

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2021

**Family worship at home**

**The Baptism of the Lord**



### Preparation

*Before you begin you may wish to place a bowl of water on a table and light a candle.*

*If you have your baptism certificates handy, or your baptism candle, please place them on the table as well.*

*You may wish to find a song to play at the end of your prayer time (something like Shine, Jesus, shine would be appropriate).*

### Gathering

We meet together in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

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 Act of Penitence

*In our baptism we promised to follow Christ faithfully and to show His love to those around us. As we pray, let's remember the things we need to say sorry for. We might say these out loud to each other.*

For not following Jesus:  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For not being kind to each other:  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

### Words of Forgiveness

May the God of love and power  
forgive us and free us from our sins,  
heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,  
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**

### The Special Prayer for this week

Heavenly Father,  
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your  
Son:  
may we recognize him as our Lord  
and know ourselves to be your beloved  
children;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.  
**Amen**

## The Word of the Lord

**The Holy Gospel** | *Mark 1. 4-11*

<sup>4-6</sup> John the Baptizer appeared in the wild, preaching a baptism of life-change that leads to forgiveness of sins. People thronged to him from Judea and Jerusalem and, as they confessed their sins, were baptized by him in the Jordan River into a changed life.

John wore a camel-hair habit, tied at the waist with a leather belt. He ate locusts and wild field honey.

<sup>7-8</sup> As he preached he said, "The real action comes next: The star in this drama, to whom I'm a mere stagehand, will change your life. I'm baptizing you here in the river, turning your old life in for a kingdom life. His baptism—a holy baptism by the Holy Spirit—will change you from the inside out."

<sup>9-11</sup> At this time, Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. The moment he came out of the water, he saw the sky split open and God's Spirit, looking like a dove, come down on him. Along with the Spirit, a voice: "You are my Son, chosen and marked by my love, pride of my life."

### **Some things to talk about together**

*What happened to Jesus at His baptism?*

*What does it mean to me/us to be baptised?*

*How can we show the world that being a Christian makes a difference?*

*How can we shine as lights at the moment?*

## Renewal of Baptismal Promises

At our baptism we turned to Christ. Let's turn to him again as we say together:

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**I do**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son?

**I do**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit?

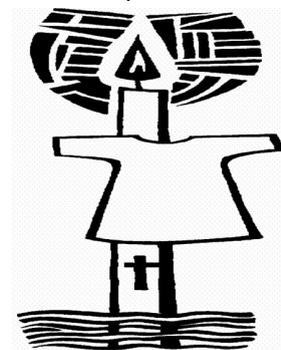
**I do**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

*You may wish to trace the cross on your forehead with water as a reminder of your baptism.*



*If you are worshipping together as a family you may wish to trace the cross on each other's foreheads.*

## Prayers of Intercession

*You may wish to offer prayer in your own words, or just keep a moment of silence to rejoice in the presence of Christ*

## The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in the new life given in baptism, let us pray to the Father in faith and trust:

**Our Father....**

*Or*

**Our Father in heaven....**

## The Grace

At baptism we are given the light of Christ. Let's go in peace to shine as lights in the world.

**Alleluia! Amen.**



let your  
light  
shine