

**Worship at St. Nicholas, Sutton
for Thursday 14 January 2021
Collect & readings**

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 our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Hebrews 3.7-14 *Warning against Unbelief*

7 Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says,
'Today, if you hear his voice,
⁸ do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion,
as on the day of testing in the wilderness,
⁹ where your ancestors put me to the test,
though they had seen my works ¹⁰for forty years.
Therefore I was angry with that generation,
and I said, "They always go astray in their hearts,
and they have not known my ways."
¹¹ As in my anger I swore,
"They will not enter my rest." '
¹²Take care, brothers and sisters,* that none of you may have an evil,
unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. ¹³But exhort one
another every day, as long as it is called 'today', so that none of you may
be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. ¹⁴For we have become partners
of Christ, if only we hold our first confidence firm to the end.

Mark 1.40-end*Jesus Cleanses a Leper*

40 A leper* came to him begging him, and kneeling* he said to him, 'If you choose, you can make me clean.'⁴¹Moved with pity,* Jesus* stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, 'I do choose. Be made clean!'⁴²Immediately the leprosy* left him, and he was made clean.⁴³After sternly warning him he sent him away at once,⁴⁴saying to him, 'See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.'⁴⁵But he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the word, so that Jesus* could no longer go into a town openly, but stayed out in the country; and people came to him from every quarter.