

Ipswich Road United Reformed Church

Morning Family Church (9.45 a.m.) 7th January 2024

Welcome, notices and lighting of candle for a moment of quiet as we prepare for worship.

Call to Worship

Worship songs- CMP 50 Be Still for the Presence of the Lord
CMP 1181 Here I am humbled by your majesty

Welcome Prayer and the Lord's Prayer.

Bible Reading: Mark 1:4-11

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.'

Video: <https://youtu.be/T4z-wAa2iV4>

First Talk:- The Power of Water

Hymn: : CMP 200 Great is thy faithfulness

Bless the Offertory

Bible Reading: Psalm 29

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;
worship the LORD in holy splendour.
The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the LORD, over mighty waters.
The voice of the LORD is powerful;
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.
The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.

The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl,
and strips the forest bare;
and in his temple all say, 'Glory!'
The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king for ever.
May the LORD give strength to his people!
May the LORD bless his people with peace!

Hymn: CMP 465 Meekness and Majesty

Sermon: It's all change

Video: <https://youtu.be/Q7EPZV56PuA> the lyrics are helpful for the prayers

Prayers of Intercession-including opportunities for individual prayers

Hymn: CMP 758 When the Lord in Glory Comes

Blessing/Grace