



St Peter's Pedmore
Baptism of Jesus 12th January 2025

Call to worship

This day Jesus is revealed as the Christ in the waters of baptism.

I will take you from the nations,

and gather you from all the countries.

I will sprinkle clean water upon you,

and you shall be clean from all your uncleanness.

A new heart I will give you,

and put a new spirit within you.

You shall be my people,

and I will be your God.

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus

Christ be with you

and also with you.

Song

Holy Spirit, we welcome you

Holy Spirit, we welcome you

move amongst us with holy fire

as we lay aside all earthly desire

hands reach out and hearts aspire

Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit,

Holy Spirit, we welcome you

Holy Spirit, we welcome you

Holy Spirit, we welcome you

let the breeze of your presence blow,

that your children here might truly know

how to move in the spirit's flow.

Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit,

Holy Spirit, we welcome you

Holy Spirit, we welcome you
Holy Spirit, we welcome you
please accomplish in me today
some new work of loving grace we pray
unreservedly have your way
Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit,
Holy Spirit, we welcome you

Let us confess our sins

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.

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

May the God of love and power forgive *us* and free *us* from *our* sins,
heal and strengthen *us* by his Spirit, and raise *us* to new life in Christ
our Lord. **Amen.**

O magnify the Lord with me;
let us exalt his name together.

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let us exalt his name together.**

I sought the Lord and he answered me;
he delivered me from all my fears.

O magnify the Lord with me.

In my weakness I cried to the Lord;
he heard me and saved me from my troubles.

Let us exalt his name together.

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.

**O magnify the Lord with me;
let us exalt his name together.**

Song

Come down, O Love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity
mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing:
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace,
till he become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

Let us hear the word of God

Bible Reading

Acts 8:14-17

Luke 3:15-17 & 21-22

Song

Spirit of the Living God,
Fall afresh on me,
Spirit of the Living God,
Fall afresh on me.
Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me.
Spirit of the Living God,
Fall afresh on me.

Talk

Let us declare our faith in God, saying
We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his
love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with
power from on high.

We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Song

Purify my heart,
Let me be as gold and precious silver.
Purify my heart,
Let me be as gold, pure gold.

Refiner's fire,
My heart's one desire
Is to be... holy;
Set apart for You, Lord.
I choose to be... holy;
Set apart for You, my Master,
Ready to do Your will.

Purify my heart,
Cleanse me from within
And make me holy.
Purify my heart,
Cleanse me from my sin, deep within.

Refiner's fire,
My heart's one desire
Is to be... holy;
Set apart for You, Lord.
I choose to be... holy;
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Let us turn to God in prayer

Heavenly Father,
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:
may we recognize him as our Lord
and know ourselves to be your beloved children;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Song

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Christ is in you

The hope of glory

In our hearts

He lives! He lives!

His breath is in you

Arise a mighty army

We arise

Now is the time for us

To march upon the land

Into our hands

He will give the ground we claim

He rides in majesty

To lead us into victory

The world shall see

That Christ is Lord

God is at work in us

His purpose to perform

Building a kingdom

Of power not of words

Where things impossible

By faith shall be made possible

Let's give the glory

To Him now.

Though we are weak, His grace

Is everything we need

We're made of clay

But this treasure is within

He turns our weaknesses

Into His opportunities

So that the glory

Goes to Him

Let us go out to serve God

**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**

May God, who in Christ gives us a spring of water welling up to eternal life, perfect in us the image of his glory and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among us and remain with us always. **Amen.**

Notice to take home

12th January Baptism of Christ

9.00 am Holy Communion Acts 8:14-17 and Luke 3:15-17 & 21-22

10.30 am Morning Worship Acts 8:14-17 and Luke 3:15-17 & 21-22

Wednesday 15th January Holy Communion at St Peter's

19th January 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

9.00 am Holy Communion I Corinthians 12:1-11 and John 2:1-11

10.30 am Morning Worship I Corinthians 12:1-11 and John 2:1-11

Wednesday 22nd January Holy Communion at St Andrew's

Next Prayer for Pedmore

Monday 13th January at 7.30 pm in Parish centre – begin the new year in prayer.

An eco tips

The Hospice have a Christmas present amnesty – unwanted gifts are accepted as prizes for future raffles. Just check the use by dates on anything that is perishable.

Dudley Council is holding its next Too Good to Throw Away event at Chawn Hill Church, Pedmore, Stourbridge, on Tuesday January 14 from 10am to 3pm. People will be able to donate unwanted household items that are in good working order including curtains, bedding, cushions, kitchenware, small electrical items, clothes, food and unused toiletries.

These items will then be shared between charitable organisations in the borough, including Provision House, which repurposes them for community use.

Black Country Food Bank

The needs of the Foodbank are often greater at this time of year. The ongoing needs and these are: Tinned Veg, Tinned Potatoes, Tinned Fish, Tinned Fruit in Juice, Breakfast Cereal, Long Life Milk, Tea Bags 40's, Small Jar Coffee, 1LT Cartons of Long Life Fruit Juice, Toilet Rolls, Bars of Soap, Shower Gel and Roll on Deodorant.

Encounter Meditation

An in-person evening retreat with music, art and silence. An invitation to take an hour out of the busyness of modern life. Facilitated by contemplative practitioners, Mary Flitcroft and Helen Stanton, sessions will start with a piece of live music or artwork followed by a time of reflection, silence, and meditation. Those familiar with and new to contemplative practice are welcome

When: 15th January, and then the second Wednesday of each month 7pm - 8.30pm Where: St Mary's Church Old Swinford Rectory Rd, Stourbridge DY8 2HA Booking is not required Cost: donations. What to expect: A warm

welcome, time of reflection, silence, contemplation, and discussion. Each session will end with refreshments. What to bring: No prior knowledge or expertise of art, music or meditation is needed. Come as you are. You may wish to bring a cushion or blanket with you to ensure you are comfortable. Encounter Meditation is brought to you by experienced contemplative practitioners, Mary Flitcroft and Helen Stanton. Mary is a ceramic artist, a retreat leader, and a spiritual director. She is Bishops' Adviser for Spirituality for the Diocese of Worcester. Helen is a theologian, writer, and spiritual director. She is Warden of Holland House (Ecumenical) Retreat and Conference Centre, and an amateur painter. For more information call or email Mary Flitcroft: spirituality@cofe-worcester.org.uk or Helen Stanton: warden@hollandhouse.or