



The Baptism of the Lord January 10, 2021

Welcome

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A voice came from heaven, saying, "This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased."
(*Matthew 3.17*)

Prayer

God of mystery and power, open our eyes to the flame of your love, and open our ears to the thunder of your justice, that we may receive your gifts of blessing and peace, to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

Confession and Absolution

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Let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

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Most merciful God,

All

We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

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Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all our sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit, keep your children, born of water and the Spirit, faithful to their calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Psalm: 29

¹ Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**² Ascribe to the Lord the glory due 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 a powerful voice;
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendour.**

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 Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

⁷ The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;
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.**

⁹ And in the temple of the Lord
all are crying, "Glory!"

**¹⁰ The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.**

¹¹ The Lord shall give strength to his people;
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be,
world without end, Amen.**

Hymn When Jesus Comes to be Baptized

The Reading: Mark 1.4-11

Reader A reading from the Gospel of Mark.

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And 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. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He 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. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And 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. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Rev'd Canon Dr Murray Henderson

Apostles' Creed

**All I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was
conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and
was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day
he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at
the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge
the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the
resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Offertory - *Please take a moment to prayerfully present your financial offering to God.*

Prayer over the Gifts God of life and freedom, we celebrate the revelation of Jesus as the Christ who makes all creation new. Accept all we offer you this day and make us new in him, who is Lord for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Prayers

Minister The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Minister Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

All Christ, have mercy upon us.

Minister Lord, have mercy upon us.

All Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

Minister O Lord, show your mercy upon us;
People And grant us your salvation.
Minister Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;
People Govern and uphold us now and always.
Minister Day by day we bless you;
People We praise your name forever.
Minister Lord, keep us from sin today;
People Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.
Minister Lord, show us your love and mercy;
People For we put our trust in you.
Minister In you, Lord, is our hope;
People And we shall never hope in vain.

Leader Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered together under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one God and Creator of us all; to whom be dominion and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

Leader Oh God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your son. Look now with compassion on the entire human family; and particularly this part of the family, in the United States, its capitol, and those in our own nation; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Leader On this day and at this moment, we pray for all nations, and especially the United States in this time of painful division. We ask God to heal, to show the way to healing, to show us the way to be nations of justice for all. **Amen.**

Leader O Christ, Master of all, support of the weak and comfort of the afflicted, strengthen the tempted and raise the fallen. Watch over the lonely and those in danger. Give hope to the despairing and sustain the faith of the persecuted. We pray for those who are in any need and for those who have asked for our prayers....for Stella, Ed, Norma, Shirley, John, Amini, Evelyn, Jackie, Leila, Alicia, Gary and family, and for all those we name now, silently or aloud. **Amen.**

Leader Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time, with one accord to make our common supplications to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will grant their requests: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

The Blessing

Be steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and untiring in love all the days of your life; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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The Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer

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Social Justice and Advocacy Committee:

The clergy and people of Christ Church-St James; Christ Memorial Church, Oshawa; Parish of Churchill and Cookstown
and their outreach activities.

The Church of St Mary and St Martha

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Celebrating a birthday: Cindy Patrick; Joyce McKenzie

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