

Twinspires @ Home
10:00 Worship service (Live Stream)
(The Baptism of Christ – *Epiphany 1*)
10 January 2021

Welcome & Notices

Opening Prayer

Song: A million stars are in the sky

The Confession (KNEEL/SIT)

Leader When the Lord comes,
he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness,
and will disclose the purposes of the heart.
Therefore, in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

All **Almighty God, we confess that we have sinned
against you in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with all our heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
Have mercy upon us; cleanse us from our sins, and
help us to overcome our faults, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Leader 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.

All **Amen.**

Short Talk

A prayer for the children.

Song: Lord the light of your love is shining (Shine, Jesus, Shine)

In preparation for our Bible readings, we say together:

All **Almighty God
We thank you for the gift
of your holy Word.
Through your Holy Spirit
Bring your word alive
In our hearts and minds.
And take us and use us to love and serve,
In the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.**

The Word of God

Reading: Genesis 1: 1-5

1 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth didn't have any shape. And it was empty. There was darkness over the surface of the waves. At that time, the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

³God said, "Let there be light." And there was light. ⁴God saw that the light was good. He separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light "day." He called the darkness "night." There was evening, and there was morning. It was day one.

Mark 1: 4-11

⁴ And so John the Baptist appeared in the desert. He preached that people should be baptized and turn away from their sins. Then God would forgive them. ⁵ All the people from the countryside of Judea went out to him. All the people from Jerusalem went too. When they admitted they had sinned, John baptized them in the Jordan River. ⁶ John wore clothes made out of camel's hair. He had a leather belt around his waist. And he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ Here is what John was preaching. "After me, there is someone coming who is more powerful than I am. I'm not good enough to bend down and untie his sandals. ⁸ I baptize you with water. But he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Jesus Is Baptized and Tempted

⁹ At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee. John baptized Jesus in the Jordan River. ¹⁰ Jesus was coming up out of the water. Just then he saw heaven being torn open. Jesus saw the Holy Spirit coming down on him like a dove. ¹¹ A voice spoke to him from heaven. It said, "You are my Son, and I love you. I am very pleased with you."

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Song: Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me

**Let us now affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.
Please join in with what you are comfortable with.**

All **Though he was divine,
he did not cling to equality with God,
but made himself nothing.
Taking the form of a slave,
he was born in human likeness.**

**He humbled himself
and was obedient to death,
even the death of the cross.
Therefore God has raised him on high,
and given him the name above every name:
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

Prayers.

These responses may be used:

All **Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.**

And at the end:

All **Merciful Father,
accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour, Jesus Christ.**

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 by water and the Spirit,
that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

As our Saviour has taught us, we say together:

The Lord's Prayer:

All **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Song: Joy to the World

Concluding prayer:

Leader God of glory
You nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life.
Fill us with your Holy Spirit,
that through us the light of your glory
may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen**

The Blessing

And the blessing of God Almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be with us all, now and always. Amen

Leader Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Giving

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To those who aren't using one of our regular giving schemes, may we encourage you to consider one of these options if your financial circumstances permit. We would highlight the Parish Giving Scheme, as in addition to its website (www.parishgivingscheme.org.uk), the scheme has been made even easier to join via a telephone service designed to enable prospective donors to set up a regular direct debit gift over the phone. Those 'who don't do online banking' are finding this a straightforward way to set up a regular donation to their local parish churches. The dedicated phone number is 0333 002 1271 and our parish's PGS Code is 416012141 (The Parish of Nursling with Rownhams in the Diocese of Winchester)

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