

January 12, 2025

The Baptism of the Lord (Proper 1) with Baptism

10:00 a.m. – Eucharist

Welcome

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The Gathering of the Community

Opening Hymn #162 "Sing of God Made Manifest"

Text by Carl P. Daw, Jr.

- 1 Sing of God made manifest in a child
robust and blest,
to whose home in Bethlehem where
a star had guided them,
magi came and gifts unbound, signs
mysterious and profound:
myrrh and frankincense and gold
grave and god and king foretold.
- 2 Sing of God made manifest when at
Jordan John confessed,
"I should be baptized by you, but
your bidding I will do."
Then from heaven a double sign –
dove-like Spirit, voice divine –
hailed the true Anointed One: "This is
my beloved Son."
- 4 Sing of God made manifest on the
cloud-capped mountain's crest,
where both voice and vision waned
until Christ alone remained:
glimpse of glory, pledge of grace, given
as Jesus set his face
towards the waiting cross and grave,
sign of hope that God would save.

Greeting

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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.**

Glory to God

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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.

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.*People* **Holy One of Israel, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and Spirit faithful in your service, so that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.****The Proclamation of the Word**

First Reading:

Isaiah 43:1–7

Reader A reading from the Book of Isaiah.¹ But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.² 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. ³ For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. ⁴ 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. ⁵ Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; ⁶ 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— ⁷ everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."*Reader* The Word of the Lord.*People* **Thanks be to God.****Psalm 29**

Arrangement by Christopher L. Webber

Tune: Diademata

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| <p>1 Ascribe to God, you gods,
Ascribe glory and might;
Ascribe the glory due his Name,
Worship in holy light.</p> <p>2 God's voice is on the deep,
His thunder rolls on high;
The Lord is on the water-flood,
God's voice a mighty cry.</p> | <p>3 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.</p> <p>4 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.</p> |
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5 Within God's temple all
Cry "Glory!" and adore;
The Lord sits throned above the
flood
As King for evermore.

6 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 8:14–17

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

¹⁴ Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵ The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶ (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷ Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual: "Alleluia"

Holy Gospel:

Luke 3:15–17,21–22

Subdeacon The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Subdeacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶ John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. 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.

Baptism candidates and their sponsors are requested to come to the font.

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

Celebrant The candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Sponsor I present Mohammadebrahim(Babak) Javaheri, Akram Shamloo, and Soroush Javaheri to receive the sacrament of baptism.

Celebrant Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidates I do.

Celebrant Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Candidates I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Candidates I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Candidates I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Saviour?

Candidates I do.

Celebrant Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Candidates I do.

Celebrant Do you promise to obey him as your Lord?

Candidates I do.

Celebrant Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Mohammadebrahim(Babak), Akram, and Soroush in their life in Christ?

People **We will.**

Prayers for the Candidate

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Celebrant Let us now pray for Mohammadebrahim(Babak), Akram, and Soroush who are to receive the sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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Leader Open them to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Celebration of Baptism

Thanksgiving over the Water

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through water you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who are here cleansed from sin and born again, may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for ever.

Amen.

Celebrant Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of 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 the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **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?

People **I will, with God's help.**

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

People **I will, with God's help.**

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

People **I will, with God's help.**

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

People **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?

People **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?

People **I will, with God's help.**

The Baptism

Celebrant Mohammadebrahim(Babak) Javaheri, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

I sign you with the cross, and mark you as Christ's own for ever.

Celebrant Receive the light of Christ, to show that you have passed from darkness to light.

People **Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.**

Celebrant Akram Shamloo, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

I sign you with the cross, and mark you as Christ's own for ever.

Celebrant Receive the light of Christ, to show that you have passed from darkness to light.

People **Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.**

Celebrant Soroush Javaheri, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

I sign you with the cross, and mark you as Christ's own for ever.

Celebrant Receive the light of Christ, to show that you have passed from darkness to light.

People **Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.**

Celebrant Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace.

Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit.

Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People **We receive you into the household of God.**

Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn #527 “How Firm a Foundation”

Text by John Rippon

- 1 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
to you who to Jesus for refuge have fled?
- 2 “Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed!
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee
to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.
- 3 “When through the deep waters I call thee to
go,
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.
- 4 “When through fiery trials thy
pathway shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy
supply:
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only
design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold
to refine.
- 5 “The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for
repose
I will not—I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should
endeavour to shake,
I’ll never—no, never—no, never
forsake!”

