

# **Glynde Lutheran Church**

**a multi-cultural community of faith**



**Church@Home**

**Sunday 8 January 2023**

**Epiphany 1, Year A**

**9am Modern Matins**

## **SONG: LH 500 BLESSÈD JESUS, AT THY WORD**

<https://youtu.be/QjUfOmiVy5Y>

- 1 Blessed Jesus, at your word  
we are gathered all to hear you;  
let our hearts and minds be stirred  
now to seek and love and fear you;  
by your gospel pure and holy  
teach us, Lord, to love you solely.**
  
- 2 All our knowledge, sense and sight  
lie in deepest darkness shrouded,  
till your Spirit breaks our night  
with your beams of truth unclouded;  
you alone to God can win us,  
only you work good within us.**
  
- 3 Glorious Lord, yourself impart,  
light of light from God proceeding;  
open lips and ears and heart,  
help us by your Spirit's leading;  
hear the cry your Church now raises;  
Lord, accept our prayers and praises.**

*Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier  
Tobias Clausnitzer 1619-84  
Tr Catherine Winkworth 1827-78, alt.*

## **WELCOME & WE GREET ONE ANOTHER**

### **IN THE NAME**

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

### **INSPIRE MY LIPS**

O Lord, open my lips.

**1 Inspire my lips, O Lord,  
and I'll sing praise to you.  
O come and save me, God;  
come quickly to my help.**

**2 All praise to God the Father,  
to Jesus Christ the Son,  
to God the Holy Spirit,  
forevermore. Amen.**

## **O COME LET'S SING**

Come, let us worship the Lord.

**For he has made us all.**

**1 O come, let's sing aloud to God,  
and shout for joy to the Rock who saves.  
Let's come before him, giving thanks.  
With joyful songs let us hail the Lord.**

**2 The Lord is great, the King of all.  
The depths of earth, the heights of hills,  
the sea he made, and all the land:  
they all are his, all made by him.**

**3 O come, bow down and worship God,  
and kneel before the Lord most high.  
For he's our God, and we are his;  
Yes, we're the flock that's led by him.**

**4 All praise to God the Father now,  
all praise to Jesus Christ the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit praise,  
both now and evermore. Amen.**

**THEME OF THE DAY:** Matthew 3:16-17  
"The baptism of Jesus  
– When heaven cracks open..."

## **BIBLE READINGS**

[Isaiah 42:1-9](#)

[Acts 10:34-43](#)

*After each reading:*

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## **GOSPEL READING**

[Matthew 3:13-17](#)

*After the gospel reading:*

This is the gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **PRAYER (all)**

**Lord, in your mercy  
listen to the prayers of your people who call on you.  
Help us to see what we ought to do,  
and give us the strength to do it.  
We ask this through your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **SONG: LHS776 SPIRIT OF GOD**

<https://youtu.be/dy8AZ46GKqc>

***Spirit of God, unseen as the wind,  
gentle as is the dove:  
Teach us the truth and help us believe,  
show us the Saviour's love.***

**You spoke to men long, long ago,  
gave us the written Word;  
we read it still, needing its truth,  
through it God's voice is heard.**

**Without your help we fail our Lord,  
we cannot live his way;  
we need your power, we need your strength,  
following Christ each day.**

*Words: M V Old  
Music: Traditional*

## **TODAY'S MESSAGE** Matthew 3:13-17

**"The baptism of Jesus – When heaven cracks open..."**

Please refer to the sermon attached with Church@Home resources

## **SONG: LHS 426 WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vlv0zzKs\\_rY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vlv0zzKs_rY)

**What a friend we have in Jesus,  
All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
Everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry  
Everything to God in prayer.**

**Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged;  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful,  
Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness;  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**Are we weak and heavy-laden,  
Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Saviour, still our refuge!  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do your friends despise, forsake you?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer;  
In His arms He'll take and shield you,  
You will find a solace there.**

*Words: Joseph Scriven (1820-1886)  
Music: C C Converse 1832-1918 (1870)  
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## **OFFERING**

Let us pray

**God, our creator and redeemer,  
thank you for accepting us as your children.  
Lead us to live Spirit-filled lives,  
trusting in your dear Son.  
Teach us to help others, as he did,  
through our offerings and lives of service.  
Amen.**

## **PRAYERS**

Lord, have mercy

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father in heaven, your name be kept holy,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
And give us this day our bread for today.

Forgive our sins as we forgive all those who sin against us.

And help us when tempted, and save us from evil.

For kingdom, power, and praise are yours forever. Amen.

## **CREED**

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

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven,

and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty,  
from thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

## **GREETING**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

## **SONG: AT 168 HEAR OUR PRAYER**

<https://youtu.be/cwT6LtCBgy4>

*Hear our prayer, hear our prayer,*

*Hear our prayer, O Lord!*

*Hear our prayer, hear our prayer,*

*Hear our prayer, O Lord!*

Lord God, our heavenly Father,

We call on You this day

To strengthen all Your people,

To guide us in Your way

**Remind us of life's purpose,  
The truth of Christ, Your Son,  
That we should show all people  
That You love ev'ry one.**

**Remind us of Your Spirit,  
Close with us every hour,  
That we might be true Christians,  
Strong in Your love and power.**

**Before us keep the vision  
Of Christ, the Servant-King,  
Who is the Church's model,  
Our hope in everything.**

*Words & Music: Rev R L Blank*

## **PRAYER OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

*Call to prayer*

God does not show favouritism, but accepts people from every nation who fear him and do what is right. Let us pray for the people of the world.

*The regular response, OR:*

Gracious Lord,  
**hear the prayers of your people.**

*Suggested intercessions*

- \* for all who have been ordained to the public ministry, that they may use their authority to serve the servants of God
- \* for all who have been baptised here in the last year (*by name*)
- \* that God would keep his baptised people strong in faith
- \* for justice among the nations
- \* for those who are physically or mentally handicapped in any way.

*Concluding prayer*

Father, you have formed your holy church to be the bride of Christ. Grant to your church the faith and the peace we need to do your will and to bring glory to you. We ask all these things in the name of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **PRAYER FOR GRACE**

**Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and eternal God,  
you have brought us safely to the beginning of this day.  
Protect us today with your mighty power;  
let us fall into no sin, nor run into any kind of danger.  
But guide us in all things,  
so that we may always do what is right.  
We ask this through your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **DISMISSAL**

**Go in peace...  
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## **THE GRACE**

**The grace of Jesus Christ,  
the love of God the Father,  
the Holy Spirit's fellowship,  
be with us all. Amen.**

## **SONG: LHS 903 Tell out, my soul**

<https://youtu.be/3E7QWLyDWe8>

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!  
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;  
tender to me the promise of his Word;  
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!  
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;  
his holy name — the Lord, the mighty One.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!  
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.  
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,  
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.**

**Tell out, my soul, the glories of his Word!  
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.  
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
to children's children and for evermore!**

*Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith 1926-  
Music: Walter Greatorex 1877-1949*