

Where's Your Chair?

John the Baptist



Show us your mercy, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.
I will listen to what the Lord God will say,
for he shall speak peace to his people and to the faithful,
that they turn not again to folly. Psalm 85:7-8

Praising:

We praise you for the Baptist,
Forerunner of the Word
'Make straight in preparation a
highway for the Lord'.
Of prophets last and greatest, he
urged us to repent
'Be ready for God's kingdom and
him whom God will send'.

Reading:

Luke 1:57-66
His whole life ahead of him

The question on everyone's lips
is what Elizabeth and Zechariah's
baby will turn out to be. It's a
question all of us should take
time to consider, however young
or old we are. In John's case, the
added curiosity is to do with the
circumstances of his birth, not
least his mother's age and his
father's sudden loss of speech.
These were taken as indicators

that God was planning something
special for this child, but in fact
this is no less true of every
human being. Properly
understood, the natural process
of growing up and developing as
a person, is no more and no less
than a journey of self-discovery in
Christ. What we might want to be
when we grow up, is not nearly
so important as what God wants
us to be right now.

Listening:

Praying:

We hold before you Lord all
those making their way in the
world

- school children trying to
identify the qualities, talents
and gifts you have given them
- young people and students
trying to find roles that will fulfil
and reward them
- those part-way through their
lives trying to discern how you
might be leading them

Father: grant me a growing
sense of the person you want me
to be. Help me let go of my dead-
end dreams and false ambitions,
for deep down I know: you
haven't finished with me yet.
Amen

Doing:

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