



HOLY EUCHARIST
for the Baptism of Christ

January 9, 2022
9:30 am

St. John's
Anglican Church
West Toronto

As we gather as a community

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Today's Reading: Isaiah 43:1-7, NRSV; Acts 8:14-17, NRSV; Luke 3:15-17, 21,22, *Inclusive Bible*

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PRELUDE

WELCOME

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT*

Creator, you made all people of every land. It is our responsibility to give thanks and respect to those who first occupied this land we are upon. We give thanks to the Wendat, the Anishinaabe, the Mississauga of the Credit and the Haudenosaunee, the first people of this land.

We offer our respect to those ancestors who may be interred on this land. We are also thankful for the gifts of the People of the land. Creator let us be of Good Mind to reconcile the mistreatment of this land and to those who have been displaced.

With thankful and respectful hearts, we pray in Your name, Your son the Peacemaker and the Sacred Spirit. **Amen.**

HYMN God Whose Almighty Word (VU 313)

God, whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight,
hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the gospel day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light.

Jesus, who came to bring
on your redeeming wing,
healing and sight,

health to the troubled mind,
sight to the Spirit-blind,
O now to humankind
let there be light.

Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving, holy dove,
speed forth your flight;
move on the water's face,
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light.

Blessed and holy three,
glorious trinity,
wisdom, love, might,
boundless as ocean's tide
rolling in fullest pride
through the world far and wide,
let there be light.

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OPENING PRAYERS

Celebrant: The grace of Jesus the Christ, and the love of God, and the
companionship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Almighty God,

**All: to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you
no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly
love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through
Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

Celebrant: Glory in the highest glory,

**All: peace to all, in all their days.
Worship, thanks, and praise unceasing**

**to the Source of all we raise;
reigning in the sapphire height,
hidden from our mortal sight,
now receive our adoration,
as we make our supplication.**

**Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer,
Lamb of God, for sinners given,
Word eternal, born of Mary,
Word made flesh, the face of heaven:
holy one, to you we pray,
hear us in the realms of day,
with the Spirit there united,
and the Godhead high exalted.**

*Text: Glory to God (Gloria in excelsis, Greek hymn, 200?); para. Paul Gibson.
Music: Melody Geneva, 1551*

Celebrant: Eternal God,

**All: 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 Saviour, who lives and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD FIRST READING

A reading from the Hebrew Testament, and the first book of the Prophet
Isaiah.

But now thus says the God, who created you, O Jacob, God who
formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I
have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through
the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall
not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be
burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Holy
One your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt
as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.
Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love
you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your

life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth - everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

Reader: Listen for the leading of the Spirit.

All: Thanks be to God

PSALM

The psalm is printed in your bulletin let us read it alternatively at full verse.

Give glory to God, you heavenly court, give God glory and strength!

**Give forth the glory that God's Name deserves,
and worship God in the splendor of holiness!**

The voice of God resounds over the waters;
the God of glory thunders over the raging seas.

God's voice is powerful, God's voice is full of majesty.

The voice of God snaps cedars, shatters the cedars of Lebanon.
It makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

**The voice of God strikes with bolts of lightning;
the voice of God shakes the wilderness,
the wilderness of Kadesh.**

The voice of God twists the oaks, and stripes the forests bare;
and in God's temple all cry, "Glory!"

God sits in judgment over the flood; God is ruler forever.

Give strength to your people, God!

Bless your people with peace!

Reader: Glory to God, Source of all being, Eternal Word
and Holy Spirit

All: As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen

SECOND READING

A reading from the book of the Acts of the Apostles.

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Saviour Jesus the Christ). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

PAUSE

Reader: Listen for the leading of the Spirit.

All: Thanks be to God

GRADUAL ALLELUIA (CP 715)

Alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia.

[May repeat]

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THE GOSPEL

Gospeller: May God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Gospeller: The Gospel of Jesus the Christ, according to Luke.

All: Glory to you, Jesus the Christ.

The people were full of anticipation, wondering in their hearts whether John might be the Messiah. John answered them all by saying, "I am baptizing you in water, but someone is coming who is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not fit to untie! This One will baptize you in the Holy Spirit and in fire.

A winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear the threshing floor and gather the wheat into the granary, but the chaff will be burnt in unquenchable fire.”

When all the people were baptized, Jesus also came to be baptized.

