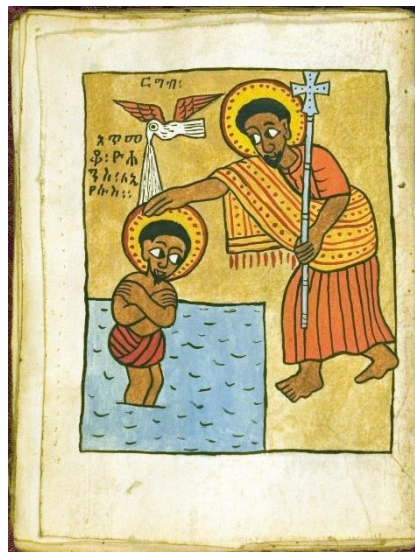




## Holy Trinity Geneva

The Baptism of Christ  
**FIRST SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY**  
Common Worship Eucharist with Spiritual  
Communion

12<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 10h30



Ethiopian Biblical manuscript, 20<sup>th</sup> century <https://sdcason.com/baptism-of-christ-ethiopian-biblical-manuscript-20th-century-public-domain-orthodox-painting>

*The mass setting for this service is by Aston.*

### **PROCESSIONAL HYMN NEH 352 Crown him with many crowns**

*We stand*

1 Crown him with many crowns,  
The Lamb upon his throne;  
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns  
All music but its own:  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
Of him who died for thee,  
And hail him as thy matchless King  
Through all eternity.

2 Crown him the Virgin's Son,  
The God incarnate born,  
Whose arm those crimson trophies won  
Which now his brow adorn:  
Fruit of the mystic Rose,  
As of that Rose the Stem;  
The Root whence mercy ever flows,  
The Babe of Bethlehem.

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3 Crown him the Lord of love!  
Behold his hands and side,  
Rich wounds yet visible above  
In beauty glorified:  
No angel in the sky  
Can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bends his burning eye  
At mysteries so bright.

4 Crown Him the Lord of peace,  
Whose power a sceptre sways  
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,  
Absorbed in prayer and praise:  
His reign shall know no end,  
And round his pierced feet  
Fair flowers of Paradise extend  
Their fragrance ever sweet.

5 Crown him the Lord of years,  
The Potentate of time,  
Creator of the rolling spheres,  
Ineffably sublime.  
Glassed in a sea of light,  
Where everlasting waves  
Reflect his throne--the Infinite!  
Who lives--and loves--and saves.

*Diademata*  
*G Elvey (1916-1893)*  
*M Bridges (1800-1894)*

### **THE GATHERING & WELCOME**

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. *Isaiah 60.1*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

### **Words of Welcome**

#### **Opening Prayer**

Lord God, we have come to worship you.  
Help us to pray to you in faith,  
To sing your praise with gratitude,  
And to listen to your word with eagerness;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### **Collect for Purity**

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

*We sit or kneel*

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

The first commandment is this:

'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength'.

The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself'.

There is no other commandment greater than these,

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

**Amen, Lord have mercy.**

### Invitation

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.

*Titus 3.5*

### Confession

Lord Jesus, you are mighty God and Prince of peace:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you are Son of God and Son of Mary:

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you are Word made flesh  
and splendour of the Father:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

### Absolution

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

# GLORIA

We stand to sing

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his  
12 peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heaven-ly King,  
18 al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship  
24 you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.  
30 *6* *mp* *L'istesso tempo (not slower)*  
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the  
40 Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you  
45 take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;  
49 *mp*  
you are seat - ed at the right hand of the  
52 *p*  
Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.  
57 *2* *f*  
For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
63 you a - lone are the Lord,  
68 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the  
73 Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the  
78 *Broaden*  
Fa - ther. A - men, A - men, A - men.

## COLLECT

Eternal Father,  
who at the baptism of Jesus  
revealed him to be your Son,  
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:  
grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,  
that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Lesson

**Isaiah 43:1-7**

*We sit*

Thus says the Lord,  
he who created you, O Jacob,  
he who formed you, O Israel:  
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are mine.  
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you.  
For I am the Lord your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.  
I give Egypt as your ransom,  
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.  
Because you are precious in my sight,  
and honoured, and I love you,  
I give people in return for you,  
nations in exchange for your life.  
Do not fear, for I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from the east,  
and from the west I will gather you;  
I will say to the north, 'Give them up',  
and to the south, 'Do not withhold';  
bring my sons from far away  
and my daughters from the end of the earth—  
everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made.'  
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 29

