

ORDER OF SERVICE – 10 JANUARY 2021

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

You are very warmly welcomed to Sunday Services at Greyfriars - thank you for joining us today. All our Sunday services are available in our online library for viewing at any time at greyfriarskirk.com/online-services.

Sunday 10 January 2021

Sunday after Epiphany – The Baptism of Jesus

Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can,
in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can,
as long as ever you can.

John Wesley

Organ: Prelude sur l'Introit de l'Epiphanie

Maurice Duruflé

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Collect for the Day:

Eternal Father, at the baptism of Jesus you revealed him to be your Son, and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful to their calling as your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever..

Amen

Hymn 166:

- 1. Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy,
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.*
- 2. Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.*
- 3. Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.*

4. *Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.*

Jan Struther

The Word of God

Old Testament: Genesis 1: 1-5

Reader: Gillian Couper

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Gospel: Mark 1: 4-11

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

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 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. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

This is the word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Music for Reflection: 'Rackwick Bay' by Phamie Gow

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith:

We believe in God, the creator of all things, the giver of life and breath.

We believe in Jesus Christ, born Emmanuel, God with us, baptized and revealed as the Son of God; he sought to heal humanity by taking our brokenness upon himself, suffering for us, dying for us and being raised from the dead for our sake and for the sake of all the world.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, continually poured out refreshing our lives, leading us into a new day, reminding us of the gift of faith, the presence of God and the promise of eternal life.

Amen

Hymn 251:

1. *I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.*

2. *I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone..
I will speak my Word to them. Whom shall I send?*
3. *I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?*

Daniel L. Schutte

Pastoral Prayer

Responsive Prayer:

Leader: Light has come into the world:

All: *A light no darkness can quench.*

The light exposes deeds of evil:

A light no darkness can quench.

The light reveals to us the way we should follow:

A light no darkness can quench.

The light shines that we might live by its goodness:

A light no darkness can quench.

Jesus Christ the Light of the World:

A light no darkness can quench.

Christ as a light, illumine and guide us. Christ as a shield, o'ershadow and cover us.

Christ under us, Christ over us, Christ behind us, Christ before us,

Christ this day within, without us, Christ as a light, illumine and guide us.

The light of Christ has come into the world,

A light no darkness can quench.

The Lord's Prayer

A Gaelic Blessing

Deep peace of the running wave to you. Deep peace of the flowing air to you.

Deep peace of the quiet earth to you. Deep peace of the shining stars to you.

Deep peace of the gentle night to you. Moon and stars pour their healing light on you.

Deep peace of Christ, of Christ the light of the world to you. Deep peace of Christ to you.

John Rutter

Benediction

Organ: "Der Tag, der ist so freudenreich", BWV 605

J.S. Bach