

## **Epiphany 2 – The Baptism of Christ**

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### **Order for Morning Prayer from BCP – Baptism of Christ**

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#### ***Opening sentences from Scripture***

Dearly beloved *brethren*, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloke them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying after me:

#### ***Confession***

Almighty and most merciful Father, We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, We have offended against thy holy laws, We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, And we have done those things which we ought not to have done, And there is no health in us: But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders; Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults, Restore thou them that are penitent, According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord: And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. **Amen.**

#### ***Absolution***

May the Father of all mercies  
Cleanse us from our sins  
And restore us in His image  
To the praise and glory of His name  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord  
**Amen.**

#### ***Lord's Prayer***

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. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **Responses**

Priest.      O Lord, open thou our lips.  
Answer      **And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.**

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

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

Priest.      Praise ye the Lord.  
Answer.      **The Lord's Name be praised.**

### ***Venite, Exultemus Domino (Psalm 95)***

O come, let us sing unto the Lord :  
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving :  
and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God :  
and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are all the corners of the earth :  
and the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his, and he made it :  
and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship and fall down :  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is the Lord our God :  
and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

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.**

**First reading (Old Testament)**

Acts 19, 1 – 7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the inland regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples.<sup>2</sup> 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.’<sup>3</sup> Then he said, ‘Into what then were you baptized?’ They answered, ‘Into John’s baptism.’<sup>4</sup> 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.’<sup>5</sup> On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.<sup>6</sup> When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—<sup>7</sup> altogether there were about twelve of them.

**Psalm of the day (Psalm 29)**

Ascribe to the Lord, you heavenly beings,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**Ascribe to the Lord the glory due to his name;  
worship the Lord in the splendour of his holiness.**

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

**The voice of the Lord is powerful;  
the voice of the Lord is majestic.**

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;  
the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.  
He makes Lebanon leap like a calf,  
Sirion like a young wild ox.

**The voice of the Lord strikes  
with flashes of lightning.**  
**The voice of the Lord shakes the desert;  
the Lord shakes the Desert of Kadesh.**

The voice of the Lord twists the oaks  
and strips the forests bare.  
And in his temple all cry, ‘Glory!’  
**The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;  
the Lord is enthroned as King for ever.**

The Lord gives strength to his people;  
the Lord blesses his people with peace.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and shall be forever.**

**Amen.**

***Second reading (NT)***

**Mark 1, 4 – 11**

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.<sup>5</sup> 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.<sup>6</sup> Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey.<sup>7</sup> 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.<sup>8</sup> I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

<sup>9</sup> In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

<sup>10</sup> 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.<sup>11</sup> And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

***Jubilate Deo - Psalm 100***

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands : serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord he is God : it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise : be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.

For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting : and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

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 Catholick Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. **Amen.**

Minister. The Lord be with you.

Answer. **And with thy spirit.**

Minister. Let us pray. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Answer. **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

### ***The Lord's Prayer***

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.**

### ***Responses***

Minister. O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

Answer. And grant us thy salvation.

Minister. O Lord, save the Queen.

Answer. And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Minister. Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

Answer. And make thy chosen people joyful.

Minister. O Lord, save thy people.

Answer. And bless thine inheritance.

Minister. Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Answer. Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

Minister. O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Answer. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

### ***First collect for the day***

**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 Second Collect, for Peace***

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***The Third Collect, for Grace***

O Lord, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.**

***Reflection***

***Other intercessions***

***The Blessing***

And the blessing of God Almighty,  
The Father the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
Be among us and remain with us always,  
Amen.