

1st Sunday of Epiphany: 7 January 2024

“Help for the New Things”

Wows & Woes

Write or draw
your prayer of thanks
Write or draw
your cry for help

Notices

Monday, 9:30-3, Community Hub
Thursday, 9:15am Coffee & Prayer, HH
Thursday, 2:30pm, Church @ Hanover

Funerals:

- Stephen Girling, Tue 16th, 2pm, start at Mulbarton
 - Olive King, Thu 18th, 12noon, Mulbarton
 - Anna Bouwen, Fri 19th, 11am, Mulbarton

Collect for Today

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.

Song: It's Bubbling

It's bubbling, it's bubbling
It's bubbling in my soul.
There's singing and laughing
Since Jesus made me whole
Folks don't understand it
Nor can I keep it quiet
But it's bubbling, bubbling
Bubbling, bubbling,
Bubbling day and night.

Ordering the Lego!

Call to Worship

It all begins here!
We begin a new day,
a new week, a new year.
Let us begin again by listening and looking for God's Spirit,
and expecting God's light

to shine in dark places.

A gathering prayer

The voice of the Lord is over the waters,
the voice of the Lord is powerful,
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.
May the Lord give strength to us,
his people.
May the Lord bless us with peace.
Amen.

Saying Sorry

Father, you come to meet us when we return to you:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus, you died on the cross for our sins:
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Spirit, you give us life and peace:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Receiving Forgiveness

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

Making Music!

I will sing hosanna!

I will sing hosanna
I will sing hosanna
Singing round before the throne of glory
I will sing hosanna

I will play hosanna
I will play hosanna
Playing round before the throne of glory
I will play hosanna

Playing quiet hosanna
Playing quiet hosanna
Playing quiet before the throne of glory
Playing quiet hosanna

Playing loud hosanna
Playing loud hosanna
Playing loud before the throne of glory
Playing loud hosanna

I will clap hosanna
I will clap hosanna
Clapping round
before the throne of glory
I will clap hosanna

Making Music!

The greatest conductor of all conducts the creation of all things!
Forget the fireworks!
Happy New Year!

Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ² Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

³ And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴ God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

Holy Waters!

The Holy Spirit on the waters – both in creation & baptism of Jesus – signifying a fresh start, with new power to help.

A Minute To Win It – Moving Water!

Mark 1:4-11

⁴ And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. ⁶ John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey.

⁷ And this was his message: "After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸ I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹ At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven: "You are my

Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

Forming & Filling in Love

God is really there
God has the power to form good things
God fills the earth with good things
There is love at the heart of the universe

Song: I Love Ya

Venturing Out – Sharing the Journey

Fresh starts sometimes needed
New year brings new opportunities
Can be tough – that’s why we need help

The Profession of Faith:

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the
Father, source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

All: We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in his Son,
Jesus Christ, who redeemed the world?

All: We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in his Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God?

All: We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

All: This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

Amen.

Responding in Prayer

Wows & Woes

An Action Prayer for All

You stir things up, Lord.
(stirring motion)
You bring light in the darkness.
(starburst with fingers)

You bring order and peace.
(smooth horizontal movement)

An Action Prayer for All
When things need changing
may we stir things up, Lord.

(stirring motion)

Where places are dark,
may we bring your light, Lord.

(starburst with fingers)

Where there's conflict and hate,
may we bring your peace.

(smooth horizontal movement)

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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.

O Let The Son Of God Enfold You

O let the Son of God enfold you
With His Spirit and His love,
Let Him fill your heart
And satisfy your soul.

O let Him have
the things that hold you,
And His Spirit like a dove
Will descend upon your life
And make you whole.

Jesus, O Jesus,
Come and fill Your lambs.

Jesus, O Jesus,
Come and fill Your lambs.

O come and sing
this song with gladness
As Your hearts are filled with joy,
Lift your hands in sweet surrender
To His Name.
O give Him all
your tears and sadness,
Give Him all your years of pain,
And you'll enter into
Life in Jesus' name.

Jesus, O Jesus,
Come and fill Your lambs.
Jesus, O Jesus,
Come and fill Your lambs.

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Closing Blessing

May God the Father,
who led the wise men
by the shining of a star
to find the Christ, the Light from light,
lead you also in your pilgrimage
to find the Lord.

Amen.

May God the Son,
who turned water into wine
at the wedding feast at Cana,
transform your lives
and make glad your hearts.

Amen.

May God the Holy Spirit,
who came upon the beloved Son
at his baptism in the river Jordan,
pour out his gifts on you
who have come
to the waters of new birth.

Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you,
now and always.

Amen.