



**WELCOM<sub>E</sub>**



**Baptism of Jesus**

# **Sherbrooke Mossspark Parish Church**

**1st Sunday after the Epiphany  
Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>. January 2021**

## ORDER OF SERVICE

**Voluntary**     *Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam* – D. Buxtehude

**Call to  
Worship**     Jesus said, ‘I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk  
in darkness but will have the light of life’.

**Praise 636**     Baptised in water

Baptised in water,  
sealed by the Spirit,  
cleansed by the blood of Christ our King;  
heirs of salvation,  
trusting his promise,  
faithfully now God’s praises we sing.

Baptised in water,  
sealed by the Spirit,  
dead in the tomb with Christ our King;  
one with his rising,  
freed and forgiven,  
thankfully now God’s praises we sing

Baptised in water,  
sealed by the Spirit,  
marked with the sign of Christ our King;  
born of one Father,,  
we are his children,  
joyfully now God’s praises we sing

**Prayers**     (sung Kyrie)     Merbecke

This is the ancient prayer of the Church asking for God’s mercy upon us.

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| Kyrie eleison,  | Lord have mercy,  |
| Christe eleison | Christ have mercy |
| Kyrie eleison   | Lord have mercy   |

**Prayer for the Day** Holy God, you sent your Son to be baptized among sinners, to seek and save the lost. May we, who have been baptized in his name, never turn away from the world, but reach out in love to rescue the wayward; by the mercy of Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (Book of Common Worship, PC, USA)

**Reading** Acts 19:1-7 (p.131 )

While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the upper country and came to Ephesus. There he found some disciples. <sup>2</sup> And he said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” And they said, “No, we have never even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” <sup>3</sup> And he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They said, “Into John’s baptism.” <sup>4</sup> And 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, Jesus.” <sup>5</sup> On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup> And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them; and they spoke with tongues and prophesied. <sup>7</sup> There were about twelve of them in all.

**Anthem** *Jesu, the very thought of Thee* – E. Bairstow  
Words: St Bernard (translated by E. Caswell)

Jesu, the very thought of thee  
With sweetness fills my breast;  
But sweeter far thy face to see,  
And in thy presence rest.

**Gospel** St Mark 1:4-11 (p 33 )

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup> And there went out to him all the country of Judea, and all the people of Jerusalem; and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup> Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, and had a leather girdle around his waist, and ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup> And he preached, saying, “After me comes he who is mightier than I, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. <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 when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opened and the Spirit descending upon him like a dove; <sup>11</sup> and a voice came from heaven, “Thou art my beloved Son; with thee I am well pleased.”

**Praise** 274 Comfort, comfort now my people

Comfort, comfort, now my people,  
speak of peace, - so says your God.  
Comfort those who sit in darkness,  
burdened by a heavy load.  
To Jerusalem proclaim:  
God shall take away your shame.  
Now get ready to recover,  
guilt and suffering are over.  
2 Hear the herald's proclamation  
in the desert far and near,  
calling all to true repentance,  
telling that the Lord is near.  
Oh, that warning cry obey!  
For your God prepare a way.  
Let the valleys rise to greet Him;  
And the hills bow down to meet Him.

3 Straighten out what has been made crooked,  
make the roughest places plain.  
Let your hearts be true and humble,  
live as fits God's holy reign.  
Soon the glory of the Lord  
shall on earth be shed abroad.  
God is ready to decree it.

## SERMON

**Offerings**

**Prayers of Dedication, Thanksgiving and Intercessions**

**Praise**

642 Ye that know the Lord is gracious

Ye that know the Lord is gracious,  
ye for whom a cornerstone  
stands, of God elect and precious,  
laid that ye may build thereon,  
see that on that sure foundation  
ye a living temple raise,  
towers that may tell forth salvation,  
walls that may re-echo praise.

Living stones, by God appointed  
each to his allotted place,  
kings and priests, by God anointed,  
shall ye not declare his grace?  
Ye, a royal generation,  
tell the tidings of your birth,  
tidings of a new creation  
to an old and weary earth.

Tell the praise of him who called you  
out of darkness into light,  
broke the fetters that enthralled you,  
gave you freedom, peace and sight:  
tell the tale of sins forgiven,  
strength renewed and hope restored,  
till the earth, in tune with heaven,  
praise and magnify the Lord

## BLESSING

**Voluntary**     *Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam* (BWV 684) – J. S. Bach

**Additional Readings for each Sunday.** On any one Sunday there is actually four Readings: Old Testament, Psalm, Epistle and Gospel. All these readings would be used if we were having our “normal Service” so we have listed the Readings (not used) for this Sunday below. We will do this each week.

**Genesis 1:1-5:** **1** In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. **2** The earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep; and the Spirit of God was moving over the face of the waters. **3** And God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. **4** And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. **5** God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day.

## Psalm 29:

- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy array.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD upon many waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; 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 flashes forth flames of fire.
- 8 The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 9 The voice of the LORD makes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forests bare. And in his temple all cry, "Glory!"
- 10 The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD is enthroned as King forever.
- 11 May the LORD give strength to his people; may the LORD bless his people with peace.

## Notes:

**As we are no longer able, under the current regulations issued by the Scottish Government, to admit anyone who is not essential for the streaming of our Services the only people present each week is the organist the audio output person and the minister.**

This necessitates a very different Order from our usual 'Order of Service'

**The Readings** are printed

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