

Come One, Come All

Let all the earth come join the song,
and join the dance for all belong.
Creation beats with willing hearts,
so come on saints, let's play our part.

*Come one, come all
To life that's whole
Come one, come all
To love that's full*

The hills and rivers sound their praise,
and we join in for our God reigns.
Come to the table, eat your fill,
come rest by living waters, still.

*Come one, come all
To life that's whole
Come one, come all
To love that's full*

So take your place and know you're loved,
and spread the word for there's enough,
To know our God and truly live,
creation was made for this.

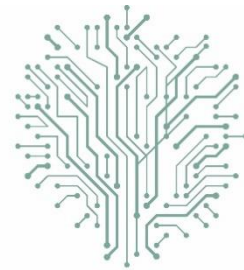
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Psalm 65

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SALTBUSH
UNITING THE SCATTERED COMMUNITY

Simple worship for the scattered Christian community

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<https://vimeo.com/572335335>*

Matthew 3: 13-17
Baptism of Jesus

Welcome

An opportunity to welcome people to the gathering

Responses & Gathering Prayer

Hear the waters of baptism calling
(trickle water into the baptismal font)
and inviting us to be renewed
by this sign of God's love.
We answer the call to be God's people
and we live in the ways of the Christ.
Hear the Spirit of God among us
reminding us that we are all
beloved children of God.
Called to be God's people
to live in the ways of the Christ. 1
Amen.

Music for Reflection

Suggested song: [Come one, come all](#)

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Passing the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you.
You are invited to turn to those around you and offer
them a word of greeting and peace.

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- 1 © Seasons of the Spirit
- 2 Rev Abi,
- RevGalBlogPals website. <http://revgalblogpals.org/2011/01/09/sunday-prayer-for-baptism-of-christ-a/>
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The Word around the Bush

Matthew 3: 13-17

The Baptism of Jesus

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.'

The Message

From your Scattered Community Minister or another leader within your gathering.

Questions for conversation

- What did you hear in the Word today?
- What are your experiences of Baptism?
- In this new year and considering Jesus baptism how might your Christian community respond to working towards the purposes of God?

Silence in Two Ways

Spend some time in silence sitting still (suggested 5 minutes). Close your eyes lightly. Sit relaxed but alert.

- You may like to say the prayer phrase "Mar-an-ath-a" (which means come Lord). Say this as four syllables. Do not try to think or imagine anything. If thoughts or distractions come simply return to saying the word.
- Or you may like "sitting with God" — a silent time in which we focus all our mind, heart and soul on the presence of God without trying to create it. Simply be still and open to God.

Prayers for Others

God who shows no partiality,
show your favouritism on all your people.
Send forth your justice for all to see.
Save us your people.
Empower us to preach and testify to your great love and mercy.

God who makes and keeps covenant with your people,
You called us to be a light to the nations,
to open the eyes that are blind,
to set the prisoners free,
Help us to answer your call that these things come to pass.

God of grace and glory,
We pray for those who suffer from pains and sorrows.
We pray for those whose hearts are broken.
We pray for those whose families are fractured.
We pray for those whose lives are ravaged by war.
We pray for those who struggle with poverty, and starvation.

Thank you for hearing our prayers.
Thank you for pouring out your Spirit on your Son and pouring your spirit out on us too.
May we hear you say to us this day that "This is my son, my daughter, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Amen

Music for Reflection

Suggested song: [Our Father in Heaven](#)

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Closing Responses & Blessing

May we, like Jesus, live wet:
wet from the waters of chaos breaking over the earth;
wet from the waters of baptism breaking over bodies;
wet from the living water breaking over our lives.

Bless us in earth, air and fire, but most of all bless us in water, that anointed by the Life-giver we may follow the way. 3.

and Bless us and the people we meet along the way
Father,
Son
and Holy Spirit.

Amen