And while Jesus was praying, the skies opened and the Holy Spirit descended on the Anointed One in visible form, like a dove. A voice from heaven said, “You are my Own, my Beloved. On you my favor rests.”

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ

All: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

GRADUAL ALLELUIA (CP 715)

Alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia.

SERMON

THANKSGIVING OVER WATER

Celebrant: May God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

All: It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Celebrant: Blessed are you, O God, Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. You are the One who makes all things new. To the thirsty you give water from the spring of the water of life. You make the wasteland glad, the desert rejoice and blossom, turning parched ground into a refreshing pool and arid terrain into an overflowing fountain. By the gift of water you nourish and renew all living things.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: In the beginning, when darkness covered the face of the deep, you breathed your Spirit over the waters, calling forth life in abundance. In the time of Noah, when the flood of judgment

engulfed the earth, you rescued and made a covenant with your creation.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: At the Red Sea, you drove back the waters by the strong wind of your Spirit, opening up a path to liberation. You released the children of Israel from the shackles of slavery to dance and sing on the shore of freedom and promise.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: In the fullness of time, Jesus was baptized in the River Jordan, repenting for the sin of the world and restoring to water its healing work in all creation.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: In the Jordan, you revealed Jesus as the one in whom your soul delights. You anointed him to open the eyes that are blind, to rescue the prisoners from the dungeon, to set free those who sit in darkness, and to bring forth justice to the nations.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: Suffering the baptism of death and resurrection, Jesus set us free from the bondage of sin and death, and gave birth to the New Creation. The crucified and risen Christ stands among us, baptizing with the Holy Spirit and with fire, enlivening us to proclaim the gospel to all nations, serve you as a royal priesthood, and act as faithful stewards of all that you have made.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: Breathe your Spirit, O God, upon this water that your servants who are washed and anointed may share with your Christ in his death and resurrection. Let there be no distinction among those whom one font, one Spirit, one faith make one people. Together, may we stand as a sign and foretaste of your Reign, a covenant to the people, a light to the nations. We give you praise and honour and worship through your Child, Jesus the Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Celebrant: Dear friends,
I now invite those of us who wish to do so to renew the promises we made in baptism, rejecting Satan and all his works, and promising to serve God faithfully in God's holy catholic Church.

Celebrant: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

All: I do.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God?

All: I believe in God, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Saviour. He was conceived by the the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of God. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

All: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to God?

All: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

All: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons,
loving your neighbour as yourself?

All: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people,
and respect the dignity of every human being?

All: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation,
and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

All: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: God the creator, the rock of our salvation, has given us
new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us
the forgiveness of sins, through our Saviour Jesus Christ.
May God keep us faithful to our calling, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor: Holy Child of Bethlehem,

All: May your manger transform us.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Deacon: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in
mercy; God welcomes sinners and invites them to the table. Let
us confess our sins confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept

Celebrant: 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 Jesus the**

Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we might delight in your will and walk in your ways. Amen.

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

THE PEACE

Celebrant: May the peace of Jesus the Christ be always with you.

All: And also with you.

We take a moment to share the peace. Please maintain your physical distance from others while passing the peace and avoid physical contact with those outside your household.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

OFFERTORY

HYMN **O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High (CP 628)**

O love, how deep, how broad, how high!
It fills the heart with ecstasy,
that God, the Son of God, should take
our mortal form for mortals' sake.

God sent no angel to our race
of higher or of lower place,
but wore the robe of human frame
himself, and to this lost world came.

For us he was baptized and bore
his holy fast, and hungered sore;
for us temptations sharp he knew;
for us the tempter overthrew.

For us he prayed, for us he taught,
for us his daily works he wrought;
by words and signs, and actions, thus
still seeking not himself but us.

To God whose boundless love has won
salvation for us through the Son,
to God the Father, glory be,
both now and through eternity.

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PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Celebrant: God of life and freedom,

All: 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 Christ, who is God for ever and ever. Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Eucharistic Prayer #3

Celebrant: May God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: Holy God, Lover of creation, we give you thanks and praise for in the ocean of your steadfast love you bear us and place the song of your Spirit in our hearts. When we turn from your love and defile the earth, you do not abandon us. Your Spirit speaks through Huldah and Micah, through prophets, sages, and saints in every age, to confront our sin and reveal the vision of your new creation. Joining in the song of the universe we proclaim your glory saying:

**All: Holy, holy, holy One, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of Our God.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant: Gracious God, in the fullness of time you sent Jesus the Christ to share our fragile humanity. Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection you open the path from brokenness to health, from fear to trust, from pride and conceit to reverence for you. 16 Holy Eucharist Rejected by a world that could not bear the Gospel of life, Jesus knew death was near. His head anointed for burial, Jesus gathered together those who loved him.

