

# Waiting, Watching, Wondering

1st January

*An Advent to Epiphany Course from the Diocese of Aberdeen & Orkney*



From the Jarrow Scriptorium.

## Romans 1:1-7

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

### *To ponder*

Today's reading is the opening of St Paul's letter to the Christians in Rome. Paul reminds them that they are called to belong to Jesus Christ, in the way that (at this time) a wife belonged to her husband. For many people this involves taking the husband's name as their own.

What would it mean for you to take on Jesus Name as your own?

### *Collect for Holy Innocents*

Eternal Father, who gave to your incarnate Son  
the holy name of Jesus to be the sign of our salvation:  
place in every heart, we pray,  
the love of him who is the Lord of every year and  
Saviour of the world; who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, in time and for eternity.

**Amen**



*To listen*

Jésus le Christ, Taize chant. (Recorded at Taizé).

<https://youtu.be/AqoYsauFa2I>

Praise his Holy Name. (Performed by the William Baker Choral Foundation)

[https://youtu.be/qoqtHXNc\\_x8](https://youtu.be/qoqtHXNc_x8)