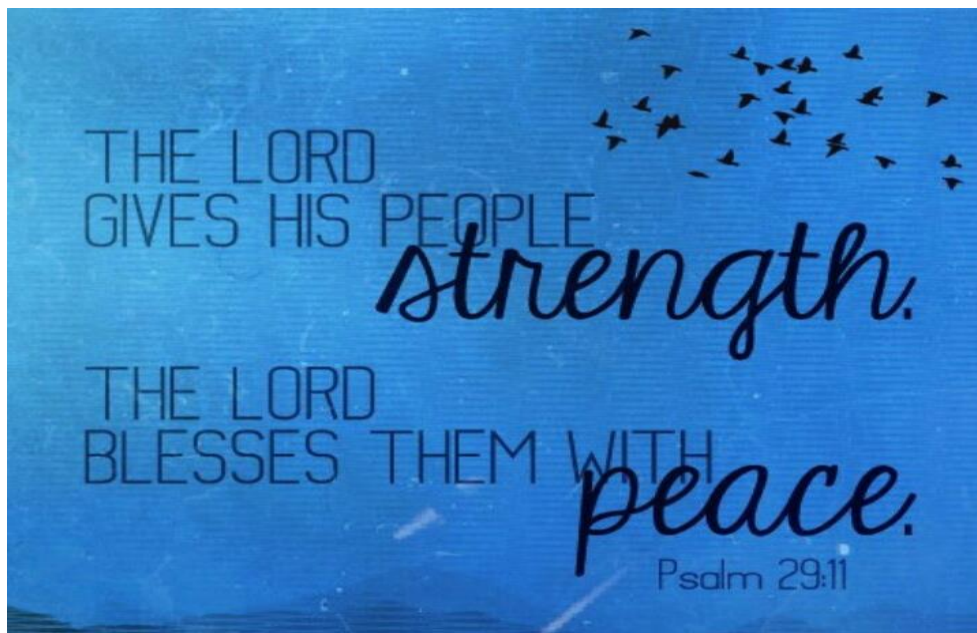


# Sunday Morning Worship

10<sup>th</sup> January 2021

## *The First Sunday after The Epiphany*

### *The Baptism of Christ*



*Please come with us on a journey of prayer, praise and worship this morning.  
Join in with us at home by using this service sheet.*

*"The Lord sits enthroned above the water flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore. The Lord shall give strength to his people; the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.*

*Psalm 29:9-10*

#### *Opening Prayer*

Almighty and eternal God,  
You have revealed Yourself  
as Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
and live and reign  
in the perfect unity of love.  
Hold us firm in this faith,  
that we may know You  
in all Your ways  
and evermore rejoice

in Your eternal glory,  
who are three Persons in one God,  
now and forever. **Amen.**

*Opening Worship - Living Hope*

There's nothing worth more that could ever come close  
No thing can compare, You're our living hope  
Your presence, Lord

I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves  
Where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone  
Your presence, Lord

Holy Spirit, You are welcome here  
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere  
Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for  
To be overcome by Your presence, Lord  
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Confession

*The gospel calls us to turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ. As we offer ourselves to him in penitence and faith, we renew our confidence and trust in his mercy.*

Please join in with the response to 'Father, forgive us' -  
**Save us and help us.**

For turning away from you,  
and ignoring your will for our lives;  
Father, forgive us:  
**save us and help us.**

For behaving just as we wish,  
without thinking of you;  
Father, forgive us:  
**save us and help us.**

For failing you by what we do,  
and think and say;  
Father, forgive us:  
**save us and help us.**

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you  
by temptations in the world about us;  
Father, forgive us:  
**save us and help us.**

For living as if we were ashamed  
to belong to your Son;  
Father, forgive us:  
**save us and help us.**

Absolution

Kids Slot  
Psalm 29

Affirmation of Faith

If you are able please stand as we affirm our faith:

We join together to say:

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Bible Reading - Mark 1: 4-11  
Sermon

Collect of the Day

O God,  
who by the leading of a star  
manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth:  
Mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith,  
may at last behold your glory face to face;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

*Prayers and Intercessions*

In our prayers and intercessions this morning the response to 'Lord in Your Mercy'  
is '**Hear our prayer.**'  
'*Lord in Your Mercy*'  
'*Hear our prayer.*'

Father in Your Word it says –  
'Love...bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.  
Love never ends.'  
(1 Corinthians 13:7-8)

Loving God,  
strengthen our innermost being with your love that bears all things even the weight  
of this global pandemic even the long haul of watching for symptoms of patiently  
waiting for this to pass watching and waiting, keeping our gaze fixed on you,  
and looking out for our neighbours near and far.  
Lord in Your Mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Instil in our shaken souls the belief and hope that all things are possible with your  
creative love  
for strangers to become friends,  
for science to source solutions,  
for resources to be generously shared,  
so everyone, everywhere, may have what they need,  
for your perfect love that knows no borders  
may cast out any fear and selfishness that divides.  
Lord in Your Mercy, **hear our prayer.**

May your love that never fails  
strengthen the weak encourage the fearful,  
calm the anxious heal the sick,  
through your church – your washed hands  
and feet on earth –

distant but still present,  
virtual but still connected  
apart but still helping.  
Lord in Your Mercy, **hear our prayer.**

May your love that never ends  
be our comfort, strength and guide,  
for the wellbeing of all and  
the glory of God.  
Lord in Your Mercy, **hear our prayer.**

### *The Lord's Prayer*

Wherever we are now, we use the words that our Lord and Saviour Himself taught us to pray. Let's say together:

**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.**

### *Closing Worship – In Christ Alone*

In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light, my strength, my song  
This cornerstone, this solid ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love, what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease  
My comforter, my all in all  
Here, in the love of Christ, I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones he came to save  
'Til on that cross, as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin, on him, was laid  
Here, in the death of Christ, I live

There in the ground, his body lay  
Light of the world, by darkness, slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious day  
Up from the grave, he rose again  
And as he stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am his and he is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell, no scheme of man  
Could ever pluck me from his hand  
'Til he returns or calls me home  
Here, in the power of Christ, I stand.

### *Closing Prayer and Blessing*

Go in peace, be very courageous;  
hold on to what is good;  
do not return evil for evil;  
strengthen the faint-hearted;  
support the weak, help the afflicted;  
honour all people, love and serve the Lord;  
rejoicing in His mighty resurrection by the power of the Holy Spirit;

Now may the Lord of peace himself  
give you peace at all times and in every way.  
The Lord be with you all;  
And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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