

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in the Season of Epiphany Light

## 10th Jan 2021

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### Welcome

#### Call to worship

One: The Holy One

ALL: Source of Light

One: Guiding Light

ALL: Creating Light

One: Is here among us,

ALL: shining love and hope into our lives and into the world

Let us lift our voices in worship the Holy One



#### Hymn: Out of the flowing river CH4 335

Out of the flowing river

Jesus ascends

baptized by John

waiting the sign.

Out of the open heavens

God's Spirit comes

down like a dove

in peace and power.

Out speaks the voice from heaven:

'You are my Son,

chosen and loved,  
my own delight'.

Out through the life of Jesus

God's word of love,

calling in grace,

comes to our lives.

Out in the world we live in

we will make known

the love revealed

through God in Christ.

*Leith Fisher (1941–2009)*

#### Opening Prayer with movement

*(arms crossed in front)*

One: Loving God,

ALL: In the sunrise *(arms opened)*

& sunset *(arms closed)*

You are with us.

#### Time for all ages: Face washing

#### Hymn: Child of blessing CH4 633

Child of blessing, child of promise,

God's you are, from God you came.

In this sacrament God claims you:

live as one who bears Christ's name.

Child of God, you bear God's image,  
learn to listen for God's call;

grow to laugh and sing and worship,

trust and love God more than all.

Ronald S. Cole-Turner (b. 1948)

## Reading: Mark 1:4-11

4 John the baptizer appeared[a] in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 5 And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. 6 Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. 7 He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. 8 I have baptized you with[b] water; but he will baptize you with[c] the Holy Spirit.'

### The Baptism of Jesus

9 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 10 And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. 11 And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved;[d] with you I am well pleased.'

## Reflection by Caro Penney

### Meditation

### Prayers of the People

### Offering & Dedication

### Hymn: Loving Spirit CH4 597

Loving Spirit, loving Spirit,  
you have chosen me to be —  
you have drawn me to your wonder,  
you have set your sign on me.

Friend and lover, in your closeness  
I am known and held and blessed:

in your promise is my comfort,  
in your presence I may rest.

Loving Spirit, loving Spirit,  
you have chosen me to be —  
you have drawn me to your wonder,  
you have set your sign on me.

*Shirley Erena Murray (b. 1931)*

### Blessing