

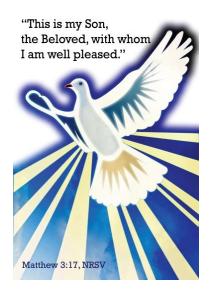
# January 07, 2024

The Baptism of the Lord (Proper 1)

10:00 a.m. –Sung Eucharist

# Welcome

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## The Gathering of the Community

Processional Hymn #162 "Sing of God Made Manifest"

Text by Carl P. Daw, Jr.

Sing of God made manifest in a child 1 3 Sing of God made manifest when robust and blest, Christ came as wedding guest and at Cana gave a sign, turning water to whose home in Bethlehem where a star had guided them, into wine; magi came and gifts unbound, signs further still was love revealed as he mysterious and profound: taught, forgave, and healed, bringing light and life to all who would myrrh and frankincense and gold grave and god and king foretold. listen to God's call. 2 Sing of God made manifest when at 4 Sing of God made manifest on the cloud-capped mountain's crest, Jordan John confessed. "I should be baptized by you, but where both voice and vision waned your bidding I will do." until Christ a lone remained: Then from heaven a double sign glimpse of glory, pledge of grace, given dove-like Spirit, voice divine as Jesus set his face towards the waiting cross and grave, hailed the true Anointed One: "This is

sign of hope that God would save.

#### **Greeting and Collect for Purity**

my beloved Son."

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- *Celebrant* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.
- People And also with you.

Celebrant Almighty God,

People 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 Lord. Amen.

#### Glory to God [Hymn #686]

- Celebrant Glory to God in the highest,
- People and peace to his people on earth.
   Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

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Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

#### **Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

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

## The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading:

Genesis 1:1–5

*Reader* A reading from the Book of Genesis.

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup> the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup> Then God said, "Let there be light;" and there was light. <sup>4</sup> And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup> God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 29

Tune Hymn #378 Diademata

- 1Ascribe to God, you gods,<br/>Ascribe glory and might;<br/>Ascribe the glory due his Name,<br/>Worship in holy light.<br/>God's voice is on the deep,<br/>His thunder rolls on high;<br/>The Lord is on the water-flood,<br/>God's voice a might cry.2
- God's voice breaks mighty trees
   Tall cedars of great worth;
   They writhe and leap like mountain sheep,
   God's voice shakes all the earth.
   God's voice splits flames of fire,
   God's voice shakes desert sands;
   God's voice makes oak trees shake and strips
   The leaves from forest stands.

Arrangement by Christopher L. Webber

 Within God's temple all Cry "Glory!" and adore; The Lord sits throned above the flood As King for evermore. The Lord will give his strength To all his own, nor cease To give his people evermore The blessing of his peace.

Second Reading:

Acts 19:1-7

Mark 1:4–11

*Reader* A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

<sup>1</sup>While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the inland regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. <sup>2</sup>He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." <sup>3</sup>Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." <sup>4</sup>Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." <sup>5</sup>On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup>When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied — <sup>7</sup>altogether there were about twelve of them.

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

#### Gradual Hymn #324 "Alleluia"

Holy Gospel:SubdeaconThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.SubdeaconThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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

<sup>9</sup> In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup> And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart

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and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup> And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Subdeacon The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

A time for silent reflection is kept.

#### The Nicene Creed

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Celebrant Let us confess our faith, as we say,

*People* We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### The Prayers of the People

- *Leader* Hear us, O Lord.
- People Lord, grant us peace.

#### **Confession and Absolution**

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

Silence is kept.

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Celebrant Most merciful God,

- People 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.
- *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 Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### The Peace

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- *Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.
- People And also with you.

#### The Celebration of the Eucharist

#### Offertory Hymn #163 "When Christ's Appearing"

Text by Caelius Sedulius; translation from <u>The Hymn Book</u> and by John Mason Neale

- When Christ's appearing was made known,
   King Herod trembled for his throne; but he who offers heavenly birth sought not the kingdoms of this earth.
- 2 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.
- 3 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 miracle divine, when water reddened into wine! He spake the word, and forth it flowed in streams that nature ne'er bestowed.
- 5 All glory, Jesus, be to thee for this, thy glad Epiphany: whom with the Father we adore and Holy Ghost for evermore.

#### The Prayer over the Gifts

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

People 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.