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.**

Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer 1 (S1)

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 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.

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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 (singing):

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
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.
Rejected by a world that could not bear the Gospel of life,
Jesus knew death was near.
His head anointed for burial by an unknown woman, 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,

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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.

People **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

Celebrant "I am the bread of life," says the Lord. "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst."

People **Tast and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him.**

The Communion

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Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Lamb of God [Michael Leach]

People **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us your peace, grant us your peace.**

All are welcome to receive communion with us

As the ushers pass your pew, please line up in the centre aisle.

- **To receive a blessing**, as you reach the priest with the bread, cross your arms over your chest. Return to your seat after receiving the blessing.
- **To receive the bread**, hold your hands in front of you, palms up.
- **To receive the wine from the cup**, take the bottom of the cup and the base and guide it to your mouth.
- **If you prefer to take only the bread**, you may indicate this to the cup bearer by crossing your arms over your chest, or simply walking past them.

Communion Hymn #541 “As Longs the Hart”

Psalm 42; paraphrase by Donna Harkin

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| <p>1 As longs the hart for flowing streams,
so longs my soul for you, O God;
my soul does thirst for the living God:
when shall I come to see your face?</p> <p>2 My tears have fed me day and night,
while others said, “Where is your God?”
But I recall, as my soul pours dry,
the days of praise within your house.</p> | <p>3 Why do I mourn and toil within,
when it is mine to hope in God?
I shall again sing praise to God,
who is my help, who is my God.</p> |
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Closing Prayer

Celebrant God of glory,

People **immerse us in your grace, mark us with your image, and raise us to live our baptismal promises, so that, empowered by the Holy Spirit, we may follow the example of Christ your beloved in whose name we pray. 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

Celebrant And may God our Creator, Jesus our Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our Sustainer, bless you and keep you all of your days.

People **Amen.**

Closing Hymn #380 "O Worship the King"

Text by Robert Grant

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| <p>1 O worship the King, all glorious above,
O gratefully sing his power and his
love;
our shield and defender, the Ancient
of Days,
pavilioned in splendour, and girded
with praise.</p> <p>2 O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy
space,
his chariots of wrath the deep
thunderclouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of
the storm.</p> <p>3 The earth with its store of wonders
untold,
Almighty, thy power hath founded of
old,
hath stablished it fast by a changeless
decree,
And round it hath cast, like a mantle,
the sea.</p> | <p>4 Thy bountiful care what tongue can
recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the
light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to
the plain,
and sweetly distils in the dew and the
rain.</p> <p>5 Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
thy mercies how tender, how firm to the
end,
our maker, defender, redeemer, and
friend.</p> <p>6 O measureless Might, ineffable Love,
while angels delight to hymn thee
above,
the humbler creation, though feeble
their lays,
with true adoration shall sing to thy
praise.</p> |
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Dismissal

Subdeacon Followers of Jesus, inspired by the Holy Spirit, serve the world God loves!

People **Thanks be to God.**

Today we welcome Mohammadebrahim(Babak) Javaheri, Akram Shamloo, and Soroush Javaheri as new members of our community in Christ.

Please join us in the parish hall for refreshments following the service.

We Remember in Prayer Today and This Week . . .

Congregation Cycle

Michael & Nancy D / Egan D & Karen N, Liam & Michael / Elizabeth E /
 Rev. Sr. Constance Joanna G / Iliya G

Today's Scripture Readings

The Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 43:1-7
 Psalm 29
 Acts 8:14-17
 Luke 3:15-17,21-22

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Second Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 62:1-5
 Psalm 36:5-10
 1 Cor 12:1-11
 John 2:1-11

Celebrant & Preacher

The Rev. Sr. Constance Joanna Gefvert
 Presiding over Baptism

The Rev. Ali McIntosh

Subdeacon Margie Lyttle

Chalice Bearers Rev. Ali McIntosh
 Margie Lyttle

Readers Aili Maki,
 Christian Crawford

Crucifer Christian Ajubiga

Organist Michael Leach

Intercessor Geraldine Sperling

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Philip Tindan

Ushers

Hazel Perkin,
 Ann-Marie Waithe Powell

Altar Guild

Nancy Dodsworth

Coffee Hour

Aili Maki, Alice Xia,
 Nicole Lee

Counters

Hazel Perkin,
 Ann-Marie Waithe Powell

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.