



Church of Ireland

**United Dioceses of
Cork, Cloyne & Ross**

Templebreedy Group

Nohoval Church



**The Baptism of Christ
Sunday 11 January 2026**

**The Lord be with you
And also with you**

Words of welcome and introduction

Opening Prayer

Grant us, Lord, who behold your glory, to drink from the waters of the new creation flowing from the river of life at your baptism. Give us the wings of the Spirit, that we may hasten to meet you at your coming, and praise you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Hymn

197 Songs of thankfulness and praise (omit *)

Opening Responses

This day Jesus is revealed as the Christ in the waters of baptism.

I will take you from the nations,

and gather you from all the countries.

I will sprinkle clean water upon you,

and you shall be clean from all your uncleanness.

A new heart I will give you,

and put a new spirit within you.

You shall be my people,

and I will be your God.

cf Ezekiel 36

The Collect

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

The Old Testament reading is written in the book of the Prophet Isaiah, chapter 42

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.

² He will not cry out or lift up his voice
or make it heard in the street;
³ a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

⁴ He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth,
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

⁵ Thus says God, the Lord,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:

⁶ I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness;
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,
⁷ to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

⁸ I am the Lord; that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.

⁹ See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 29

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven, ♦
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name; ♦
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; ♦
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation; ♦
the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; ♦
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf ♦
and Sirion like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flash of lightning;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; ♦
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe
and strips the forests bare; ♦
in his temple all cry, 'Glory!'
- 9 The Lord sits enthroned above the water flood; ♦
the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.
- 10 The Lord shall give strength to his people; ♦
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit ♦
As it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

The New Testament Reading

The New Testament reading is written in the Acts of the Apostles,
chapter 10 beginning at verse 34

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality," ³⁵ but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all.

³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn

125 Hail to the Lord’s anointed

The Gospel Reading

The Gospel is written in the Gospel according to St Matthew, chapter 3 beginning at verse 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 God’s Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from the heavens said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

The Sermon

Water is poured into the font

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe: you bring waters out of the stony rock. For with you is the well of life, and in your light shall we see light.

Blessed be God for ever.

The Blessing of the Water

God in Christ gives us the water welling up for eternal life.

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

Lord, give us this water, and we shall thirst no more.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Father, for your gift of water in creation

we give you thanks and praise.

For your Spirit, sweeping over the waters, bringing light and life

we give you thanks and praise.

For your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, baptized in the river Jordan

we give you thanks and praise.

For your new creation, brought to birth by water and the Spirit

we give you thanks and praise.

For your grace bestowed upon us your children, washing away our sins

we give you thanks and praise.

So, Father, accept our sacrifice of praise. By the power of your life-giving Spirit bless these waters of your new creation.

Lord, receive our prayer.

May we your servants who have been washed in them be made one with your Son, who took the form of a servant.

Lord, receive our prayer.

May your Holy Spirit, who has brought us to new birth in the family of your Church, raise us in Christ, our anointed Lord, to full and eternal life.

Lord, receive our prayer.

For all might, majesty and dominion are yours, now and for ever.

Alleluia. Amen.

The Renewal of Baptism Vows

Do you renew and affirm the promises made when you were baptized?

I do.

Do you turn in faith to Christ?

I do.

Do you then renounce all evil?

I do, by God's help.

Will you obey and serve Christ?

I will, by God's help.

The Credal Promises

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, creator of heaven and earth?

I believe and trust in him.

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

I believe and trust in him.

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

I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The Commission

Those who are baptized are called to worship and serve God.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all people, loving your neighbour as yourself?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you acknowledge Christ's authority over human society, by prayer for the world and its leaders, by defending the weak, and by seeking peace and justice?

With the help of God, I will.

Almighty God, you have given us the will to do all these things: Give us the courage and strength to achieve them to the honour and glory of your name, and the good of your Church and people; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Hymn

305 O breath of life

Prayers

Hymn

102 Name of all majesty

The Blessing

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith, you may be rooted and grounded in love and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you this day and for evermore. Amen.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming services:

Sunday 1st February - St Brigid Group service in Holy Trinity, Crosshaven at 11.00am

Sunday 15th February - Group Service in Holy Trinity at 11.00am with pancakes. Further details to follow.

Wednesday 18th February - Ash Wednesday

Anam Cara, which supports parents after bereavement, is hosting an Online Bereavement Information Evening on Thursday 22nd January at 7pm. Dr. Róisín Finnegan will be our guest speaker this month. Parents are also invited to register via the link, available on the parish happenings email

Nohoval Children's Church will take place on the 8th February & 15th March

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