

Sunday, January 11, 2026 Order of Service
The Baptism of Lord

Worship Leaders

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Prelude Christ Our Lord Came to the Jordan (D. Buxtehude)

Call to Worship

Leader Come! Let us follow Jesus to the edge of the Jordan River to be baptized.

People **We come to be cleansed and made whole.**

Leader Come! Let us witness John's confusion and Jesus' insistence that John baptize God Incarnate.

People **We come to join Jesus in choosing life in the kingdom of God.**

Leader Come! Let us hear God declare the truth of Jesus' identity and the truth of our identity as baptized people.

People **We come to remember and embody who we are as beloved children of God.**

Leader Come! Let us worship God who leads us into the baptismal waters and salvation life.

People **We come to worship God who empowers us through divine presence to live together as the family of God.**

Prayer of Acknowledgement

Holy Creator, you made all people of every land in your image and entrusted them with the care of the earth that you graciously gave to all peoples. Make us mindful of those peoples who first occupied the land we are on: the Wendat, the Haudenosaunee, the Anishinabek Nation, as well as the Mississaugas of Scugog, Hiawatha and Alderville First Nations and the Métis Nation. Give us patient hearts, that we may recall the destructiveness of western settlement on these peoples. Give us attentiveness so that we may hear and give thanks for indigenous voices in our Anglican Church of Canada. Give us sincere and open hearts so that we may embrace the work of reconciliation to which you call your Church. We pray these things in your name: our Creator, your Son the Peacemaker, and the Sacred Spirit. **Amen.**

Opening Sentence

A voice came from heaven, saying, "This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased." (Matthew 3:17)

Processional CP 387 All Praise to Thee v 1-3,5

1 All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine,
didst yield the glory that of right was thine,
that in our darkened hearts thy grace might shine: alleluia, alleluia!

2 Thou camest to us in lowliness of thought;
by thee the outcast and the poor were sought,
and by thy death was God's salvation wrought: alleluia, alleluia!

3 Let this mind be in us which was in thee,
who wast a servant that we might be free
humbling thyself to death on Calvary: alleluia, alleluia!

5 Let every tongue confess with one accord
in heaven and earth that Jesus Christ is Lord,
and God the Father be by all adored: alleluia, alleluia!

Gathering of the Community

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,

All **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.**

Gloria CP 686

**Glory to God in the highest,
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

Celebrant 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.

All **Amen**

First Reading Isaiah 42:1-9 Jacqui

Reader A reading from the book of 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 out 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.

Reader The word of the Lord; *All* **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 29

Refrain: **God shall give the people the blessing of peace.**

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.

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!"

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*

Second Reading Acts 10:34-43 Doreen

Reader A reading from the book of Acts:

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness 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."

Reader The word of the Lord; *All* **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation CP 715 Alleluia v 1

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word of the Lord lasts forever.

What is the Word that is living? It is brought to us through his Son Jesus Christ.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel Reading Matthew 3:13-17 Dianne

Reader The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

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

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

Reader 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 fulfill 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 God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Reader The Gospel of Christ *All* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon Br Reg

After the sermon, a silence is kept

Celebrant Let us confess the faith of our baptism,
as we say,

All **I believe in God,
the Father almighty,**

creator of heaven and earth.

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.

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. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Brian

- Leader* As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home. *A brief silence.*
Steadfast God, give courage to your servant church. Heal our divisions and unite us in mission. Uphold our lay leaders, missionaries, pastors, and bishops, and all who proclaim hope in a broken world. Merciful God,
- People* **receive our prayer.**
- Leader* Restoring God, cleanse the life-giving waters of rivers, seas, and springs. Create in us an urgent desire to preserve the beauty and bounty of your good creation. Merciful God,
- People* **receive our prayer.**
- Leader* Righteous God, you guide the nations. Reconcile warring enemies and end cycles of violent retribution. Defend the rights of prisoners, detainees, and all who flee from persecution. Sustain international aid workers and peacemakers. Merciful God,
- People* **receive our prayer.**
- Leader* Compassionate God, you care for all in distress. Provide safety and support for those seeking asylum or in need of shelter. Be near to the dying, and comfort all who are grieving or ill, especially Ralph & Lillian Addison, Suzanne Barwell, Jean Glionna, Cleo Simpson, Irva Smith, Ray Downer, Kaynaz Zaeeh, A.J., Debbie, Lucas, Danielle, Sheila, Evelyn, Shahhin, Léandra, Avil, Hillary, Kristie, and Dan. Merciful God,
- People* **receive our prayer.**
- Leader* Loving God, awaken the gifts of the Spirit in this congregation, that we may serve Christ by loving

one another, our neighbours, and our enemies. We pray for travellers and those who are homebound. Merciful God,

People **receive our prayer.**

Leader Promising God, in baptism we die and rise with Christ. We give thanks for those who have gone before us, and we trust that we will join them in your everlasting peace. Merciful God,

People **receive our prayer.**

Leader Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Saviour.

