

A morning service during the Covid-19 restrictions
Baptism of the Lord - January 10, 2021

The Penitential Rite

Dear friends in Christ, as we prepare to worship almighty God, let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord, open our lips,

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia!

The Lord is our light and our life: O come let us worship.

#27 O Worship the King

O worship the King, all glorious above; O gratefully sing his power and his love;
our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of days, pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.



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O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
his chariots of wrath the deep thunder clouds form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold, Almighty, thy power hath founded of old,
hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree, and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air, it shine in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain, and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

O measureless Might, ineffable Love, while angels delight to hymn thee above,
the humbler creation, though feeble their lays, with true adoration shall sing to thy praise.

Robert Grant 1779-1838

The Proclamation of the Word

Genesis 1:1-5, Psalm 29, Acts 19:1-7, Mark 1:4-11

A reflection on the readings (see attached - written by the Rt. Rev. Tom Corston)

#235 Thou Whose Almighty Word

Thou whose almighty word chaos and darkness heard, and took their flight,
hear us, we humbly pray; and where the gospel day sheds not its glorious ray, let there be light.



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Thou who didst come to bring, on thy redeeming wing, healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind, sight to the inly blind, O now to humankind let there be light.

Spirit of truth and love, life-giving, holy dove, speed forth thy flight;
move on the water's face, bearing the lamp of grace, and in earth's darkest place let there be light.

Blessed and holy three, glorious trinity, wisdom, love, might,
boundless as ocean's tide, rolling in fullest pride, through the world far and wide let there be light.

James Marriot 1780-1825 based on Genesis 1:3

Hear, O Israel

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul,
with all your mind, and with all your strength.

This is the first and the great commandment, the second is like it:

Love your neighbour as you love yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.

Prayers (see litany below)

Our prayers have been requested for: Thelma, Joanne, Wendy, Vivian, Spruce, Judith, the front line workers who continue to serve in the midst of this pandemic.

18 A Responsive Intercession

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbours, and for all those who are alone.

For this community, our country, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the gospel, and all who seek the truth.

For *Anne* our bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For our own needs and those of others.

Silence. The people may add their own petitions.

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence. The people may add their own thanksgivings.

We will exalt you, O God our king;

And praise your name for ever and ever.

We pray for all those who have died in the peace of Christ,
and for those whose faith is known to you alone,
that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence. The people may add their own petitions.

Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

Gracious God, you have heard the prayers of your faithful people;
you know our needs before we ask, and our ignorance in asking.

Grant our requests as may be best for us.

This we ask in the name of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Collect for the day

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit, keep your children, born of water and the Spirit, faithful to their calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

#28 Let us with a gladsome mind

Let us with a gladsome mind praise the Lord, for he is kind:
for his mercies aye endure, ever faithful, ever sure.

Let us blaze his name abroad, for of gods he is the God:
for his mercies aye endure, every faithful, ever sure.

He with all-commanding might filled the new-made world with light:
for his mercies aye endure, ever faithful, ever sure.

He hath with a piteous eye looked upon our misery:
for his mercies aye endure, ever faithful, ever sure.

All things living he doth feed, his full hand supplies their need:
for his mercies aye endure, ever faithful, ever sure.

Let us then with gladsome mind praise the Lord, for he is kind:
for his mercies aye endure, ever faithful, ever sure.

John Milton 1608-1674 based on Psalm 136

Dismissal

Then may be said or sung,

Officiant Let us bless the Lord. *People* **Thanks be to God!**

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