  
and bring us to the joys you promise.

Most loving God,  
you send us into the world you love.  
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage  
in the power of your Spirit.

### *The sending out of God's people*

#### *Notices*

#### *Hymn: Shout to the Lord*

My Jesus, my Saviour,  
Lord, there is none like You.  
All of my days I want to praise  
the wonders of Your mighty love.  
My comfort, my shelter,  
tower of refuge and strength,  
let every breath, all that I am,  
never cease to worship You.

*Shout to the Lord all the earth, let us sing,  
power and majesty, praise to the King.  
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar  
at the sound of Your name.*

*I sing for joy at the work of Your hands,  
for ever I'll love You, for ever I'll stand.  
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.*

### *Blessing*

God, the creator, uphold you.  
Christ, the Redeemer, enfold you.  
The Holy Spirit, the Comforter, guide you.  
And the blessing ... Amen.

### *Dismissal*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
In the name of Christ. Amen

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