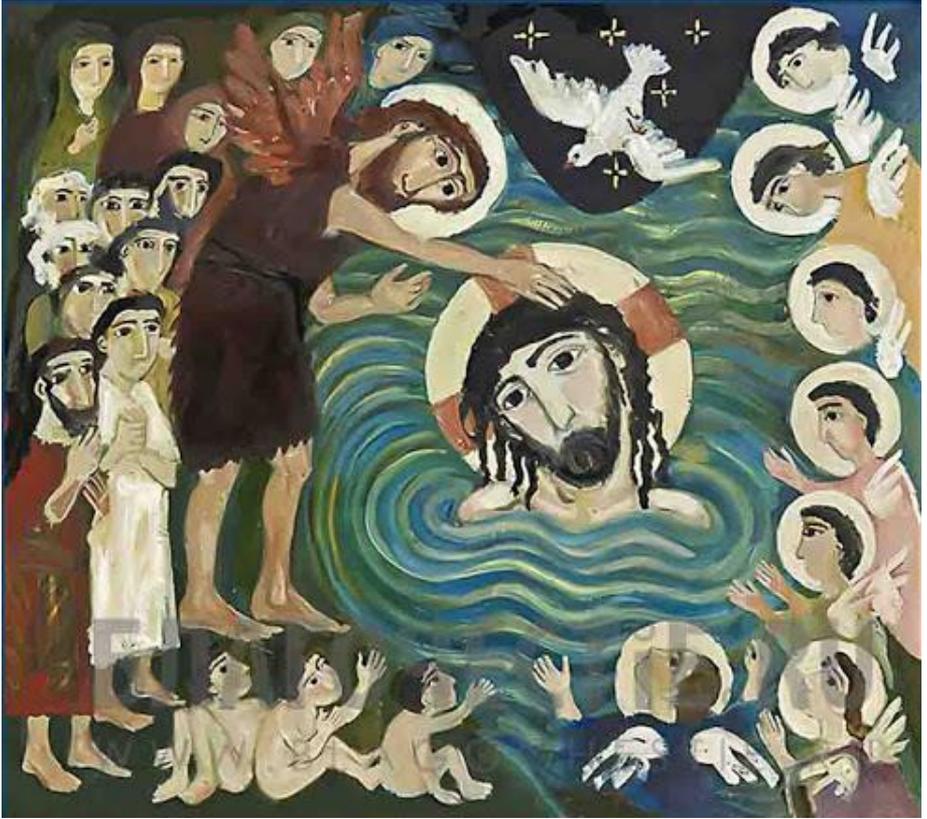


St. Philip's Anglican Church, Etobicoke

Baptism of the Lord, January 10, 2021



We welcome you to worship this morning. Our celebration is joyful, reflective, playful and reverent, as we thank God for new life through Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit.

As we gather on this sacred land, we acknowledge that this is the Dish with One Spoon Territory created in Treaty by the Anishinabee, Mississaugas and Haudenosaunee binding them to share and protect this land. Subsequent indigenous nations and peoples, Europeans and all newcomers have been invited into this treaty in the spirit of peace, friendship and respect. May we faithfully fulfill our treaty commitments to the land and its people.

This land has also been the place of Christian worship since the 1820's.

Gathering of the Community

Welcome and Announcements

The prayer bell calls us to silent preparation

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

Let us pray.

We thank you, O God, that you have again brought us together on the Lord's Day to praise you for your goodness and to ask your blessing. Give us grace to see your hand in the week that is past, and your purpose in the week to come; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Children's Time — Mieke and Greg Nicholson

355 *All Creatures of Our God and King* vs. 1, 2, 3

- 1. All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voices, let us sing:
alleluia, alleluia!**
**Bright burning sun and golden beams
pale silver moon that gently gleams,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
- 2. Great rushing winds and breezes soft,
you clouds that ride the heavens aloft,
O sing now, alleluia!**
**Fair rising morn, with praise rejoice,
stars nightly shining, find a voice,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

3. **Swift flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for your Lord to hear,
alleluia, alleluia!**
**Fire, so intense and fiercely bright,
you give to us both warmth and light,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Dear friends in Christ, as we turn our hearts and minds to worship almighty God, let us confess our sins.

**Most merciful God, 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.**

Merciful God, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

God of grace and glory,
you call us with your voice from heaven
to be your people, fruitful and courageous.
As your beloved Son
embraced his mission in the waters of baptism,
inspire us with your Spirit
to join in his transforming work.

