

First Reading

Read by Bridget Kemp

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

But now 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.
² 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.
³ 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.
⁴ 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.
⁵ Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;
⁶ 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—
⁷ 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

Gradual Hymn: 107. *The sinless one to Jordan came*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, **Alleluia, Alleluia**

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

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
Glory to You O Lord

In the wilderness John proclaimed a baptism of repentance.
As the people were filled with expectation,
and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John,
whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶ 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.
¹⁷ 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,
²² 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



The Prayers

The prayers are led by Frankie Hawkins
Those for whom prayer has been asked:

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For those on active service in places of danger.

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Dick and Caroline Seed our CMS Missionaries

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The Migrant and Refugee Crisis

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The visitors to the Top Up shop and Family First

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- 3 Angela Parobij, Sonia Steggall, Sam, Debbie Shaves,
Rebecca Stollery
2 Celia, Brian, Drew, Stephen Abbott,
Harold & Rita Appleton
3 Linda Best, Margaret Starsmore, Rosie & John Gray,
Kay Dinsdale, Lesley Horrocks, Chris Newman, Gemma
and those known privately to us.

Those who have died recently

Grace Fearnside
Maureen Collins
Keith Gandy

We remember the anniversary of death of

Flo Cook	11 January 2007
Edna Ruterford	11 January 2014
Anne Stacey	14 January 2019
The Rev. Val Brechin	16 January 2002
Sylvia Harris	16 January 2021
Doreen Gates	17 January 1999

Offertory Hymn;

337: *Source and fount of all creation*

Communion Hymns

770; *Restore in us O God*

342: *Word of God renew your people*

Anthem: *Bethlehem of noblest cities (Alan Bullard)*

**Please remember to pray for the following friends of our
Parish who are not able to worship with us at this time**
Peggy Bean, Vera Emeny, Pat Todd,