Christmas Year B January 10th The Baptism of the Lord

**Welcome before Mass**: (Commentator)

Tēnā Koutou Katoa. A very warm welcome to everyone. Today is the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Through baptism, we become one with Jesus and sharers in the ministry of Jesus. I warmly welcome you here today as once again we celebrate Eucharist which brings about our unity in Christ. In preparation, let us be silent for a few moments. **(20 … seconds - stay at microphone).** Welcome to ……………………… (*parish name*). Let us stand and sing with joy.

**Prayer of the Faithful**

**For the Church** – that all the baptized live out our calling of unity, as members of the one body of Christ, and take up the mission of Jesus, which is shared with us through our baptism.

(Silence) **Reader:** (sung) Lord hear us. **All:** Lord hear our prayer.

**For leaders of nations –** that those in positions of international leadership be people of integrity, dedicated to service, care of the earth, and care of poor and vulnerable peoples.

(Silence) **Reader:** (sung) Lord hear us. **All:** Lord hear our prayer.

**For all Christian people –** that through our common baptism, we will grow in understanding, acceptance and love of each other, seeking always greater unity among people of different Christian traditions and denominations.

(Silence) **Reader:** (sung) Lord hear us. **All:** Lord hear our prayer.

**For business leaders** – that they will find opportunity to reflect on ways in which their own life is gifted to them, and that in turn, they will be motivated to give to others, and act generously with care towards others.

(Silence) **Reader:** (sung) Lord hear us. **All:** Lord hear our prayer.

**For care of waterways and oceans** – that people consider the impact they have on the natural world and take steps to ensure waterways are clean and protected for future generations.

(Silence) **Reader:** (sung) Lord hear us. **All:** Lord hear our prayer.

**For our local community of**………………….. That\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please add a prayer for your local community.

(Silence) **Reader:** Lord born anew hear our prayer **All:** Christ our Lord hear our prayer.

**Concluding Prayer**

Lord God, we give you glory in company with Christ, your beloved Son and chosen Servant. As you gave your Holy Spirit to him, so give your Spirit to us. Renew us in the grace of our baptism, so that we may serve you as beloved daughters and sons. We ask this through Christ our Lord. …**Amen**