

Evening Prayer Epiphany Season Sunday, 11 January 2026

The Baptism of Christ

Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

From the rising of the sun to its setting

your glory is proclaimed in all the world.

HYMN

That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful,
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As our evening prayer rises before you, O God,
so may your mercy come down upon us
to cleanse our hearts
and set us free to sing your praise
now and for ever.

Amen.

The Word of God

Psalmody

Psalm 46

- 1 God is our refuge and strength, ♦
a very present help in trouble;
- 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, ♦
and though the mountains tremble in the heart of the sea;
- 3 Though the waters rage and swell, ♦
and though the mountains quake at the towering seas.
- 4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, ♦
the holy place of the dwelling of the Most High.
- 5 God is in the midst of her; therefore shall she not be removed; ♦
God shall help her at the break of day.
- 6 The nations are in uproar and the kingdoms are shaken, ♦
but God utters his voice and the earth shall melt away.
- 7 *The Lord of hosts is with us; ♦
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.*
- 8 Come and behold the works of the Lord, ♦
what destruction he has wrought upon the earth.
- 9 He makes wars to cease in all the world; ♦
he shatters the bow and snaps the spear and burns the chariots in the fire.
- 10 'Be still, and know that I am God; ♦
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.'
- 11 *The Lord of hosts is with us; ♦
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.*

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Psalm 47

O sing praises to God, sing praises.

- 1 Clap your hands together, all you peoples; ♦
O sing to God with shouts of joy.
- 2 For the Lord Most High is to be feared; ♦
he is the great King over all the earth.
- 3 He subdued the peoples under us ♦
and the nations under our feet.
- 4 He has chosen our heritage for us, ♦
the pride of Jacob, whom he loves.
- 5 God has gone up with a merry noise, ♦
the Lord with the sound of the trumpet.
- 6 O sing praises to God, sing praises; ♦
sing praises to our King, sing praises.
- 7 For God is the King of all the earth; ♦
sing praises with all your skill.
- 8 God reigns over the nations; ♦
God has taken his seat upon his holy throne.
- 9 The nobles of the peoples are gathered together ♦
with the people of the God of Abraham.
- 10 For the powers of the earth belong to God ♦
and he is very highly exalted.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

O sing praises to God, sing praises.

Canticle

Salvation belongs to our God, who will guide us to springs of living water.

- 1 Behold, a great multitude ♦
which no one could number,
- 2 From every nation, from all tribes and peoples and tongues, ♦
standing before the throne and the Lamb.
- 3 They were clothed in white robes and had palms in their hands, ♦
and they cried with a loud voice, saying,
- 4 'Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, ♦
and to the Lamb.'
- 5 These are they who have come out of the great tribulation, ♦
they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb;
- 6 Therefore they stand before the throne of God, ♦
whom they serve day and night within the temple.
- 7 And the One who sits upon the throne ♦
will shelter them with his presence.
- 8 They shall never again feel hunger or thirst, ♦
the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.
- 9 For the Lamb at the heart of the throne ♦
will be their Shepherd,
- 10 He will guide them to springs of living water, ♦
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

**To the One who sits on the throne and to the Lamb ♦
be blessing and honour and glory and might, for ever and ever. Amen.**

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Scripture Reading *Joshua 3.1-8, 14-end*

Early in the morning Joshua rose and set out from Shittim with all the Israelites, and they came to the Jordan. They camped there before crossing over. At the end of three days the officers went through the camp and commanded the people, 'When you see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God being carried by the levitical priests, then you shall set out from your place. Follow it, so that you may know the way you should go, for you have not passed this way before. Yet there shall be a space between you and it, a distance of about two thousand cubits; do not come any nearer to it.' Then Joshua said to the people, 'Sanctify yourselves; for tomorrow the LORD will do wonders among you.' To the priests Joshua said, 'Take up the ark of the covenant, and pass on in front of the people.' So they took up the ark of the covenant and went in front of the people.

The LORD said to Joshua, 'This day I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, so that they may know that I will be with you as I was with Moses. You are the one who shall command the priests who bear the ark of the covenant, "When you come to the edge of the waters of the Jordan, you shall stand still in the Jordan."'

When the people set out from their tents to cross over the Jordan, the priests bearing the ark of the covenant were in front of the people. Now the Jordan overflows all its banks throughout the time of harvest. So when those who bore the ark had come to the Jordan, and the feet of the priests bearing the ark were dipped in the edge of the water, the waters flowing from above stood still, rising up in a single heap far off at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan, while those flowing towards the sea of the Arabah, the Dead Sea, were wholly cut off. Then the people crossed over opposite Jericho. While all Israel were crossing over on dry ground, the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan, until the entire nation finished crossing over the Jordan.

Gospel Canticle *The Magnificat*

**Draw water from the wells of salvation,
for Christ our Lord has made creation holy.**

- 1 My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; ♦
 he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.
- 2 From this day all generations will call me blessed; ♦
 the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his name.
- 3 He has mercy on those who fear him, ♦
 from generation to generation.
- 4 He has shown strength with his arm ♦
 and has scattered the proud in their conceit,
- 5 Casting down the mighty from their thrones ♦
 and lifting up the lowly.
- 6 He has filled the hungry with good things ♦
 and sent the rich away empty.
- 7 He has come to the aid of his servant Israel, ♦
 to remember his promise of mercy,
- 8 The promise made to our ancestors, ♦
 to Abraham and his children for ever.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

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Prayers

Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,
that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer is said

Believing the promises of God,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as
we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from
evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Conclusion

May Christ, who sends us to the nations,
give us the power of his Spirit.

Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.