

WORSHIP AT HOME  
SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> JANUARY  
THE Baptism of Christ

If a household are praying together, one person may act as leader and the others as the congregation and they join in the words in bold type. If alone, read all the words aloud. You may want to light a candle before you begin, and have a Bible, cross or crucifix to look at. You might prepare for this act of worship by listening to some music, or by being still



**Preparation**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Blessed are you, Lord our God,

You have created the heavens and the earth.

Blessed are you, Jesus Christ, you came among us and were baptised of John.

Blessed are you, holy life-giving Spirit, you descend as the dove and you fill us with life.

Blessed are you, Holy Three. In you we live and move and have our being. Amen

*Silence is kept*

**Prayers of Penitence**

Christ the light of the world has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts. Let us turn to the light and confess our sins.

Lord Jesus, you came to reconcile us to one another and to the Father:

Lord have mercy.

**Lord have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin and division:.

Christ have mercy.

**Christ have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you intercede for us with your Father:

Lord have mercy.

**Lord have mercy.**

## **Words of forgiveness**

May God who loved the world so much  
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour  
forgive us our sins, and make us holy to serve him in the world,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## **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 of water and the Spirit,  
that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



## **The Word of the Lord**

### **First reading – Genesis 1:1-5**

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel reading Mark 1:4-11**

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

This is the gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **Affirmation of faith.**

With our Christian brothers and sisters, let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and earth is named.  
We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith and fills us with his love.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from in high.  
We believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen**

### **Prayers of intercession**

(Here you may wish to offer prayer in your own words, or be prompted by the words here)

*Holy God, holy and Strong One, holy and mighty one, we give thanks for all who are baptised. We praise you for your own baptism and pray that we may know that we are always immersed in your presence. Give your church the power to show that we are members of Christ, children of God and inheritors of the kingdom of heaven, we pray for all who have been baptised at St Margaret's.....we pray for justice among nations, remembering especially those held hostage, and any who suffer from captivity or tyranny. We pray for all who are slaves to debt, and for world banks trading with poor nations; that all may work for justice and peace..... we give thanks for those concerned with our well being, especially all working in healthcare at this difficult time. We pray for parents and loved ones, our friends and all who share their life of faith with us.....we remember those feeling bruised by illness , accident or circumstance, for all who are ill spiritually or mentally, for those who have lost confidence and whose memories disturb them, we pray for the world weary and all who are sick at this time.....we pray for all who having been baptised have kept the faith; we pray especially for loved ones departed from us.....and lastly Lord we commend to you the world, our family and loved ones and our selves.*

### **The Lord's prayer**

Joining with Christians throughout the world, we pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

### **The Grace**

**The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with us all, evermore. Amen.**

This week's readings; -

Monday: Psalm 97:1-2,6-10 , Mark 1:14-20

Tuesday: Psalm 8, Mark 1:21-28

Wednesday: Psalm 105:1-9, Mark 1:29-39

Thursday: Psalm 95:1,8 to end, Mark 1:40 to end

Friday: Psalm 78:3-8. Mark 2:1-12

Saturday: Psalm 19:7 to end, Mark 2:13-17

