

St Andrew's Church

Orford with Longford

**The Baptism of Christ**

**12th January 2020**

**THE GATHERING**

**Introit hymn:** 377 ‘Angel voices, ever singing’

Priest: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Priest: Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe.

All: From the rising of the sun to its setting

your name is proclaimed in all the world

Priest: The Lord of glory be with you.

All: The Lord bless you

All: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**All 🎜 *Glory, glory to God, glory to God in the highest***

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Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth; Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory

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Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us; You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

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For you alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord; You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ. With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

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*The priest introduces a period of silent prayer with the words*

Let us pray that we may be faithful to our baptism:

*[silence is kept]*

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 LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah** *(Is 61. 1-4, 10-12)*

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour… to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion - to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

**Hymn:**  *(remain seated)*  490 ‘Jesus shall reign where’er the sun’

**A reading from the first letter of Peter** *(1 Pet. 2. 4-6, 9-10)*

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You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.  Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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**Gradual hymn:** *(please stand)* 368 ‘All my hope on God is founded’

##### THE GOSPEL

Priest This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.

All 🎜 … alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke *(Lk 15. 11-24a)*

All 🎜 Glory to you, O Lord

Then Jesus said, ‘There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, “Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.” So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with[[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+15&version=NRSVA#fen-NRSVA-25597c)] the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, “How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.’” So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.”But the father said to his servants, “Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!”

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All 🎜 Praise to you, O Christ

#### **THE SERMON**

#### **THANKSGIVING FOR HOLY BAPTISM**

Priest: God in Christ gives us water welling up for eternal life.

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

All: Lord, give us this water, and we will thirst no more

Priest: Praise God who made heaven and earth,

All: who keeps his promise for ever.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give thanks and praise.

Priest: Father, we give you thanks and praise for your gift of water in creation; for your Spirit, sweeping over the waters, bringing light and life; for your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, baptized in the River Jordan. We bless you for your new creation, brought to birth by water and the Spirit, and for your grace bestowed upon us your children, washing away our sins. May your holy and life-giving Spirit move upon these waters. Restore through them the beauty of your creation, and bring those who are baptized to new birth in the family of your Church. Drown sin in the waters of judgement, anoint your children with power from on high, and make them one with Christ in the freedom of your kingdom. For all might, majesty, dominion and power are yours, now and for ever.

All: Alleluia. Amen

Priest: I saw water flowing from the threshold of the Temple

All: Wherever the river flows everything will spring to life. Alleluia!

Priest: On the banks of the river grow trees bearing every kind of fruit.

All: Their leaves will not wither nor their fruit fail.

Priest: Their fruit will be served for food,

their leaves for the healing of the nations.

All: For the river of the water of life

flows from the throne of God and of the Lamb.

An Act of Penitence and Dedication

Priest: God of truth, you are faithful to the covenant you have made with us;

look in mercy on your people.

From all our sins, O Lord:

All: Wash us, and we shall be clean.

Priest: We have broken the pledges of our baptism

and failed to be your disciples.

From all our sins, O Lord:

All: Wash us, and we shall be clean.

Priest: Though we are saved by Christ and dead to sin through the deep waters of death, we have not witnessed to his grace by our manner of life.

From all our sins, O Lord:

All: Wash us, and we shall be clean.

Priest: We have shown indifference to those in need

and have been afraid to stand up for justice and truth.

From all our sins, O Lord:

All: Wash us, and we shall be clean.

Priest: We have been slow to forgive, and have failed to remember

your repeated forgiveness for our sins:

From all our sins, O Lord:

All: Wash us, and we shall be clean.

Priest: Today we rejoice and give thanks because your Son humbled himself to be baptized in the Jordan. Through the waters you have given us the mystery of baptism for the remission of our sins.

From all our sins, O Lord:

All: Wash us, and we shall be clean.

Priest: Through water and Spirit you give us new life as the people of God,

and pour out upon us the gifts of your new covenant.

From all our sins, O Lord:

All: Wash us, and we shall be clean.

Priest: Almighty God, in our baptism you have consecrated us to be temples of your Holy Spirit. May we, whom you have counted worthy, nurture your indwelling Spirit with a lively faith, and worship you with upright lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Priest: Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### **THE INTERCESSIONS**

Priest: In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father

*The prayers are led by a member of the congregation. Each section ends:*

Lord, in your mercy.

