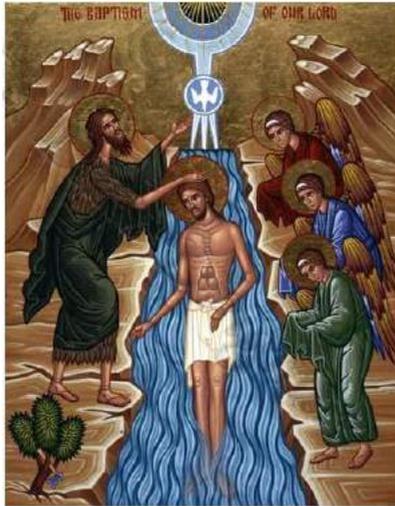


**9<sup>th</sup> January 2022**  
(Baptism of Christ)



### *Opening Hymn*

Hills of the north, rejoice,  
echoing songs arise,  
hail with united voice  
him who made earth and skies:  
he comes in righteousness and love,  
he brings salvation from above.

Isles of the southern seas,  
sing to the list'ning earth;  
carry on every breeze  
hope of a world's new birth:  
in Christ shall all be made anew;  
his word is sure, his promise true.

Lands of the East, arise,  
he is your brightest morn,  
greet him with joyous eyes,  
praise shall his path adorn:  
the God whom you have longed to know  
in Christ draws near, and calls you now.

Shores of the utmost west,  
lands of the setting sun,  
welcome the heavenly guest  
in whom the dawn has come;  
he brings a never-ending light,  
who triumphed o'er our darkest night.

Shout, as you journey on,  
songs be in every mouth,  
lo, from the north they come,  
from east and west and south:  
in Jesus all shall find their rest,  
in him the longing earth be blest.

*Charles Edward Oakley [1832-1865]*

### ***Collect of 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.**



Glory be to the Father, and **to the** Son : and to **the** Holy Spirit :  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and **ever shall** be : world  
without end, **A**men.

### ***Offertory Hymn***

Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,  
Dawn on our darkness, and lend us thine aid;  
Star of the east, the horizon adorning,  
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Cold on his cradle the dew-drops are shining;  
Low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;  
Angels adore him in slumber reclining,  
Maker and Monarch and Saviour of all.

Say, shall we yield him, in costly devotion,  
Odours of Edom, and offerings divine,  
Gems of the mountain, and pearls of the ocean,  
Myrrh from the forest, or gold from the mine?

Vainly we offer each humble oblation,  
Vainly with gifts would his favour secure;  
Richer by far is the heart's adoration,  
Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

*Reginald Heber [1783-1826]*

### ***Final Hymn***

Hail to the Lord's anointed,  
great David's greater Son!  
Hail, in the time appointed,  
His reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression,  
to set the captive free;  
to take away transgression,  
and rule in equity.

Kings shall fall down before him,  
and gold and incense bring;  
all nations shall adore him,  
his praise all people sing;  
to him shall prayer unceasing  
and daily vows ascend;  
his kingdom still increasing,  
a kingdom without end.

O'er every foe victorious,  
he on his throne shall rest,  
from age to age more glorious,  
all-blessing and all-blest;  
the tide of time shall never  
his covenant remove;  
his name shall stand for ever;  
that name to us is love.

*James Montgomery [1773-1854]*

## Notices

### Traidcraft

Starting from **Sunday January 9<sup>th</sup>**, Traidcraft items will be sold **fortnightly**. When the weather is good, this will be done outside to facilitate Covid security. See Jenny Evetts if you would like to place an order or find more information.

### Butterflies

The Butterflies group, for children under 5 and their parents/carers, will be starting back up on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup>** from **10.00 – 11.30am**. A sign-up can be found on the church website.

### Coffee and Chat

Our online Coffee and Chat will resume this week, taking place on **Mondays at 11.00am**. Everyone is welcome to join us

for this gathering. Please feel free to drop in at any time, even if you can't stay for a full ½ hour.

### Midday Prayer

This short online service resumes this week on **Thursday at 12 noon**, offering a peaceful break for ¼ hour when we pause to pray together, say a psalm and hear a reading from the Old or New Testament. Everyone is welcome.

### Spiritual Retreat

The deadline to sign up for the St. Enda Virtual Retreat is **January 21st**. The retreat is free and will be conducted through email reminders from the end of January to the middle of May. For more information, see Trevor's email from January 5<sup>th</sup> or talk to Penny Rose, who participated last year.

## This week...

*Zoom links & liturgy booklets can be found at [www.stasstas.com](http://www.stasstas.com)*

### Monday

10am ~ Butterflies

11am ~ Coffee & Chat (Zoom)

### Wednesday

9pm ~ Compline (Zoom)

### Thursday

12 noon ~ Midday Prayer (Zoom)

### Friday

11am ~ Holy Communion

### Sunday's Services

10am ~ Choral Eucharist

5pm ~ Choral Evensong

## Today's readings

At 10am: Isaiah 43.1-7  
Acts 8.14-17  
Luke 3.15-17, 21-22

At 5pm: Isaiah 55.1-11  
Romans 6.1-11



## Next Sunday's readings

At 10am: Isaiah 62.1-5  
1 Corinthians 12.1-11  
John 2.1-11

At 5pm: 1 Samuel 3.1-20  
Ephesians 4.1-16



## **Giving**

The life and ministry of this congregation is funded entirely by the regular giving of its people. If you would like to support us with a financial gift, you can do so now by picking up and using a yellow Gift Aid envelope, or donating online by visiting [www.stasstas.com](http://www.stasstas.com) or scanning this QR code to be directed straight to our **JustGiving™** site.





## **Saint Andrew's Scottish Episcopal Church**

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Welcome to church today! If you are here for the first time or visiting, we're especially pleased to have you with us and trust that you will feel at home and able to take a full part in our worship. But please feel absolutely free to participate in as much or as little of what goes on as you are comfortable with.

Worship is a time when we enter consciously into God's presence together, bringing with us all that we are and all that we have -- our joys and sorrows, our hopes and anxieties, our achievements and our failures. We believe that God delights to meet with us, and to pour out his healing and transforming power among us as we offer up our praise and petitions, laying both our fullness and our emptiness before him; because he made us and loves us, despite everything.

Saint Andrew's St Andrews is a mixed congregation from many different walks of life, discovering together what it means to love God and to love those God has given us as our fellow-Christians, neighbours, co-workers, and strangers - even those we frankly find it difficult to get along with! So, we're on a steep learning curve, and all at different stages on the way.

We are a church with an open door where every-one is welcome. We make absolutely no apologies for our commitment to Jesus, but nor do we expect you necessarily to share that commitment or to bear its costs. You are welcome among us as a believer, a sceptic, someone unsure of what exactly they believe, or someone simply seeking sanctuary and solace from the unpredictable ups and downs of life, its hurts and disillusionments. Wherever you're coming from, you'll rapidly discover that there's no 'normal' here.

If you are visiting Saint Andrew's St Andrews from another church, please take our greetings with you to your own congregation when you return there.