1 Ascribe to the Lord you ' powers of ' heaven,  
ascribe to the ' Lord ' glory and ' strength.  
2 Ascribe to the Lord the honour ' due to his ' name;  
worship the ' Lord in the ' beauty of ' holiness.  
3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of ' glory ' thunders;  
the Lord is up'on the ' mighty ' waters.  
4 The voice of the Lord is mighty in ' oper'ation;  
the voice of the ' Lord is a ' glorious ' voice.  
5 The voice of the Lord ' breaks the ' cedar trees;  
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 splits the flash of lightning; the voice of the Lord ' shakes the ' wilderness; the Lord ' shakes the ' wilderness of ' Kadesh.  
8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the ' forests ' bare; in his ' temple ' all cry ', ' G'lory!  
9 The Lord sits enthroned a'bove the ' water flood;  
the Lord sits enthroned as ' king for ' ever'more.  
10 The Lord shall give ' strength to his ' people;  
the Lord shall give his ' people the ' blessing of ' peace.

## Epistle

**Acts 8:14-17**

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

*We stand*

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

*Matthew 3.17*

## Gospel Reading

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Luke 3:15-17, 21, 22**

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON - Revd Glen Ruffle**

*We sit*

**Affirmation of Faith**

*We stand*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.**

**Amen.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

*We sit or kneel*

Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

## **Conclusion**

We commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray, to the mercy and protection of God.

**Merciful Father,**

**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**

## **The Peace**

*We stand*

Christ is our peace.

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.

The old has passed away: behold, everything has become new. *2 Corinthians 5.17*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.


**And also with you.**


*We offer one another a sign of peace.*


## **OFFERTORY HYMN NEH 12 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry**

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## NEH 12

1 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry  
Announces that the Lord is nigh;  
Come then and hearken, for he brings  
Glad tidings from the King of kings.

2 For thou art our salvation, Lord,  
Our refuge and our great reward;  
Without thy grace our souls must fade,  
And wither like a flower decayed.

3 Then cleansed be every Christian breast,  
And furnished for so great a guest!  
Yea, let us each our hearts prepare  
For Christ to come and enter there.

4 Stretch forth thine hand to heal our sore,  
And make us rise, to fall no more;  
Once more upon thy people shine,  
And fill the world with love divine.

5 All praise, eternal Son, to thee  
Whose advent sets thy people free,  
Whom, with the Father, we adore,  
And Spirit blest, for evermore. Amen.

*Winchester New - from a chorale in  
Musicalisches Hand-Buch Hamburg 1690  
Charles Coffin (1676-1749)*

*The table is prepared.*

Open the heavens, Holy Spirit,  
for us to see Jesus interceding for us;  
may we be willing to share his baptism,  
ready to share his cup  
and strengthened to serve him for ever. **Amen.**

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

*We remain standing*

The Lord be with you

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts

**We lift them to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and just,  
our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

You celebrated your new gift of baptism  
in signs and wonders at the Jordan.  
Your voice was heard from heaven  
to awaken faith in the presence among us  
of your Word made flesh.

Your Spirit was seen as a dove,  
 revealing Jesus as your servant,  
 and anointing him with the oil of gladness  
 to preach the good news to the poor.  
 Therefore, as we celebrate the union of earth and heaven,  
 we rejoice to echo the song of the angels in heaven  
 for ever praising you and singing:

## Sanctus & Benedictus

Andante maestoso  
 2 *mf*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

*cresc.*

power and might, — Heaven and earth are full of your

*f*

glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Andante  
 2 *p*

Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord...

*f*

— Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of the Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; who in the same night that he was betrayed took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them saying: Drink this all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

**Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free. You are the Saviour of the world.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption. As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*We sit or kneel*

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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 for ever. Amen.**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body because we all share in the one bread.**

## Agnus Dei

Je-sus, Lamb of God: have mer-cy on us.

Je-sus, bear-er of our sins: have mer-cy on us.

Je-sus, re-deem-er of the world: give us your peace. —

### GIVING OF COMMUNION

*We invite you to come and to receive Communion at the transept, receiving the host from the priest and, if you wish, the wine from the chalice bearer. Please consume the host before you receive the wine and do not dip it in the chalice. If you would like to receive a blessing, please come forward and cross your arms. If you are accustomed to receiving Communion in any church, you are welcome to do so with us today.*

Draw near with faith. Receive the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you and his Blood which he shed for you. Remember that he died for you and feed on him in your heart with thanksgiving.

### AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION (for those online)

Let us now prepare ourselves to make our spiritual communion.

#### *Prayer for an Act of Spiritual Communion*

We offer and present to you, Lord our heavenly Father, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a holy and living sacrifice; grant that being present together in heart and mind at this holy communion we may now be filled with your heavenly blessing through the redeeming grace of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ... [short pause]

Lord Jesus Christ, in outward signs of bread and wine you have made known your presence among us; as we unite with one another from the places where we are, may your communion be fulfilled in us now through the work of the life-giving Holy Spirit. Amen.

**ANTHEM - arr. Wilcocks: Tomorrow shall be my dancing day**

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day;  
I would my true love did so chance  
To see the legend of my play,  
To call my true love to my dance;

*Chorus: Sing, oh! my love, oh! my love, my love, my love,  
This have I done for my true love.*

Then was I born of a virgin pure,  
Of her I took fleshly substance  
Thus was I knit to man's nature  
To call my true love to my dance. *Chorus*

In a manger laid, and wrapped I was  
So very poor, this was my chance  
Between an ox and a silly poor ass  
To call my true love to my dance. *Chorus*

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day;  
I would my true love did so chance  
To see the legend of my play,  
To call my true love to my dance; *Chorus*

**THE CONCLUSION**

**Post-Communion Prayers**

*We sit or kneel*

Lord of all time and eternity,  
you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father  
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:  
by the power of your Spirit  
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth  
through the waters of the new creation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice.**

**Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

**Notices**

## HYMN NEH 495 God is working his purpose out

*We stand*

God is working his purpose out as year succeeds to year,  
God is working his purpose out and the time is drawing near;  
Nearer and nearer draws the time, the time that shall surely be,  
When the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.

From utmost east to utmost west where'er man's foot hath trod,  
By the mouth of many messengers goes forth the voice of God,  
'Give ear to me, ye continents, ye isles, give ear to me,  
That the earth may be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.'

What can we do to work God's work, to prosper and increase  
The brotherhood of all mankind, the reign of the Prince of Peace?  
What can we do to hasten the time, the time that shall surely be,  
When the earth shall be filled with the lory of God as the waters cover the sea?

March we forth in the strength of God with the banner of Christ unfurled,  
That the light of the glorious gospel of truth may shine throughout the world;  
Fight we the fight with sorrow and sin, to set their captives free,  
That the earth may be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.

All we can do is nothing worth unless God blesses the deed;  
Vainly we hope for the harvest-tide till God gives life to the seed;  
Yet nearer and nearer draws the time, the time that shall surely be,  
When the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.

*Benson*

*M Kingham (1866-1894), in Church hymns 1903*

*AC Ainger (1841-1919)*

### **Blessing**

May God the Father,  
who led the wise men by the shining of a star  
to find the Christ, the Light from light,  
lead you also in your pilgrimage to find the Lord. **Amen.**

May God the Son,  
who turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana,  
transform your lives and make glad your hearts. **Amen.**

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. **Amen.**

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

### **Dismissal**

We have seen his glory, the glory revealed to all the nations!  
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

### **Music after the service**

#### **Prayer Requests**

We pray for the sick who are known to us, and those caring for them, especially for Liz Kernan, Jonathan Bezzola, David Omumbwa, Sybil Sheppard, Chris Talbot, Joan Tye, Annemarie Hester, Louise Cellerier, André Vivas, Timothy Creffield, Tianna Dagher, Edith Tanner, Livia Varju, Brenda Hand, Valerie Offord, Phil Thomas, Diana Mason, Robin Bailey, Judi Cianci, Ruth Wyler, Germain, Samuel Kalibala, Joyce McNulty, Trevor Thomas, Diana Dickinson, Denise Muhlethaler, Maya Mortimer, Rosabelle de Silva, Silvio -Morson, Anna Porraccin, Valerie Slessor, Frances Boo, Jenny Syrathev, George Thomasz, Lorensz Ranasinghe.

Pray for the Lusitanian Church, Bishop Jorge Pina Cabral. Pray for the Church of Denmark and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Estonia.

**Diocesan Office in London:** Pray for the Operations and Finance departments: Diocesan Secretary (COO): Andrew Caspari; Office Manager: Bron Panter; Finance: Susan Stelfox, Nick Wraight; Board of Finance Chair: Mike Fegan. Pray for the financial needs of the Diocese, and give thanks for God's provision.

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