**All: Hear our prayer.**

After the final petition:

Reader: Merciful Father,

All: accept these prayers

for the sake of your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Please remember in your prayers this week:

* **those who are ill:** (4) John Hall, Pauline Smith, Pete Harris (3) Mark Shepherd, Marion Greatorex, Eileen Whitehead, Lynn Shaw (2) Vera Wood, Ann Carmen (1) Lynn Burman, Michael Stringer, Michelle Smith, Joyce Hetherington
* **those who have died**: Alan Ashbrook, Maria Zahorcova, Jonathon Yates

* **those whose year's mind falls at this time**:

***Tuesday:*** Sarah Shelley, Les Cooper

***Wednesday:*** Bill Edmonds

***Thursday:*** Jim Fisher, Jean Roberts

***Friday:*** Tom Roberts, Chris Peters

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

**The Peace**   *(please stand)*

Priest God has made us one in Christ. He has set his seal upon us, and as a pledge of what is to come, has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you

Priest: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Everyone is invited to exchange a sign of peace.

**Offertory Hymn:**  ‘A faith that lives’

A faith that lives, Lord grant to us this day.

A faith that springs to life from love divine,

A faith that's nurtured by Christ's living word,

And strengthened by his gifts of bread and wine.

The saints and martyrs teach us how to live;

To fix our eyes on God and seek his ways,

To follow closely where they first have led,

And finding Christ, to serve him all our days.

Not by great deeds, nor martyrdoms alone,

But by each sacrifice of love and care,

By work well done, discomfort gladly borne,

By ceaseless watchfulness and patient prayer.

When days are dark, the voice of truth seems stilled,

Our hearts perplexed by doubt and fear and pain,

We turn to Christ, and our small sparks of faith,

By hope and love rekindled, blaze again.

Help us to keep the faith that saints hold dear,

And may our lives a living witness be,

That the whole world shall see our Risen Lord,

His kingdom come, and all mankind be free.

Praise be to God, Creator, Lord and King,

Who with the Son and Spirit ever gives -

Eternal hope, redeeming love divine,

And living, steadfast faith, a faith that lives!

### EUCHARISTIC PRAYER E *(please kneel)*

Priest: The Lord is here

All 🎜 His Spirit is with us

Priest: Lift up your hearts

All 🎜 We lift them to the Lord

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

All 🎜 It is right to give thanks and praise

Priest: It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God. You celebrated your new gift of baptism in signs and wonders at the Jordan. Your voice was heard from heaven to awaken faith in the presence among us of your Word made flesh. Your Spirit was seen as a dove, revealing Jesus as your servant, and anointing him with the oil of gladness to preach the good news to the poor. Therefore, as we celebrate the union of earth and heaven, we rejoice to echo the song of the angels in heaven for ever praising you and singing:

**All 🎜 Holy, holy, holy Lord; Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna in the highest, Hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna, hosanna in the highest, Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

Priest: We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

All 🎜 Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

Priest: Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with the St Andrew and all the saintsto feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.

**All 🎜** **Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen**.

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

All: 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.

Priest: We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

**All: God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.**

**All** 🎜 **Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us, have mercy on us, have mercy.**

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**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace**.

Priest: God’s holy gifts for God’s holy people:

**All: Jesus Christ is holy,**

**Jesus Christ is Lord,**

**to the glory of God the Father.**

Holy Communion is administered at the front of Church. Everyone is warmly invited to receive Holy Communion at this Eucharist. Those who prefer to receive a blessing are also invited to come forward at the same time.

During the distribution of the Sacrament, the following hymns are sung:

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There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God’s own Son,

Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

*Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son,*

*And leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.*

Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names,

Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, O for sinners slain.

*Thank you, O my Father…*

When I stand in glory, I will see his face,

And there I’ll serve my King for ever, in that holy place.

*Thank you, O my Father,…*

351 ‘In our day of thanksgiving’

**After Communion:**

*After a period of silent reflection:*

Priest: Let us pray: 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 your new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  **Amen.**

All: Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

Priest The Father’s voice bears witness to the Son

**All: God has revealed himself to us.**

Priest The Son bows his head beneath the waters of baptism.

