

Plurality of Stainton with Hilton and Brookfield. 10th January 2021
The Baptism of Christ



WELCOME:-

It is good that we can join in worship at home despite the virus

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

In baptism, we are able to become children of God. We become one with God and the life of God flows through us.

A reading from the book of Genesis. ch1.1-5

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.

PSALM 29

R The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due to his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendour.
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox
- 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, 'Glory!'
- 10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.
- 11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. 19.1-7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the inland regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, 'Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?' They replied, 'No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.' Then he said, 'Into what then were you baptised?' They answered, 'Into John's baptism.' Paul said, 'John baptised with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.' On hearing this, they were baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied – altogether there were about twelve of them.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. 1.4-11

John the baptiser 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 baptised 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 baptised you with water; but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptised 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

LET US PRAY

Everlasting God, we praise you and give you thanks for this day. We pray for your church, for Christian communities everywhere, that united by our common baptism we may know joy as we believe in you and feel such love for you that all who we meet along our life's journey may be moved to seek you. Help us to walk in your way, live our life for you and be mindful of your presence day by day.
Lord; in your mercy hear our prayer.

Father God, We pray for our families and friends, We hold before you all who are involved in education and facing difficulties just now, in schools, universities and colleges. We pray for students and teachers asking that ways will be found for them all to achieve their full potential.

Lord; in your mercy hear our prayer. God of peace, we sorrow over all countries where there is war or conflict, famine, lack of safe housing or of medical care. Look mercifully upon the sufferings of the people. Especially we pray for the children who know only hardship.

Lord; in your mercy hear our prayer God of justice, We pray for our Queen and her family. We pray for our Government faced as they are with the many problems of this time . We pray for leaders in the rest of the world. Sharpen their consciences and give them courage to make wise decisions, meeting the needs of all who suffer especially as the Pandemic continues worldwide.

Lord; in your mercy hear our prayer. Loving God we pray for those who face difficulties in their personal lives. We hold before you all who are sick, the bereaved, those with problems in their families, in their relationships, in their neighbourhoods or in their workplace. Give them a patient faith in their troubles and the

knowledge that you share their sufferings with them.

Lord; in your mercy hear our prayer. Mighty God, we pray for those whose earthly lives have ended. We remember those whose year's mind falls at this time and for the souls of all who have died recently. We give thanks for lives well-lived and for happy memories. May they find rest in the eternal joy of heaven and let all who mourn their passing find comfort and peace.

Lord; in your mercy hear our prayer. Faithful God, we thank you for making us your children and for your promise to hear us when we pray. Accept our prayers for the sake of your Son ,our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

Let nothing disturb you, nothing frighten you. All things pass. God does not change. Patience achieves everything. He who has God finds he lacks nothing: - St Teresa Of Avila

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