All **Amen.**

Confession & Absolution

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

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.

People **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory CP 165 Mark How the Lamb of God's Self-offering

1 Mark how the Lamb of God's self-offering our human sinfulness takes on
in the birth waters of the Jordan as Jesus is baptized by John.
Hear how the voice from heaven thunders, "Lo, this is my beloved Son."
See how in dovelike form the Spirit descends on God's Anointed one.

2 From this assurance of God's favour Jesus goes to the wilderness,
there to endure a time of testing that readied him to teach and bless.
So we, by water and the Spirit baptized into Christ's ministry,
are often led to paths of service through mazes of adversity.

3 Grant us, O God, the strength and courage
to live the faith our lips declare; bless us in our baptismal calling;
Christ's royal priesthood help us share. Turn us from every false allegiance,
that we may trust in Christ alone; raise up in us a chosen people
transformed by love to be your own.

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant 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**

Eucharistic Prayer 2

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 We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,
through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,
our Saviour and Redeemer.
He is your living Word,
through whom you have created all things.
By the power of the Holy Spirit
he took flesh of the Virgin Mary
and shared our human nature.
He lived and died as one of us,
to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.
In fulfilment of your will
he stretched out his hands in suffering,
to bring release to those who place their hope in you;
and so he won for you a holy people.
He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows
and to give up his life on the cross,
that he might shatter the chains of evil and death,
and banish the darkness of sin and despair.
By his resurrection
he brings us into the light of your presence.
Now with all creation we raise our voices
to proclaim the glory of your name.

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

CP 689

**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 Holy and gracious God,
accept our praise,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;
who on the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
took bread and gave you thanks,
saying, "Take, and eat:
this is my body which is broken for you."
In the same way he took the cup,
saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you.
When you do this, you do it in memory of me."
Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,
we offer you this bread and this cup,
giving thanks that you have made us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.
We ask you to send your Holy Spirit
upon the offering of your holy Church.
Gather into one
all who share in these sacred mysteries,
filling them with the Holy Spirit
and confirming their faith in the truth,
that together we may praise you
and give you glory
through your Servant, Jesus Christ.
All glory and honour are yours,
Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church,
now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,
All **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.**

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All **We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

The Communion

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God:

People **Thanks be to God.**

Agnus Dei

CP 690

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

An Act of Spiritual Communion for Those in the Virtual Chapel

We worship and adore you, Lord Jesus Christ,

present in the Holy Sacrament and in your people, who are gathered in spirit.

In this moment I join with them to receive you in my heart, and in our community.

May you, enthroned on the altar, be now enthroned in my heart;

may you, present in bread and wine, feed and renew my soul;

may you, who give yourself to us again, fill us with grace and heavenly blessing.

Even as I am fed, may my hunger for you and for your reign of justice and peace increase,

that I may, empowered by your Spirit,

work for that day when your reign shall come on earth as it is in heaven. **Amen.**

Communion Hymn CP 628 O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High v 1,3,6,7

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant 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**

Doxology

Celebrant 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.

The Blessing

Celebrant The peace of God, which passes all understanding,

keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,

and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be amongst you and remain with you always.

All

Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Recessional [CP 627 The Voice of God Goes Out v 1-4](#)

1 The voice of God goes out to all the world;
his glory speaks across the universe.
The great King's herald cries from star to star:
"With power, with justice, he will walk his way!"

2 The Lord has said, "Receive my messenger,
my promise to the world, my pledge made fresh,
a lamp to every nation, light from light:
with power, with justice, he will walk his way!"

3 "The broken reed he will not trample down,
nor set his heel upon the dying flame.
he binds the wounds, and health is in his hand:
with power, with justice, he will walk his way!"

4 "Anointed with the Spirit and with power,
he comes to crown with comfort all the weak,
to show the face of justice to the poor:
with power, with justice, he will walk his way!"

Dismissal

Celebrant Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Prelude and Fugue in E minor (J.Pachelbel)