



# *Gifts*

**First Sunday of Epiphany  
Sunday 5 January 2025**



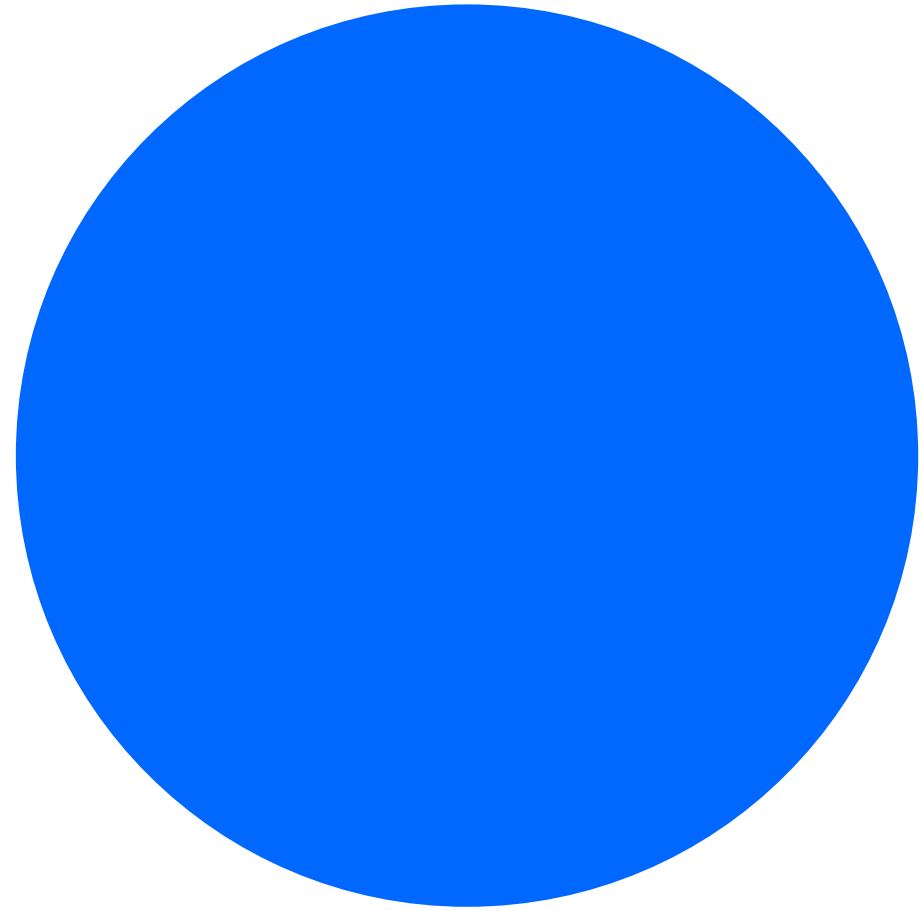
**Eternal Father,  
at the baptism of  
Jesus  
You revealed Him  
to be Your Son,  
and Your  
Holy Spirit  
descended upon  
Him like a dove:**



**Grant that we,  
who are born  
again by water  
and the Spirit,  
may be faithful  
as Your  
adopted children,  
through Jesus  
Christ our Lord ...**

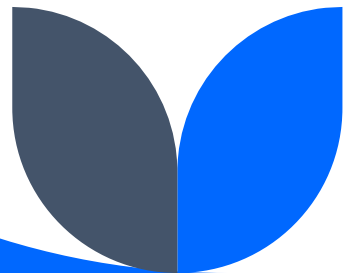






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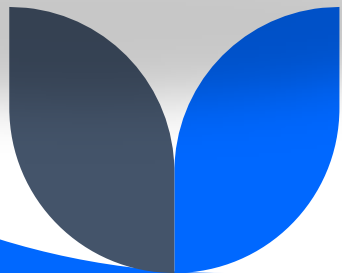
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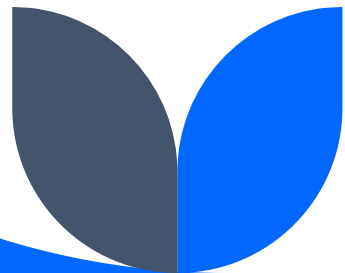
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**Poikilos**  
**Polka-dot**

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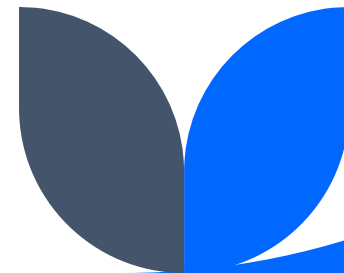






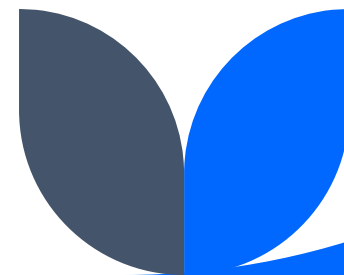
## **Deuteronomy 29:2-6**

**You have seen with your own eyes everything the LORD did in Egypt to Pharaoh and all his servants and his whole country – all the great tests of strength, the miraculous signs, and the amazing wonders ...**



## **Deuteronomy 29:2-6**

**... For forty years I led you through the wilderness, yet your clothes and sandals did not wear out. You had no bread or wine or other strong drink, but he gave you food so that you would know that he is the LORD your God (on whom you must depend).**







**Without the LORD's help and intentionality on our part, we will miss the small and quiet acts of God's love, care, and involvement in our lives.**





**The attitude of  
gratitude  
is a muscle that needs  
daily exercise.**

**Habakkuk 3:17-19**





**Thankfulness  
accompanies  
intimacy with Christ;  
in actively seeking  
His care,  
we notice His love.**

**Lamentations 3:19-24**





**The LORD can  
transform our trials  
into “thin spaces”  
where we encounter  
Him.**







## **Gratitude**

- **is a barometer of spiritual health**
- **protects us from discouragement**
- **increases our sense of God's personal care**



**Psalm 73:25-26**



**What can you  
give thanks to  
God for?**

**Psalm 34:8  
(NKJV)**