**All: God has revealed himself to us.**

Priest The Spirit as a dove descends from heaven.

**All: God has revealed himself to us.**

Priest Submitting to John’s baptism, Christ delivers us from bondage.

**All: God has revealed himself to us.**

**The Dismissal Gospel** *(please stand)*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John *(Jn 1. 32-34)*

**All 🎜 Glory to you, O Lord**

John testified, ‘I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, “He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.” And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**All 🎜 Praise to you, O Christ**

**The Blessing**

Priest: May God the Father, who led the wise men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also in your pilgrimage to find the Lord. **Amen**

May God the Son, who turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts. **Amen**

May God the Holy Spirit, who came upon the beloved Son at his baptism in the river Jordan, pour out his gifts on you who have come to the waters of new birth. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

**Hymn:** 81 ‘Lord for the years’

Priest: We have come to Christ, the living water.

Go in joy and peace to love and serve the Lord

All: In the name of Christ. Amen

Lunch will be served in the School Hall. **Do please join us.**

Please follow the crowd – just a couple of minutes’ walk away.

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Services and Notices for the coming week:

Tues 14th: 7.00pm Parish Office [No Choir Practice tonight]

Wed 15th: 9.30am Charity Shop

No Eucharist tonight

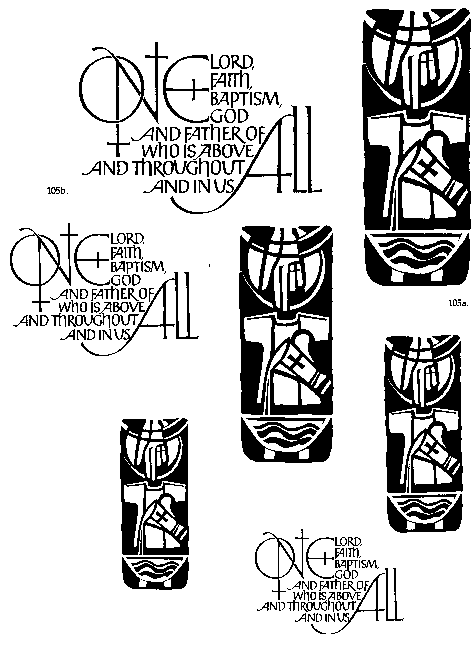
Thurs 16th:10.30am Eucharist

**Next Sunday The Third Sunday of Epiphany**

**(19th Jan) 10.00am Sung Eucharist**

**Please join us:** in the School Hall for a buffet lunch. Everyone welcome

**Midweek Services:** the pattern of midweek services will change during the vacancy. Please check the sheet each week for further details.



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Priest: In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father:

All kneel

Reveal your kingdom among the nations - may peace abound and justice flourish. We pray especially for The United States and Iran; for neighbouring states; for our own country, the victory of diplomacy and an end to fear and injustice.

Lord, in your mercy

All: hear our prayer.

Send down upon us the gift of the Spirit and renew your Church with power from on high. We thank you for our baptism and pray for all who have been baptized in the past year, their parents and godparents.

We ask your blessing on this worshipping congregation as it seeks to do your will. Help us to work together to your greater glory.

Lord, in your mercy

All: hear our prayer.

Deliver the oppressed, strengthen the weak, heal and restore your creation.

Especially we pray for John Hall, Pauline Smith, Pete Harris, Mark Shepherd, Marion Greatorex, Eileen Whitehead, Lynn Shaw, Vera Wood, Ann Carmen, Lynn Burman, Michael Stringer, Michelle Smith, Joyce Hetherington and Callum Foy; and for those who care for them.

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Draw into your kingdom those who have died and support those who have been bereaved. We pray for the souls of Alan Ashbrook, Maria Zahorcova and Jonathon Yates who have died recently and for Sarah Shelley, Les Cooper, Bill Edmonds, Jim Fisher, Jean Roberts, Tom Roberts and Chris Peters whose year’s minds fall at this time.

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All: hear our prayer.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the Church on earth,

we join our prayers with the Blessed Virgin Mary, mother of our Lord, St Andrew and all the saints in glory.

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