

SUNDAY 12TH JANUARY, 2025
EDINBURGH NEW TOWN CHURCH
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Welcome and Notices

Reading of Edict

Call to Worship

Praise the Lord, you heavenly beings:

Praise his glory and power.

Praise the Lord's glorious name;

Bow down before the Holy One when he appears

Collect

Eternal Father, at the baptism of Jesus you revealed him to be your Son, and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful to their calling as your people;

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn 201 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness

Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Sharing of the Peace

Hymn 562 Through the Love of God our Saviour

Lesson Matthew 3 verses 13 - 17

13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him.

14 John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' **15** But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. **16** And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. **17** And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

Reflection A new start in Christ's ministry – and ours!

Hymn 636 (Tune Bunessan) Baptised in water, sealed by the Spirit

Lessons

Genesis 28 verses 1 – 5

Then Isaac called Jacob and blessed him, and charged him, 'You shall not marry one of the Canaanite women. **2** Go at once to Paddan-aram to the house of Bethuel,

your mother's father; and take as wife from there one of the daughters of Laban, your mother's brother. **3** May God Almighty bless you and make you fruitful and numerous, that you may become a company of peoples. **4** May he give to you the blessing of Abraham, to you and to your offspring with you, so that you may take possession of the land where you now live as an alien—land that God gave to Abraham. **5** Thus Isaac sent Jacob away; and he went to Paddan-aram, to Laban son of Bethuel the Aramean, the brother of Rebekah, Jacob's and Esau's mother.

Luke 9 verses 1 - 6

Then Jesus called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, **2** and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal. **3** He said to them, 'Take nothing for your journey, no staff, nor bag, nor bread, nor money—not even an extra tunic. **4** Whatever house you enter, stay there, and leave from there. **5** Wherever they do not welcome you, as you are leaving that town shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them. **6** They departed and went through the villages, bringing the good news and curing diseases everywhere.

Reflection **Send-offs and Departures**

Hymn 106 GWA **God incarnate, living presence**

Prayer

Hymn 237 **Look forward in faith**

Blessing

Worship Leaders: Rev Suzie Stark and Rev Ann Inglis

Scripture Reader: Sheila Adam

Prayers of the people: Jane Brown

Organist/pianist: Jamie Turnbull

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