

10 January 2021

The Baptism of Christ



All Saints Anglican Church

Encountering the love of God in our relationships, sharing our journey as we discover God in the plan and learning to trust God in and for every situation.

THE READINGS FOR THE DAY

Readings: Genesis 1 : 1 - 5
Acts 19 : 1 - 7
Psalm: 29 (pg.636)
Gospel: Mark 1 : 4 - 11



THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Creator God, our soul's delight,
Your voice thunders over the waters,
Liberating the future from the past:
Speak your affirming word that we may share in the
baptism of Jesus Christ,
Drink from his cup and serve the world in his name;
Who lives reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God, for ever and ever.
Amen

MESSAGE FROM REV'D NIGEL

Dear Friends

Today we focus on the Baptism of Jesus. It is such an important event, for various reasons:

- Jesus is identified as the Messiah, the One Who was expected, for centuries, and Whose advent would mean salvation. God expresses His love for His beloved Son, and His great pleasure in Him.
- Jesus is commissioned for His public ministry: He receives the Spirit, Who empowers Him to do God's work. Immediately after this baptism, He goes into the desert, where He is tempted. The newly-received Spirit strengthens Him to resist temptation; after the forty days in the desert, He begins doing the work of God.
- It seems, to me, to be extremely significant that Jesus receives the same baptism as all the other Jews, who flock to the Jordan to be baptized by John. It is not that Jesus needs to repent, but it is the initial occasion of His publicly accepting the work given Him by God: He is declaring His readiness to be obedient. So it is, also, an expression of solidarity with the rest of humanity: He was not coming to be raised on a pedestal, to be worshipped as God; but, instead, to identify with us; to experience, fully, the human condition; and to begin a ministry of serving God's people.
- The baptism of Jesus is seen as a baptism into suffering, which culminated on the Cross of Calvary. We are baptized into Christ, and we share in His death and resurrection.

As we remember the baptism of Jesus, let us hear, again, the voice of God, expressing His love and delight; let us welcome the Spirit, again: the One Who enables us to do God's work, however humbly; let us re-commit to lives of service and sacrifice, acknowledging our connectedness with all humanity; and let us be ready to share in the suffering of Christ, so that we are able to experience the joy of resurrection.

With love, in Christ

Nigel



NOTICES

We trust that you are enjoying our new website www.allsaints.co.za. There you will be able to fill out your Dedicated Giving Pledge as well as our wish list. Please give any feedback on the website look and feel to Owen on owen.rodgers@live.co.uk

Thank you Fr. Nigel for being with us and sharing the message over the last 3 weeks. We wish you and Gill a Happy Anniversary for the 5th January and a blessed 2021

Lectionaries : We still have lectionaries available at R30 each. Please take a copy from the table in the Narthex and the money can be placed in the envelope provided and put into the collection or the honesty box.

Due to the new lockdown regulations there will be no meetings, gatherings or services at the Church until 15 January.

Notice of Annual Vestry Meeting

Our Annual Vestry Meeting will take place on Sunday, 14 February 2021



Please pray for

Louisa Snyman, Graham Taylor, Colleen Butler, Ernie Mutch, Ronel Briers, Barbara Morrison, Gwen Alexander, Elaine Elliott, Shona Flemming, Peter McMurray, Talfryn & Liz Davies, Tish White, Esness Motsa, Thelma Muir, Luleka Mekane, Thembi Ndlovu, Jane Chithila Kapanga, Ada Rebelo, Judith & Colin Sims, Dorothy Carey, Adrian Krige, Mike & Carol Zingel, Nigel & Nadene Twidale, Tony & Sue Poriazis, Rev. Bruce Smith, The residents of Evergreen Village, Arch Bishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu, Dilia DeCaires, John DeVilliers, Dr. Richard, Gerald and Margaret Ebertson, Cheryl Donaldson, Cheryl & Bill Jearey, Rajan & Devendra Gounden, Clyde Van Zyl, Malcolm Samuel, Sonique Whitebooi & Maseri Seretlo

We remember in love those who have died (10 - 16 January)

**Myra Moore
Elizabeth Shedile
Pascal Useni Mugeni**

We continue to pray for Pippa Strydom and the family during this time of bereavement



Parents-In-Waiting

Contact Heather:-(083-789-7311/
hmaccserv@mweb.co.za) for any additions.



Sign up for our services

(Please note that the forms are only available from Monday morning until they are full)

Sunday, 17 January 7: 30 service

<https://forms.gle/JLnU4uRv2ZriZZjU8>

Sunday, 17 January 9:30 service

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1cbGRvs2U4hSP_4pKzTyniKcn-fSiA1JUiYzoLKxayo/edit?usp=sharing

Wednesday 20 January 9: 30 service

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1CerI7KwX4zGEoh_AFnG589XdbhKoTpAuQwOA2rm2nrM/edit?usp=sharing

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