



The Liturgy of the Word

Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church
St Andrews

Baptism of Christ

1. Welcome

Grace and peace to you from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

2. 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.

Vainly we offer
each ample 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.

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of the sons of the morning,
dawn on our darkness
and lend us thine aid;
star of the east,
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guide where our infant
Redeemer is laid.

3. Collect for Purity

**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.**

4. Summary of the Law

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:
The first commandment is this:
'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.
You shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
with all your mind
and with all your strength.'

The second is this:
'Love your neighbour as yourself.'
There is no other commandment greater
than these.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

5. Confession and Absolution

God is love and we are God's children.
There is no room for fear in love.
We love because God loved us first.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Silence

**God our Father, we confess to you
and to our fellow members
in the Body of Christ
that we have sinned in thought,
word and deed,
and in what we have failed to do.
We are truly sorry.**

**Forgive us our sins,
and deliver us from the power of evil,
for the sake of your Son who died for us,
Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

God, who is both power and love,
forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord.
Amen.

6. 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 forever.

7. Psalm 29

- ¹ Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- ² Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name;
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
- ³ The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders;
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- ⁴ The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation;
the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.
- ⁵ The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- ⁶ He makes Lebanon skip like a calf
and Sirion like a young wild ox.
- ⁷ The voice of the Lord splits the flash of lightning;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- ⁸ The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe
and strips the forests bare;
in his temple all cry, 'Glory!'
- ⁹ The Lord sits enthroned above the water flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.
- ¹⁰ The Lord shall give strength to his people;
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of 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 for ever. Amen**

8. First reading: Genesis 1.1-5

9. Second reading: Acts 19.1-7

10. Hymn ~ 'What child is this'

What child is this, who laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
while shepherds watch are keeping

*This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing.
Haste, haste to bring him praise,
the babe, the son of Mary.*

Why lies he in such mean estate,
where ox and ass are sleeping?
Good Christians, fear for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading.

So bring him incense, gold and myrrh,
come peasant, king to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings,
let loving hearts enthrone him.

Silence

11. Gospel: Mark 1.4-11

When it is announced: **Glory to Christ our Saviour.**

At end: Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.
Praise to Christ our Lord.

12. Address

13. Hymn ~ ‘A great and mighty wonder’

A great and mighty wonder,
a full and holy cure!
The Virgin bears the infant
with virgin-honour pure:

Repeat the hymn again!
‘To God on high be glory,
and peace on earth shall reign.’

The Word becomes incarnate,
and yet remains on high;
and cherubim sing anthems
to shepherds from the sky:

While thus they sing your monarch,
those bright angelic bands,
rejoice, ye vales and mountains,
ye oceans, clap your hands:

Since all he comes to ransom
by all be he adored,
the infant born in Beth'lem,
the Saviour and the Lord:

14. Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

15. The Lord's Prayer:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Do not bring us to the time of trial
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory
are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

16. Prayers of the people

Prayer is offered for the world and its people, for those in need, for the Church and its members.

17. Hymn

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
for we have no help but thee;
yet possessing every blessing
if our God our Father be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us,
all our weakness thou dost know,
thou didst tread this earth before us,
thou didst feel its keenest woe;
lone and dreary, faint and weary,
through the desert thou didst go.

Spirit of our God, descending,
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
love with every passion blending,
pleasure that can never cloy;
thus provided, pardoned, guided,
nothing can our peace destroy.

18. Peace

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace.
Of the increase of his government and of peace
there shall be no end.
We meet in Christ's name, and we share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

19. Blessing

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...

Amen.