

The Benefice of Clavering, Langley, Arkesden,
Wicken Bonhunt, Manuden and Berden

Morning Prayer



The Baptism of Christ

Preparation

O Lord, open our lips

All and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Your light springs up for the righteous

All and all the peoples have seen your glory.

Blessed are you, Sovereign God,
king of the nations,

to you be praise and glory for ever.

From the rising of the sun to its setting

your name is proclaimed in all the world.

As the Sun of Righteousness dawns in our hearts

anoint our lips with the seal of your Spirit

that we may witness to your gospel

and sing your praise in all the earth.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All Blessed be God for ever.

1 O be joyful in the Lord, all the earth;
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.

2 Know that the Lord is God;
it is he that has made us and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and bless his name.

4 For the Lord is gracious; his steadfast love is everlasting,
and his faithfulness endures from generation
to generation.

Psalm 100

All Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Word of God

Psalmody – Psalm 29

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 2 **Ascribe to the Lord the honour 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 mighty in operation;
the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.**
- 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 Sirion like a young wild ox.**
- 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flash of lightning;
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;
in his temple all cry, 'Glory!'**
- 9 The Lord sits enthroned above the water flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.
- 10 **The Lord shall give strength to his people;
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.**

**All Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now:
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading – Genesis 1.1-5

Canticle

- All Above you the Holy One arises,
and above you God's glory appears.**
- 1 **Arise, shine out, for your light has come,
the glory of the Lord is rising upon you.**
 - 2 **Though night still covers the earth,
and darkness the peoples;**
 - 3 **Above you the Holy One arises,
and above you God's glory appears.**
 - 4 **The nations will come to your light,
and kings to your dawning brightness.**
 - 5 **Your gates will lie open continually,
shut neither by day nor by night.**
 - 6 **The sound of violence shall be heard no longer in your land,
or ruin and devastation within your borders.**
 - 7 **You will call your walls, Salvation,
and your gates, Praise.**
 - 8 **No more will the sun give you daylight,
nor moonlight shine upon you;**
 - 9 **But the Lord will be your everlasting light,
your God will be your splendour.**
 - 10 **For you shall be called the city of God,
the dwelling of the Holy One of Israel.**

Isaiah 60.1-3, 11a, 18, 19, 14b

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and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

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and above you God's glory appears.**

New Testament Reading – Mark 1.4-11

Sermon

Gospel Canticle

- All** This is the Christ, the Chosen of God,
the one who will bring healing to the nations.
- 1** Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,
who has come to his people and set them free.
- 2** He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,
born of the house of his servant David.
- 3** Through his holy prophets God promised of old
to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all that hate us,
- 4** To show mercy to our ancestors,
and to remember his holy covenant.
- 5** This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
- 6** Free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.
- 7** And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
- 8** To give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of all their sins.
- 9** In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
- 10** To shine on those who dwell in darkness
and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Luke 1.68-79

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and to the Holy Spirit;
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and shall be for ever. Amen.

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Prayers

Intercessions

Lord, in your mercy

All hear our prayer

And at the end

All Merciful Father,
accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Collect

Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,
that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children;
through Jesus Christ your Son

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Believing the promises of God,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

All Our Father, who art in heaven ...

The Conclusion

May Christ, who sends us to the nations,
give us the power of his Spirit.

All Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.