

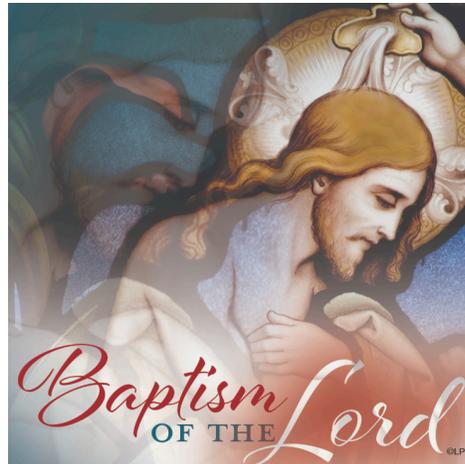
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January 11, 2026
The Baptism of Christ
Holy Eucharist
10:30 am

Welcome! We're so glad you're here.



“We, who are many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread”. *1 Corinthians 10:17*

All are welcome to receive communion with us.

- ❖ 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. (Dipping bread into wine is not permitted for health reasons.)
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ If you prefer simply 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.
- ❖ The response to receiving bread, wine, or a blessing is “Amen.”

Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge the land on which we worship is the traditional territory of many nations including the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishinabek, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples. This territory is part of the Dish with One Spoon Treaty, an agreement between the Anishinabek, Haudenosaunee, and allied nations to peaceably share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes.

Today, Toronto is still home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island (North America) and we seek to live in respect, peace, and right relations with them as we meet and worship on their territory. We are grateful for the resources we are using, and honour all the First Nations, Métis, and Inuit people who have been living on this land since time immemorial.

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The Gathering of the Community

(please stand as you are able)

Opening Hymn - When John Baptized by Jordan's River

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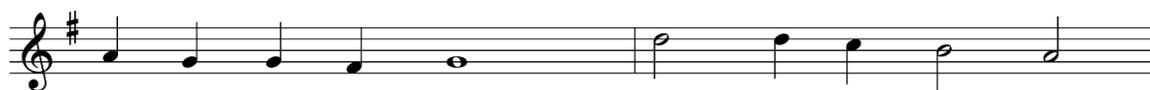
1. When John bap - tized by Jor - dan's riv - er
2. There as the Lord, bap - tized and pray - ing,
3. O Son of Man, our na - ture shar - ing,



In faith and hope the peo - ple came, That John and
Rose from the stream, the sin - less one, A voice was
In whose o - be - dience all are blest, Sav - ior, our



Jor - dan might de - liv - er Their trou - bled
heard from heav - en say - ing, "This is my
sins and sor - rows bear - ing, Hear us and



souls from sin and shame. They came to seek a
own be - lov - ed Son." There as the Fa - ther's
grant us this re - quest: Dai - ly to grow, by



new be - gin - ning, The hu - man spir - it's age - less
word was spo - ken, Not in the pow'r of wind and
grace de - fend - ed, Filled with the Spir - it from a -



quest, Re - pent - ance, and an end of
flame, But of his love and peace the
bove; In Christ bap - tized, be - loved, be -



sin - ning, Re - nounc - ing ev - 'ry wrong con - fessed.
to - ken, Seen as a dove, the Spir - it came.
friend - ed, Chil - dren of God in peace and love.

Gathering

(please remain standing)

Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Gloria – New Plainsong Mass

David Hurd

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his
peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heav - en - ly, King, Al - might - y,
God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ,
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther:
re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the
Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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The Collect of the Day

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

All: Amen.

Presider: Let us prepare ourselves for the Word of God as it comes to us in the reading of Holy Scripture.

All: Our hearts and minds are open.

Readings

(please be seated)

Reader: A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them. *Isaiah 42:1-9*

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

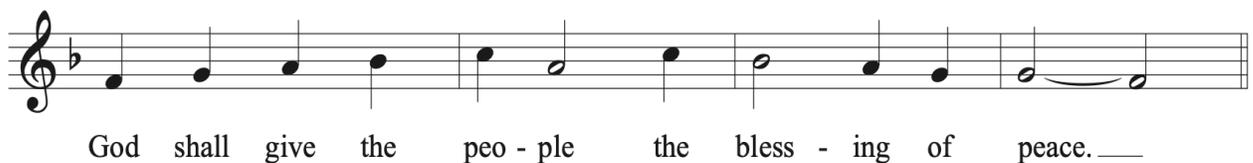
All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29

George Black

The refrain is first sung by the cantor, then by all.

Refrain:



Cantor: Ascribe to the Holy One, you gods:
Ascribe to the Holy One glory and strength.
Ascribe to God all glory, bless God's name;
worship God in the beauty of holiness. **Refrain**

The voice of the Holy One is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders:
God is upon the mighty waters.
The voice of God is a powerful voice;
the voice of God is a voice of splendour. **Refrain**

The voice of the Holy One breaks the cedar trees;
God breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
God makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox. **Refrain**

The voice of the Holy One splits the flames of fire;
the voice of God shakes the wilderness;
God shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
The voice of the Holy One makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.
And in the temple of the Holy One all are crying, "Glory!" **Refrain**

God sits enthroned above the flood;
the Holy One sits enthroned, reigning for evermore.
The Holy One shall give strength to all people;
God shall give the people the blessing of peace. **Refrain**

Reading: A reading from Acts.