We ask this in the name of our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Breaking Open the Word

First Reading: Acts 19.1–7

Reader: Cailin Mabee

¹ While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ² 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." ³ Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." ⁴ 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." ⁵ On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶ When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied — ⁷ altogether there were about twelve of them.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29

Ascribe to the Holy One, all you gods;
ascribe glory and power.

**Give all honour to God's name;
worship the Creator in the beauty of holiness.**

The Holy One's voice rolls over the oceans;
the God of glory thunders;
the voice of God is upon the mighty waters.

**The voice of God is full of power.
The voice of the Creator is full of splendour.**

The Holy One's voice breaks the cedar trees
and smashes the cedars of Lebanon.

**It makes the mountains skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

Lightning flashes at the sound of that voice,
which shakes the endless wilderness.

**That voice brings the deer to labour,
and strips the forest bare.**

All: In the holy temple all shout, "Glory!"

The Holy One sits enthroned over the flood;
the Creator sits enthroned forever.

The Holy One gives strength to God's people,
**and blesses the people forevermore,
blessings of peace and well-being.**

The Holy Gospel: Mark 1.4–11

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ 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. ⁶ Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ 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. ⁸ I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." ⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The Gospel of Christ.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon: The Reverend Mike Stuchbery

Hymn *Take This Moment*

1. **Take this moment, sign and space;
take my friends around;
here among us make the place
where your love is found.**
2. **Take the time to call my name,
take the time to mend
who I am and what I've been,
all I've failed to tend.**

3. Take the tiredness of my days,
take my past regret,
letting your forgiveness touch
all I can't forget.
4. Take the little child in me
scared of growing old;
help me here to find my worth
made in Christ's own mould.
5. Take my talents, take my skills,
take what's yet to be;
let my life be yours and yet,
let it still be me.

A Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant

Let us reaffirm the baptismal covenant.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

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

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

Heavenly Father,
we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit
you have bestowed upon us your servants
the forgiveness of sin,
and have raised us to the new life of grace.
Sustain us, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit.
Give us 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.

Prayers of the People

Leader: Janet Churchill

Called together through water and the Word, we boldly pray for the church, the world, and all who long to hear God's voice.

A brief silence

Renewing God, thank you for the gift of baptism.
Give your church boldness to proclaim your promises.
Tear down obstacles of injustice
so that your word of hope reaches the ends of the earth.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Almighty God, we rejoice in the glory of your creation:
the beauty of rivers and streams, glaciers and oceans, lakes and ponds.
Bring restoration to your earth,
and free us from the overuse and abuse of water, air, and land,

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of peace, we give thanks for order in the midst of chaos,
though still we long for greater justice in the world.
Raise up wise and compassionate servant leaders
so that all experience your reign of peace.
In these transitional days for the administration
and governance of the United States, we pray:
Pour out your Spirit of healing and reconciliation
on our friends, family, and neighbours to the south.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Holy God, thank you for the powerful healing we witness
through doctors and nurses, medication, therapy, and holistic means.
Break through clouds of pain and anguish with your voice of comfort.
Proclaim hope to all who grieve,
and send healing to all who are unwell or recovering
especially Grayson, Donna Farrell, Mae, Carly, Ty, and Teslyn.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of courage, we rejoice in this community of hope.
Strengthen all who are preparing for baptism in your church
and renew the faith of sponsors, mentors, parents, grandparents,
friends, and all who guide the newly baptized in this life of joy.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of hope, unleash your Spirit to increase our trust in you.
We give thanks for the lives of the saints who inspire us
with lives of baptismal witness.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We place our prayers before you, God, united in your Spirit;
through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Offertory

We offer ourselves and our monetary gifts for the support of the ministry of the Church.

Hymn 162 *Sing of God Made Manifest* vs. 1, 2, 3

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.**

Prayer Over the Gifts

Let us pray.

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.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. 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.

Glory to God,
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.

Hymn 40 *O Spirit of the Living God* vs. 1, 2, 4

1. **O Spirit of the living God,
in all the fullness of thy grace,
wherever human foot hath trod,
descend on our rebellious race.**
2. **Give tongues of fire and hearts of love
to preach the reconciling word;
give power and unction from above
where'er the joyful sound is heard.**
4. **O Spirit of the Lord, prepare
all the round earth its God to meet;
breathe thou abroad like morning air,
till hearts of stone begin to beat.**

Final Blessing

Christ the Son be manifest to you,
that your lives may be a light to the world
and the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer and Giver of Life
be with you always.

Amen.

Postlude

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