



CHALMERS UNITED CHURCH

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Baptism of Jesus - Epiphany I

The Sacrament of Baptism

ORDER OF SERVICE

** Congregation please stand if you are able.

Our ushers have LARGE PRINT bulletins and hearing assist equipment.

Gathering of the People

PRELUDE: *Blessed Jesus, at your word I* (Hymn 500) J. S. Bach

** PROCESSIONAL HYMN 101 *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*

** CALL TO WORSHIP

One: O come, let us sing to the Lord

And shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!

**All: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving,
singing joyful songs of praise.**

One: Let us proclaim God's glory to the nations,

All: God's marvellous deeds to all peoples.

One: Let us worship God.

Introit *Isaiah 60:1*

David Cameron

Choir only

Sung by ALL



*Following the announcements children
and young people are invited to come forward.*

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Presentation of Candidate:

*Oskar Ronald Morgan
Son of Kimberley Grace (Lake) Morgan and Peter Ronald Morgan
Godparents: Laurel MacMillan
Neil and Ella Morgan*

Promises of the Parents

**The Congregational Commitment

All: We commit ourselves to support and uphold you within the community of faith.

**A New Creed

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

The Act of Baptism

SOLO: *Panis angelicus*

César Franck

*O Lord most holy, O Lord most mighty,
O loving Father, Thee would we be praising alway.
Help us to know Thee, know Thee and love Thee;
Father, Father, grant us Thy truth and grace;*

*Father, Father, guide and defend us.
Rule Thou our wilful hearts,
Keep Thine our wand'ring thoughts;
In all our sorrows, let us find our rest in Thee;
And in temptation's hour, save through Thy mighty power,
Thine aid, O send us;
Hear us in mercy.
Show us Thy favour,
So shall we live and sing praise to Thee.*

Declaration and Congregational Welcome

Into the household of faith, we welcome you with joy and thanksgiving.

**We are members of the Body of Christ.
We are inheritors of God's promise.
In the name of Christ, we welcome you.**

Presentation of certificate

****HYMN 443** *God, We Pray at This Beginning*

Proclamation of the Word

THE SCRIPTURES

One: Through scripture we meet the Living God.

**Sung by All: Your word is a lamp to my feet, and a light unto my path. VU
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First Reading: Isaiah 42: 1-9

One: Herein is Wisdom.

All: Thanks be to God.

MOTET:

John Stainer

God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life; for God sent not his son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved. (John 3:16)

The Gospel: Matthew 3: 13-17

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

****HYMN 449** *Crashing Waters at Creation*

SERMON: *Pulled through the River*

The Response of the People

ANTHEM: *Blessed Jesus, at thy word*

Eric Thiman

(text - somewhat altered - at Hymn 500)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Loving God, in whom is heaven.

The hallowing of your name echoes through the universe!

The way of your justice be followed

by the people of the earth!

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

Your commonwealth of peace and freedom

sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power

that is love, now and forever.

Amen.

The Book of Common Prayer of New Zealand (Anglican)

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY MUSIC: *Blessed Jesus, at your word II*

J. S. Bach

**** SONG OF DEDICATION 540**

Grant us, God, the grace of giving,

with a spirit large and free,

that ourselves and all our living

we may offer faithfully.

****PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

****HYMN 242 *Let All Things Now Living***

****COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION**

****RESPONSE: AMEN!**

POSTLUDE: *A Tuba Tune*

C. S. Lang