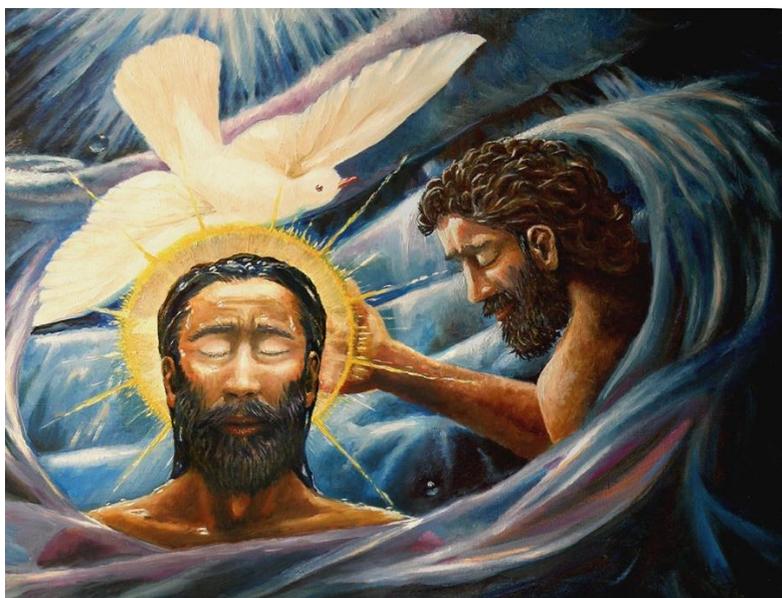


## Cruden Parish Church of Scotland

The Baptism of Jesus – 10.00 am, Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2021



*“He is my chosen one, and I am pleased with him.  
I have put my Spirit upon him.  
He will reveal justice to the nations.”* Isaiah 42:1

### Welcome & Call to Worship

On the first Sunday of the new lockdown we gather to declare our hope in Jesus - who is the light of the world.

Let us kneel in the darkness,  
***Until we see God's light emerge.***  
Let us wait with hope filled hearts,  
***As Christ's image grows within us and shows us life.***  
Let him speak to us and teach us love,  
***Until we open our hearts to be his home.***

### Hymn 279 Make way, make way

1     Make way, make way  
      For Christ the King  
      In splendour arrives  
      Fling wide the gates and welcome Him  
      Into your lives  
      *Make way! (Make way!)*  
      *Make way! (Make way!)*  
      *For the King of kings*  
      *(For the King of kings)*  
      *Make way! (Make way!)*

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*Make way! (Make way!)  
And let His kingdom in*

- 2 He comes the broken hearts to heal  
The prisoners to free  
The deaf shall hear, the lame shall dance  
The blind shall see
- 3 And those who mourn with heavy hearts  
Who weep and sigh  
With laughter, joy and royal crown  
He'll beautify
- 4 We call you now to worship Him  
As Lord of all  
To have no gods before Him  
Their thrones must fall!

Graham Kendrick

### **Prayers of Approach & The Lord's prayer**

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
you 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.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever.  
Amen

### **Bible Reading Mark 1:1-11**

#### **John the Baptist Prepares the Way**

The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God, as it is written in Isaiah the prophet:

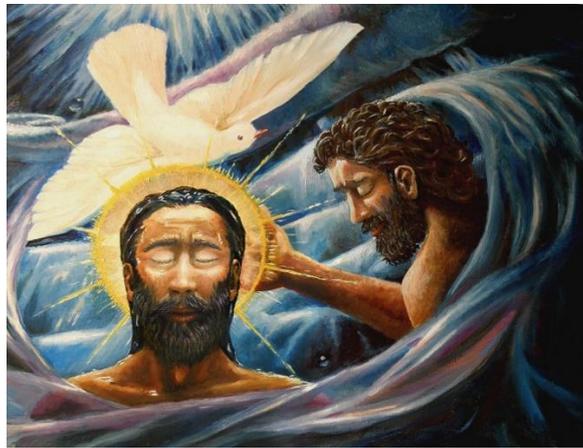
“I will send my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way” —  
“a voice of one calling in the wilderness,  
'Prepare the way for the Lord,  
make straight paths for him.'”

And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. And this was his message: "After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

### **The Baptism and Testing of Jesus**

At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

**Sermon** 'How to mess up Christianity!'



### **Church News (At the end of the Order of Service)**

#### **Prayers of Intercession**

#### **Hymn 251 I the Lord of sea of sky**

- 1 I The Lord Of Sea And Sky,  
I Have Heard My People Cry.  
All Who Dwell In Dark And Sin,  
My Hand Will Save.  
I Who Made The Stars Of Night,  
I Will Make Their Darkness Bright.  
Who Will Bear My Light To Them?  
Whom Shall I Send?  
*Here I Am Lord, Is It I, Lord?  
I Have Heard You Calling In The Night.  
I Will Go Lord, If You Lead Me.  
I Will Hold Your People In My Heart.*

2 I, The Lord Of Snow And Rain,  
I Have Borne My People's Pain.  
I Have Wept For Love Of Them, They Turn Away.  
I Will Break Their Hearts Of Stone,  
Give Them Hearts For Love Alone.  
I Will Speak My Word To Them  
Whom Shall I Send?

3 I, The Lord Of Wind And Flame  
I Will Tend The Poor And Lame.  
I Will Set A Feast For Them,  
My Hand Will Save  
Finest Bread I Will Provide,  
Till Their Hearts Be Satisfied.  
I Will Give My Life To Them,  
Whom Shall I Send?

### Dismissal & Blessing

Loving God

We give ourselves into the hand of your continuing creativity;

***Our past, with its joys and triumphs, its failures and regrets,***

Our present, with its struggles and accomplishments,

its hopes and setbacks,

***Our future, with its fears and freedom,***

***its pain and possibility,***

trusting the Spirit that breathes life,

***trusting the love that will not let us go,***

trusting the promise of the Word made flesh.

Amen

### A Holy Land Blessing

May the babe of Bethlehem bring you peace;

May the child of Nazareth bring you joy;

May the man of Galilee bring you strength;

May the Christ of Calvary bring you courage;

May the risen Jesus bring you hope;

And the ascended Christ a foretaste of his glory.

Amen



## Church News



Due to the latest lockdown caused by Covid-19 the church is closed for Sunday Worship until further notice.

Our Sunday morning services will now be broadcast live via Zoom at 10.00 am every Sunday morning. For a copy of the link please contact Robert or Sean. (07791 755976)

This also means that our Sunday worship will not be broadcast on Facebook.

Pastoral Care-Please advise the minister if you know of anybody who would appreciate a pastoral phone call. Sean can be contacted on 07791 755976 or [sswindells@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:sswindells@churchofscotland.org.uk)

Prayer meeting – Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January, 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm

Due to the public health crisis facing our communities, there will be a special prayer meeting held tonight via Zoom from 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm. If you would like to join us, please contact Sean for the link.

Walking for health & well-being

The group is currently suspended due to the lockdown and will restart at the earliest opportunity. However, part of the group was a short exercise session promoting flexibility and balance. As a trial, Sean will be leading a short session via the group Facebook Page, live at 10.30 am, Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January. Everybody welcome!