



Sunday 16th January 2022
The Second Sunday after Epiphany

10.30am
Baptism Service
Luke 2 : 22 – 35

Welcome, notices and introduction

Prayer

Song : Our God is a great big God

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Confession

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from every kind of wrong. Father have mercy on us and forgive us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Baptism

Let us pray

Heavenly Father, we thank you that in your great love you have called us to know you and to trust in you. Increase this knowledge and strengthen our faith.

Give your Holy Spirit to this child that he may be born again and may inherit your eternal Kingdom. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary.

He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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.

I sign you with the sign of the cross to show that you are to be true to Christ crucified and that you are not to be ashamed to confess your faith in him.

Fight bravely under his banner against sin, the world, and the devil, and continue Christ's faithful soldier and servant to your life's end.

God has called you into his Church.

We therefore receive and welcome you as fellow members of the body of Christ, as children of the same heavenly Father, and as inheritors with us of the kingdom of God. We welcome you.

God has called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God our Father.

**Songs : Light of the world
The Splendour of the King**

Prayer

Children leave for their activities

Prayers and 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.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

Bible Reading Luke 2 : 22 – 35

²² When the time of their purification according to the Law of Moses had been completed, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord'), ²⁴and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: 'a pair of doves or two young pigeons'.

²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Christ. ²⁷Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, ²⁸Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

²⁹'Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,
you may now dismiss your servant in peace.

³⁰For my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹which you have prepared in the sight of all people:

³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and for glory to your people Israel.'

³³The child's father and mother marvelled at what was said about him. ³⁴Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: 'This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, ³⁵so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

Talk : Closer than you know - hearing God

Song : Amazing Grace (My chains fell off)

Final prayer and Blessing