

# ST BRIDE'S



## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

### Evening Prayer

ST BRIDE'S SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
6 P.M. SUNDAY 12 JANUARY 2025  
VIA ZOOM

## THE INTRODUCTION

From the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same my Name is great among the nations; and in every place incense is offered unto my Name, and a pure offering: for my name is great among the nations, saith the Lord.

*Malachi 1. 11*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

WE confess to God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, through our own grievous fault. Wherefore we pray God to have mercy upon us.

ALMIGHTY God, have mercy upon us, forgive us all our sins and deliver us from evil, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to life everlasting. Amen.

May the Almighty and merciful Lord grant unto you pardon and remission of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

O Lord, open thou our lips  
*and our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.*

O God, make speed to save us.  
*O Lord, make haste to help us.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost;

*as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.*

Praise ye the Lord.  
*The Lord's name be praised.*

## THE PSALMS

### *Psalm 89. 1-12, 19-end*

- 1 My song shall be alway of the loving kindness of the Lord :  
with my mouth will I ever be shewing thy truth from one  
generation to another.
- 2 For I have said, Mercy shall be set up for ever :  
thy truth shalt thou stablish in the heavens.
- 3 I have made a covenant with my chosen :  
I have sworn unto David my servant;
- 4 Thy seed will I stablish for ever :  
and set up thy throne from one generation to another.
- 5 O Lord, the very heavens shall praise thy wondrous works :  
and thy truth in the congregation of the saints.
- 6 For who is he among the clouds :  
that shall be compared unto the Lord?
- 7 And what is he among the gods :  
that shall be like unto the Lord?
- 8 God is very greatly to be feared in the council of the saints :  
and to be had in reverence of all them that are round about  
him.
- 9 O Lord God of hosts, who is like unto thee :  
thy truth, most mighty Lord, is on every side.

- 10 Thou rulest the raging of the sea :  
    thou stillest the waves thereof when they arise.
- 11 Thou hast subdued Egypt, and destroyed it : thou hast  
    scattered thine enemies abroad with thy mighty arm.
- 12 The heavens are thine, the earth also is thine : thou hast laid  
    the foundation of the round world, and all that therein is.
- 21 I have found David my servant : with my holy oil have I  
    anointed him.
- 22 My hand shall hold him fast : and my arm shall strengthen  
    him.
- 23 The enemy shall not be able to do him violence : the son of  
    wickedness shall not hurt him.
- 24 I will smite down his foes before his face :  
    and plague them that hate him.
- 25 My truth also and my mercy shall be with him :  
    and in my Name shall his horn be exalted.
- 26 I will set his dominion also in the sea :  
    and his right hand in the floods.
- 27 He shall call me, Thou art my Father :  
    my God, and my strong salvation.
- 28 And I will make him my first-born :  
    higher than the kings of the earth.
- 29 My mercy will I keep for him for evermore :  
    and my covenant shall stand fast with him.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world  
without end. Amen.

## THE FIRST LESSON

*Joshua 3: 1-8. 14-17*

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.

## MAGNIFICAT

- 1 My soul doth magnify the Lord : and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
- 2 For he hath regarded : the lowliness of his handmaiden.
- 3 For behold, from henceforth : all generations shall call me blessed.
- 4 For he that is mighty hath magnified me : and holy is his Name.
- 5 And his mercy is on them that fear him : throughout all generations.
- 6 He hath shewed strength with his arm : he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
- 7 He hath put down the mighty from their seat : and hath exalted the humble and meek.
- 8 He hath filled the hungry with good things : and the rich he hath sent empty away.
- 9 He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel : as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

## THE SECOND LESSON

*Ephesians 2 : 1-10*

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness towards us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

## NUNC DIMITTIS

- 1 LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace : according to thy word.
- 2 For mine eyes have seen : thy salvation;
- 3 Which thou hast prepared : before the face of all people;
- 4 To be a light to lighten the Gentiles : and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world  
without end. Amen.



## THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth: and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## PRAYERS

The Lord be with you.

*And with thy spirit.*

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.  
*And grant us thy salvation.*

O Lord, save the King.  
*And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.*

Endue thy ministers with righteousness.  
*And make thy chosen people joyful.*

O Lord, save thy people.  
*And bless thine inheritance.*

Give peace in our time, O Lord.  
*Because there is none other that fighteth for us,  
but only thou, O God.*

O God, make clean our hearts within us.  
*And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.*

Let us pray.

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O Lord, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people which call upon thee; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## THE SECOND COLLECT AT EVENING PRAYER

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

## THE THIRD COLLECT, FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

## REFLECTION

## PRAYERS

### *2 Corinthians 13. 14*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

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