#### **Eucharistic Prayer #3**

Proper Preface Epiphany

- *Celebrant* The Lord be with you.
- People And also with you.
- Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
- *People* **We lift them to the Lord.**
- *Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- *People* It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- *Celebrant* Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; you have revealed your eternal plan of salvation, and have shown your Son Jesus Christ to be the light of all peoples.

Therefore with angels and archangels we raise our voices in joyful praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

PeopleHoly, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full ofMichaelyour glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Leach Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."
After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

page 198 page 220 8 we proclaim his re

*People* we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

Celebrant and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

#### The Lord's Prayer [Michael Leach]

- Celebrant As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,
- People Our Father in heav'n, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

#### The Breaking of the Bread #6

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

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

#### Lamb of God [Michael Leach]

PeopleLamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:<br/>have mercy on us, have mercy on us.<br/>Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:<br/>have mercy on us, have mercy on us.<br/>Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:<br/>grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

#### The Communion

*Celebrant* The gifts of God for the People of God.

People Thanks be to God.

#### Prayer for Spiritual Communion

- Celebrant Dear friends, if you are present or elsewhere and are unable to receive the sacrament at this time, I invite you to join me and the whole church in spiritual communion to receive Christ, who is present in this Sacrament of the Altar. Let us pray.
- People Lord Christ, present in the Sacrament of the altar and in your people, gathered in spirit, come and abide in my heart in the fullness of your strength; be my wisdom and guide me in right pathways; transform my life and actions that they may reflect the image of your holiness; and, by the power of your liberating love, overthrow all that threatens or disrupts the justice and truth of the reign of God. In your name I pray. Amen.

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you would rather not receive the bread and wine, please feel free to come forward for a blessing.

#### **Communion Hymns**

Hymn #48 "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

Text from the Liturgy of St. James; translation by Gerard Moultrie

- Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand; ponder nothing earthly-minded, for, with blessing in his hand, Christ our God to us approacheth, our full homage to demand.
- King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood,
   Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood,
   he will give to all the faithful
   his own self for heavenly food.
- 3 Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way, as the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day, that the powers of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.
- 4 At his feet the six-wingèd seraph, cherubim with sleepless eye veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry, "Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Lord most high!"

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Hymn #73 "One Bread, One Body, One Lord of All"

#### Refrain:

One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless and we, though many, throughout the earth,

we are one body in this one Lord.

1 Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more.

2 Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all.

### Refrain

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
 gathered to one for all.

#### Refrain

#### Refrain

#### **Prayer after Communion**

Celebrant Let us pray.

People Gracious God, 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.

#### Doxology [Michael Leach]

People Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more, infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever, for ever and ever. Amen, Amen.

#### Blessing

Recessional Hymn #385 "Worship the Lord in the Beauty"

Text by John Samuel Bewley Montell

 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; bow down before him, his glory proclaim; gold of obedience and incense of lowliness bring, and adore him: the Lord is his name!

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- 2 Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness; high on his heart he will bear it for thee, comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness, guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.
- 3 Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness of the poor wealth thou canst reckon as thine; truth in its beauty and love in its tenderness, these are the offerings to lay on his shrine.
- 4 These though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness, he will accept for the name that is dear, mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness, trust for our trembling, and hope for our fear.

#### Repeat verse 1

 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; bow down before him, his glory proclaim; gold of obedience and incense of lowliness bring, and adore him: the Lord is his name!

#### Dismissal

SubdeaconGo in peace to love and serve the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

# Please join us for refreshments following the service.

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings				
Second Sunday after the Epiphany				
Isaiah 62:6-12				
Psalm 97				
Titus 3:4-7				
John 1:1-14				

## We Remember in Prayer Today and This Week . . .

#### Congregation Cycle

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Celebrant & Preacher		Organist	Michael Leach
	Rev. Vinaya Dumpala	Altar Guild	Margie Lyttle
Subdeacon	Margie Lyttle	Usher	Ann-Marie Waithe Powell
Intercessor	Geraldine Sperling	Welcome Table	Ravi Andrews
Reader	Craig Robertson	Coffee Hour Host	Lorraine Baillie

#### **Territorial Acknowledgement**

The land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee (ho-den-oh-show-nee) and Anishinabek (ah-nish-nah-bek) Nations, and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. This territory was the subject of the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement between the Iroquois Confederacy and the Ojibwe and allied nations to peaceably share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. This territory is also covered by the Toronto Purchase. Today, Toronto is home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island.

We recognize the enduring presence of Indigenous peoples connected to and on this land. We are grateful for the opportunity to gather on this territory and work in this community, and we commit ourselves to the work of reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.