**Family Prayer**

**“The Baptism of our Lord”**



*Setup - Before the prayer set up a sacred space. Clear your dinner table or other table. Include a candle, bell, symbols and coloured cloth. Invite others well ahead of time before you pray.*

We put ourselves in the presence of our God by focusing on our breathing. Breath in and out. Breath in and out.

As we ring our bell and light our Candle

We invite God’s presence to be with Us.

**Sign of the Cross.**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

**Song - Oceans**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6GGFb6LcX3U>

1. You call me out upon the waters

The great unknown where feet may fail

And there I find You in the mystery

In oceans deep

My faith will stand

*Refrain:*

And I will call upon Your name

And keep my eyes above the waves

When oceans rise

My soul will rest in Your embrace

For I am Yours and You are mine

2. Your grace abounds in deepest waters

Your sovereign hand

Will be my guide

Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me

You've never failed and You won't start now

*Bridge:*

Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders

Let me walk upon the waters

Wherever You would call me

Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander

And my faith will be made stronger

In the presence of my Savior

**Gospel – Matthew 2:1-12**

The people were filled with expectation,

and all were asking in their hearts

whether John might be the Christ.

John answered them all, saying,

“I am baptizing you with water,

but one mightier than I is coming.

I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals.

He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.”

After all the people had been baptized

and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying,

heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him

in bodily form like a dove.

And a voice came from heaven,

“You are my beloved Son;

with you I am well pleased.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**All** – Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

**Song – 10,000 Reasons**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DXDGE_lRI0E>

*Refrain:*

Bless the Lord oh my soul

Oh my soul

Worship His Holy name

Sing like never before

Oh my soul

I'll worship Your Holy name

1. The sun comes up

It's a new day dawning

It's time to sing Your song again

Whatever may pass

And whatever lies before me

Let me be singing

When the evening comes

2. You're rich in love

And You're slow to anger

Your name is great

And Your heart is kind

For all Your goodness

I will keep on singing

Ten thousand reasons

For my heart to find

3. And on that day

When my strength is failing

The end draws near

And my time has come

Still my soul will

Sing Your praise unending

Ten thousand years

And then forevermore

Forevermore



**Reflection Video**

The bible Documentary

“The Baptism of Jesus”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CbwdLC_yAPs>

**Silence**

Take a minute in silence to reflect on today’s Gospel.

**Discuss**

1. Why does Pontus Pilot come to Israel from Rome?
2. Why is John the Baptist baptising people?
3. Who does King Herod think John the Baptist is?
4. What question does John the Baptist ask? Why?
5. Why does Jesus ask John to baptise him?
6. What does baptism symbolise?
7. What voice is spoken when Jesus is baptised? Are we too blessed?
8. How do we live out our baptism each day?

*Extension Questions*

**Baptismal Promises**

The response to the following is “*I Do*”.

1.Do you reject Satan? *Response.*

2. And all his works? *Response.*

3. And all his empty promises? *Response.*

4. Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth? *Response.*

5. Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary was crucified, died, and was buried, rose from the dead, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father? *Response.*

6. Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting? *Response.*

God, the all-powerful Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and forgiven all our sins. May he also keep us faithful to our Lord Jesus Christ for ever and ever.

*ALL - Amen.*

**Prayers of the Faithful**

We bring the following prayers to God.

**Do you have Any prayers to share today?**

**Final Prayer**

Lord, we follow you in baptism

We go into the depths of water symbolising death

We rise out of the water symbolising new life

May we be resurrection people of baptism throughout our entire lives.

Restore us anew

Wash away our sin and shadow of darkness

Call us to be people of hope

To transform this world.

As a community of faith.

In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen

**Song - Joy to the world**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TX6ThHbts5Y>

Joy to the world! the Lord is come:

Let earth receive her King;

Let ev'ry heart prepare him room,

And heav'n and nature sing,

And heav'n and nature sing,

And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the world! the Saviour reigns:

Let us, our songs employ;

While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains

Repeat the sounding joy,

Repeat the sounding joy,

Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,

And makes the nations prove

The glories of his righteousness,

And wonders of his love,

And wonders of his love,

And wonders, wonders of his love.

**Sign of the Cross.**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.