

OXTED TEAM MINISTRY

Service Sheet for the 1st Sunday after Epiphany The Baptism of Christ 10th January 2021

Welcome to the Oxted Team Together, online! You will need to think how you will follow the words and watch the film, either having both on the screen at the same time or printing this out. Please join in with the words in bold and with the hymns. You may wish to have a candle nearby. The film for this service can be found here:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYSjetWivcHiT2iaOQgrbJA>

GREETING

The Lord be with you

All and also with you

SCRIPTURE SENTENCE

‘Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?’

They answered, ‘No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.’

Acts 19.2

COLLECT

Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:
may we recognize him as our Lord
and know ourselves to be your beloved children;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

CONFESSION

Because God was merciful,
he saved us through the water of rebirth
and the renewing power of the Holy Spirit.
But through sin we have fallen away from our baptism.
Let us return to the Lord and renew our faith in his promises
by confessing our sins in penitence.

We call to mind the things we want to say sorry to God for.

Lord Jesus, illuminate the darkness in our hearts:

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, open our eyes to your saving love:

Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, unstop our ears to hear your living word:

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

We hear God's words of absolution and forgiveness

May the God of love
bring us back to himself,
forgive us our sins,
and assure us of his eternal love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

HYMN

As with gladness men of old
did the guiding star behold,
as with joy they hailed its light,
leading onward, beaming bright:
so, most gracious Lord, may we
evermore be led to thee.

As with joyful steps they sped
to that lowly manger bed,
there to bend the knee before
him, whom heaven and earth adore:
so, may we with willing feet
ever seek the mercy seat.

As they offered gifts most rare
at that manger rude and bare,
so may we with holy joy
pure and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to thee, our heavenly king.

Holy Jesus, every day
keep us in the narrow way,
and when earthly things are past,
bring our ransomed souls at last:
where they need no star to guide,
where no clouds your glory hide.

William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)

READING

Mark 1.4-11

REFLECTION

CREED

Let us declare our faith in God

All We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

INTERCESSIONS

This or another response is used

Lord in your mercy

All Hear our prayer

The Lord's Prayer

All Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who 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.

THE PEACE

Christ is our peace.
If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.
The old has passed away: behold, everything has become new.
The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you.

If we are with family members, we share the peace with them and name others known to us who need God's peace. If we are on our own, let us close our eyes and receive God's peace. We can also hold before God those who we bless with God's peace.

SONG

Come, Thou fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it
Mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer
Here by Thy great help I've come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
or daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander Lord I feel it -
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, o take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.

(Repeat first verse)

Robert Robinson (1735-1790)

BLESSING and DISMISSAL

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.
And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be
among us and remain with us always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

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