He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it and gave it to his friends, saying, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave you thanks, and said "Drink this all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

And now we gather at this table in response to his commandment, to share the bread and cup of Christ's undying love, and to proclaim our faith.

All: **Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Celebrant: Breathe your Holy Spirit, the wisdom of the universe, upon these gifts that we bring to you: this bread, this cup, ourselves, our souls and bodies, that we may be signs of your love for all the world and ministers of your transforming purpose. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, Creator of all, and we bless your holy name for ever.

All: **Amen.**

Celebrant: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: **Abba, Amma, Beloved, your name be hallowed, your reign spread among us, your will be done well, at all times, in all places, on earth as in heaven. Give us the bread we need for today. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Let us not fail in the time of our testing. Spare us from trials too sharp to endure. Free us from the grip of all evil powers. For yours is the reign, the power and the glory, the victory of love, for now and eternity, world without end. Amen and Amen. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.

All: **God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Those who wish to do so are invited to make their Spiritual Communion. You may use the following prayers.

In union, O God, with the faithful at every altar of your Church, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Let me never be separated from you. Let me live and die in your love. Amen

Come, Jesus, dwell in me in the fullness of your strength, in the perfection of your ways, and in the holiness of your Spirit, and rule over every hostile power in the might of your Spirit, and to the glory of God. Amen.

May the Body and Blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ preserve my body and soul unto everlasting life. Amen.

HYMN When Christ's Appearing Was Made Known (CP 163)

When Christ's appearing was made known,
King Herod trembled for his throne;
but he who offers heavenly birth
sought not the kingdom of this earth.

The eastern sages saw from far
and followed on his guiding star;
by light their way to Light they trod,
and by their gifts confessed their God.

Within the Jordan's sacred flood
the heavenly Lamb in meekness stood,
that he, to whom no sin was known,
might cleanse his people from their own.

And O what a miracle divine,
when water reddened into wine!
He spake the word, and forth it flowed
in streams that nature ne'er bestowed.

All glory, Jesus, be to thee
for this thy glad Epiphany:
whom with the Father we adore
and Holy Ghost forevermore.

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st. 2-5, tr. John Mason Neale
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant: Gracious God,

All: lover of all, by this sacrament you make us one family in Christ your Son, one in the sharing of his body and blood, one in the communion of his Spirit. Help us to grow in love for one another and come to the full maturity of the Body of Christ. We ask this in his name. Amen.

Celebrant: Glory to God,

All: whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask of imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, forever and ever. Amen.

BLESSING

CELEBRATIONS, NEEDS, REFLECTIONS

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Praise God, in Jesus fully known.

Creator, Word and Spirit one.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN Sing of God Made Manifest (CP 162)

Sing of God made manifest

When at Jordan John confessed,

“I should be baptized by You,

But Your bidding I will do.”

Then from heav'n a double sign

Dove-like Spirit, voice divine

Hailed the true Anointed One:

“This is My beloved Son.”

Sing of God made manifest
When Christ came as wedding guest
And at Cana gave a sign,
Turning water into wine;
Further still was love revealed
As He taught, forgave and healed,
Bringing light and life to all
Who would listen to God's call.

Sing of God made manifest
On the cloud-capped mountain's crest,
Where the law and prophets waned
So that Christ alone remained:
Glimpse of glory, pledge of grace,
Giv'n as Jesus set His face
Towards the waiting cross and grave,
Sign of hope that God would save.

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DISMISSAL

Deacon: Go as Holy Messengers of the wonder of God's love.

All: Thanks be to God

POSTLUDE

Building up for God!

The mission of St. John's Church is to build a community of caring believers committed to Christ, to work for justice and service to all in need. We gather to praise God, and to give and receive support to meet the challenges of our daily lives and ministries. We call on everyone to come and join us.

We are an accessible, accepting, diverse community. We are young and old, able-bodied, and disabled, employed and unemployed. We are married, single, divorced, straight, and LGBTQ2S+. We are from all over the world, yet we could live next door. You will find open minds and open hearts at St. John's.

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