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Acts 10:34-43

Sequence Hymn - Down Galilee's Slow Roadways - CP #45

WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN

Down Galilee's slow roadways, a stranger travelled on
from Nazareth to Jordan to be baptized by John.
He went down to the waters, with soldier, scribe, and slave,
but there within the river the sign was birth and grave.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan Music: J. Steurlein

The Gospel

(please stand as you are able)

Gospeller: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

Matthew 3:13-17

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sequence Hymn - Down Galilee's Slow Roadways - CP #45

WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN

Arising from the river, he saw the heavens torn;
it seemed the sky was open to show the Spirit's form.
The holy dove descended; he heard a glorious voice:
"You are my own beloved- my child, my heart, my choice."

We too have found a roadway; it led us to this place.
We all have had to travel in search of hope and grace.
But now beside this water again a voice is heard:
"You are my own, my chosen, beloved of your Lord."

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan Music: J. Steurlein

Homily "Epiphany: Are You Listening?"

Music for Reflection

The Baptismal Covenant

please stand as you are able

Presider: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Presider: 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.

Presider: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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

Presider: 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.

Presider: 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.

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

People: I will, with God's help.

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

People: I will, with God's help.

Presider: 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.

Presider: 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.

Prayers of the People

(please assume a position of prayer that is comfortable to you)

Hail to the Lord's anointed,
 great David's greater Son!
 Hail, in the time appointed,
 his reign on earth begun!
 He comes to break oppression,
 to set the captive free,
 to take away transgression,
 and rule in equity.

Kings shall fall down before him,
 and gold and incense bring;
 all nations shall adore him,
 his praise all people sing.
 To him shall prayer unceasing
 and daily vows ascend,
 his kingdom still increasing,
 a kingdom without end.

He shall come down like showers
 upon the fruitful earth,
 and love, joy, hope, like flowers,
 spring in his path to birth.
 Before him on the mountains
 shall peace the herald go,
 and righteousness in fountains
 from hill to valley flow.

O'er every foe victorious,
 he on his throne shall rest,
 from age to age more glorious,
 all-blessing and all-blest.
 The tide of time shall never
 his covenant remove.
 His name shall stand for ever:
 that name to us is Love.

Text: James Montgomery Music: Johann Crüger, adapt. William Monk

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: 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.

All: Amen.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Eucharistic Prayer 3

(please remain standing)

Presider	People	Presider	People
The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.			

Presider	People
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God It is right to give our thanks and praise.	

Presider: 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. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus & Benedictus *New Plainsong Mass*

David Hurd

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
hea-ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Presider: 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,

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

Presider: 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 children; 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.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer - CP #684

John Merbecke

Presider: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:



Our Fa-ther, who art in heav-en, hal-low-ed be thy name, thy king-dom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heav-en. Give us this day our dai-ly bread.
And for-give us our tres-pass-es, as we for-give them that tres-pass a-against us.
And lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, but de-liv-er us from-e-vil. For thine is the king-dom,
the pow-er, and the glo-ry, for-ev-er and ev-er. A-men.

Breaking of the Bread

Presider: 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.

Presider: The gifts of God, for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

(please be seated)

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world,
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sins of the world, have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sins of the world, grant us peace.

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Communion Anthem- The Baptism of Christ

Peter Hallock

Jesus autem hodie regressus est a Jordane.

[Jesus was on this day baptised in the Jordan.]

When Jesus Christ baptised was, the Holy Ghost descended with grace; the Father's voice was heard in the place.

Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende. [This is my son, listen to him.]

Text: Anonymous medieval text Music: Peter R. Hallock

There were Three Persons and one Lord, the Son baptised with one accord, the Father said this blessed word: *Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende.*

Now, Jesus, as thou art both God and man, and were baptised in from Jordan, at our last end, we pray thee, say then:

Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende

Communion Hymn - When Christ's Appearing Was Made Known - CP # 163 (vs.1 - 3, 5)

ST. VENANTIUS

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

Text: Caelius Sedulius (5th C.) Music: Antiphoner, Rouen, 1728

Prayer after Communion

(please stand as you are able)

Presider: 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.

All: Amen.

Presider: Glory to God,

All: 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

Presider: May God, who in Christ gives us a spring of water welling up to eternal life, perfect in you the image of his glory; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All: Amen.

Closing Hymn - Sing of God Made Manifest - CP #162

SALZBURG

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.

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
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
On the cloud-capped mountain's crest,
Where both voice and vision waned
Until 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

(please stand as you are able)

Presider: Go forth in the peace of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Postlude *In Dir Ist Freude*, "In Thee is Gladness" BWV 615

J.S. Bach

*Thank you for worshipping with us this morning.
Please join us in Elliott Hall for Coffee Hour.*

Assisting with the Liturgy

Presiding: Alison Falby | **Homilist:** Cathy Gibbs

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Reader: Bob Shea

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Next Week's Worship Preview: January 18, 2026.

Second Sunday after the Epiphany, Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Readings: Isaiah 49: 1-7, Psalm 40: 1-12, 1 Corinthians 1:1-19, John 1:29-42

Preacher: Reverend Alison, "Who is Jesus? Come and see."

Hymns: All Beautiful the March of Days | O, For A Closer Walk With God | Jesus Calls Us Here to Meet Him | The Voice of God

Choral Anthem: William Harris- Behold, the Tabernacle of God

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Participating in the Offertory

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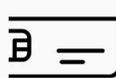
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Ways to Serve & Get Involved

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