



ST STEPHEN'S UNITING CHURCH

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An Oasis of Christian Worship, Thought and Action

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MORNING WORSHIP

Baptism of Jesus

Led by David Gill

The Gathering of the People of God

Organ Prelude

Andante cantabile (from String Quartet Op. 11)

Pyotr Tchaikovsky (1840 - 1893)

Please stand

Greeting

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all
And also with you.

Call to Worship

Hymn 102 *Praise to the living God* (Leoni)

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

...This is the Gospel.
Thanks be to God.

We stand to sing

Doxology 106

*All praise and thanks to God
(Nun danket)*



The musical notation is written on a single treble clef staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some notes beamed together. There are four lines of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "All praise and thanks to God who reigns in high est", "hea - ven, to Fath-er and to Son and Spir-it now be", "giv-en: the one et - ern - al God, whom hea-ven and earth a-", and "dore, who ev-er was, is now, and shall be ev-er more." The final note of the fourth line is a quarter note followed by a double bar line.

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Passing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you.

The Service of the Word

Your Word, O Lord, is a lamp to our feet:
A light to our path.

First Reading *Genesis 1:1-5*

1 In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, **2** 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. **3** Then 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, the first day.

Hymn 187 *Let all creation dance* (Darwall)

(based on Ps 148)

Second Reading *Acts of the Apostles 19:1-7*

1 While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. **2** He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." **3** Then he said, "Into what then were you baptised?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." **4** Paul said, "John baptised with the baptism of repentance, telling the

people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." **5** On hearing this, they were baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. **6** When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— **7** altogether there were about twelve of them.

Anthem

Bless This House

Soloist: Sandra Le Maître

Text: May H. Brahe (1884 - 1956)

Music: Helen Taylor (1873 - 1943)

Bless this house, O Lord we pray,
Make it safe by night and day.
Bless these walls so firm and stout,
Keeping want and trouble out.
Bless the roof and chimneys tall,
Let thy peace lie overall.
Bless this door that it may prove,
Ever open, to joy and love.
Bless these windows shining bright,
Letting in God's Heavenly light,
Bless the hearth, a-blazing there,
With smoke ascending like a prayer!
Bless the people here within,
Keep them pure and free from sin.
Bless us all that we may be,
Fit O Lord to dwell with thee.
Bless us all that one day we may dwell,
O Lord! With Thee!

Gospel Reading

St Mark 1:4-11

4 John the baptiser appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. **5** And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptised by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. **6** Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. **7** 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. **8** I have baptised you with water; but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit." **9** In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptised by John in the Jordan. **10** 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. **11** And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Lord, may your word live in us:

And bear much fruit to your glory.

Hymn 250

When for us you were baptised (Jackson)

Sermon

Hymn 194

O love how deep, how broad, how high!

(Puer nobis nascitur)

Concerns of the Church

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom,
the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering

The Sending Forth of the People of God

Hymn 392 *At the dawning of salvation* (Nettleton)

Blessing

... and remain with you always.
Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ.

Threefold Amen

Organ Postlude

Festive Toccata

Colin Brumby (1933 -)