

**Readings, Collect and Year's Mind
for Sunday 10th January
Baptism of the Lord**

In our Year's Mind this week, we pray for: George Balmain, Edward Fiddes, Jessie Isles, Anna McGill, William Walker, Ethel de la Court, Donald Fordwood, Cecile Douglas, Elsie Adam, Eileen Broughton, Amy Drummond, Jim Phillips.

The Collect for Baptism of the Lord is:

Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant that we, being born again,
and made your children by adoption and grace,
may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit;
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

Amen.

The First Reading is from Genesis 1: 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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 29

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.

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Thanks be to God.

The Second Reading is from the Acts to the Romans: 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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading is from Mark: 1: 4-11

Glory to Christ our Saviour

John the baptizer 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 baptized 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 baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.' In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized 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.'

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of all time and eternity
you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:
by the power of your Spirit
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth
through the waters of the new creation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.