



# St. George on Yonge Anglican

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January 10, 2021

The Baptism of the Lord (Proper 1)

## Ministry of the Word

“This is my Son,  
the Beloved, with whom  
I am well pleased.”



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### The Gathering of the Community

#### Prelude

#### Hymn #162 – Sing of God made Manifest

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."
3. 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.
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 and Collect for Purity

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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

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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 upon us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**

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**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* **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 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: 1,2, 8-11**

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.

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.

**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.**

Second Reading:

Acts 19:1-7

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

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior 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.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Celebrant* Alleluia

*People* **Alleluia, Alleluia.**

*Celebrant* The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

*People* **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel:

Mark 1:4-11

*Subdeacon* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

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

*People* **Glory 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 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* Lord, in your mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

### **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 Lord's Prayer**

*Celebrant* And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say:

*People* **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 those who 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.**

## **The Peace**

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*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

## **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.**

## **Doxology**

*Celebrant* Glory to God,

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

## **Blessing**

## **Announcements**

**Dismissal**

*Subdeacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn #560 "God, Whose Almighty Word"**

Text by John Marriott

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| <p>1 God, whose almighty Word<br/>chaos and darkness heard,<br/>and took their flight:<br/>hear us, we humbly pray,<br/>and where the gospel-day<br/>sheds not its glorious ray,<br/>let there be light!</p> <p>2 Saviour, who came to bring<br/>on your redeeming wing<br/>healing and sight,<br/>health to the sick in mind,<br/>sight to the inly blind:<br/>now for all humankind<br/>let there be light!</p> | <p>3 Spirit of truth and love,<br/>life-giving, holy Dove,<br/>speed on your flight!<br/>Move on the water's face<br/>bearing the lamp of grace,<br/>and, in earth's darkest place<br/>let there be light!</p> <p>4 Gracious and holy Three,<br/>glorious Trinity,<br/>wisdom, love, might,<br/>boundless as ocean's tide<br/>rolling in fullest pride:<br/>through the world, far and wide<br/>let there be light!</p> |
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**Today's Scripture Readings****The Baptism of the Lord**

Genesis 1:1-5

Psalm 29

Acts 19:1-7

Mark 1:4-11

**Next Sunday's Scripture Readings****Second Sunday after Epiphany**

1 Samuel 3:1-10

Psalm 139:1-5,13-17

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

John 1:43-51

Preacher

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