

## *St Anne's. Eastville*

### *The Baptism of Christ*

*At the end of the first hymn the congregation gather around the font*

*A reading from St Mark's Gospel*

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; <sup>[a]</sup> with you I am well pleased.'

*Prayer over the water*

Praise God who made heaven and earth,  
**who keeps his promise for ever.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Father, we give you thanks and praise

for your gift of water in creation;

for your Spirit, sweeping over the waters,  
bringing light and life;

for your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,

baptized in the river Jordan.  
May your holy and life-giving Spirit  
bring those who are baptized  
to new birth in the family of your Church  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord  
**Amen**

*An Act of Penitence*

God of truth, you are faithful to the covenant you  
have made with us;  
Look in mercy on your people.  
From all our sins, O Lord  
**Wash us, and we shall be clean**  
Though we are saved by Christ,  
we have not witnessed to his grace by our manner  
of life.  
From all our sins, O Lord  
**Wash us, and we shall be clean**

We have shown indifference to those in need  
and have been afraid to stand up for justice and  
truth.  
From all our sins, O Lord:  
**Wash us, and we shall be clean.**

We have been slow to forgive, and have failed to  
remember

your repeated forgiveness of our sins.

From all our sins, O Lord:

**Wash us, and we shall be clean.**

Today we rejoice and give thanks  
because your Son humbled himself to be baptized  
in the Jordan.

Through the waters you have given us the mystery  
of baptism

for the remission of our sins.

From all our sins, O Lord:

**Wash us, and we shall be clean.**

Almighty God,

in our baptism you have consecrated us  
to be temples of your Holy Spirit.

May we, whom you have counted worthy,  
nurture your indwelling Spirit with a lively faith,  
and worship you with upright lives;  
through Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

‘Come you who are thirsty,  
receive the water of life, the free gift to all who  
desire it.’

**May almighty God have mercy on *us*,  
forgive *us our sins*,**

**and bring us to everlasting life,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Everyone is invited to come to the font and to sign themselves  
with the cross,  
and to return to their places*

*The Collect*

**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.**