



A service sheet
for use with morning worship

Sunday 12 January 2003
The Baptism of Jesus

A Verse from Scripture

'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'" Matthew 3:3

Minister: This is the day that the Lord has made

All: We will rejoice and be glad in it

Opening Statement

Minister: Loving God, we have come to worship you

All: Help us to remember that you are here with us.
May we pray to you in faith,
sing your praise with gratitude,
and listen to your word with eagerness;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn 84

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry 84 (Tune: Winchester New)

Prayer of Adoration

Praise be to you, O God,
the maker of the universe,
by whose wisdom we are created and sustained.

Praise be to you, O God,
the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
by whose love we are redeemed and forgiven.

Praise be to you, O God,
the source of all holiness,
**by whose Spirit we are made whole
and brought to perfection.**

Praise be to you, O God,
source of all being,
Eternal Word and Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

Minister: *The minister uses words of invitation to the congregation
to confess their sins*

Minister: Loving God,

All: **we have sinned against you
in what we have thought, said and done.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry
and turn away from what is wrong.
Forgive us for the sake of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Silence

Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.
This is his gracious word:
'Your sins are forgiven.'
Amen. Thanks be to God.

Hymn

All hail the power of Jesu's name! 252, (Tune: Miles Lane)

The Offering

*After the offering is collected it may be brought forward.
The people stand as it is presented and say*

Gracious God, accept these gifts,
and with them our lives
to be used in your service
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Children's Address

then

The Children Leave for Junior Church

The Collect of the Day

Children may leave at this point

The Bible Readings

You may follow the bible readings on the Bible Notes Sheet

Hymn

Hail to the Lord's anointed 125 (Tune: Crüger)

The Sermon

Affirmation of Faith

Let us confess the faith of the church.

We believe in God the Father,
who made the world.
We believe in Jesus Christ, his Son,
who redeemed humankind
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God.

Hymn

I cannot tell why he whom angels worship 238 (Tune: Londonderry Air)

Prayers

Lord's Prayer

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.

Hymn

Onward Christian Soldiers 718 (Tune: St. Gertrude)

The Blessing

Minister: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All: In the name of Christ. Amen.