



Baptism of Our Lord January 9, 2022

All members and guests, please fill out the Welcome Form found at the end of your row and pass it on to your neighbor. The pastoral and spiritual care of the members of Christ Church is very important to us. In order to care for all of you, we need to know who is present and who is not. So, please take a moment to sign the pad. The Welcome Forms will be picked up by the ushers at the end of the service.

### **WELCOME & PREPARATION**

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

P Today we celebrate a special baptism;

the baptism of Jesus of Nazareth.

God says: Look! See my chosen servant, the One in whom I utterly delight;

C I have placed my Spirit on him, he will bring true justice to the nations.

P When Jesus was baptized, the heavens opened up, and Spirit came down like a dove; and there was a voice from heaven saying:

C "This is my dearly loved Son, with whom I am delighted."

P The joy of the Lord is with you all.

C And also with you.

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

In the season of Epiphany, we remember our baptisms on Sunday morning. While we may not be confessing our sins, we are reminded that through our baptisms our sin is forgiven. In this season we rejoice not in our failings but in God's triumph over death and the grave.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

C Amen.

P Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. C Amen.



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Please be seated.

### **GREETING**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit is with you all.

C And also with you.

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE

## Now The Feast and Celebration



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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray:

Almighty God, 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 the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. C Amen.

### **WORD**

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

### FIRST LESSON

L A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup>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.

<sup>2</sup>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.

<sup>3</sup>For I am the LORD your God,

the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom,

Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

<sup>4</sup>Because you are precious in my sight,

and honored, and I love you,

I give people in return for you,

nations in exchange for your life.

<sup>5</sup>Do not fear, for I am with you;

I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you;

6I 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—

<sup>7</sup>everyone who is called by my name,

whom I created for my glory,

whom I formed and made."

- L The Word of the Lord
- C Thanks be to God

## PSALM 29 Spoken responsively.

- L <sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- C <sup>2</sup>Ascribe to the LORD the glory **due God's name**; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

- L <sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- C <sup>4</sup>The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
- L <sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- C 6the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- L <sup>7</sup>The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes.
- C 8The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- L <sup>9</sup>The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the LORD all are **crying**, "Glory!"
- C <sup>10</sup>The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.
- L <sup>11</sup>O LORD, give strength to your people; give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

## SECOND LESSON

L A reading from Acts.

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

- L The Word of the Lord
- C Thanks be to God

Please stand for the reading of the gospel.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



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GOSPEL Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

P The holy gospel according to Luke.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>15</sup>As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>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."

<sup>21</sup>Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup>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."

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

### **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

Ciara Jones

SERMON Rev. Wes Smith

Please take out the hymnal and stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY You Are Mine ELW 581

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

P Gathered together by the power of the Holy Spirit we confess our common faith:

C I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

# I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary,

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,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come 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.

<sup>\*</sup>Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

<sup>\*\*</sup> meaning the church universal

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Celebrating the coming of the One who brings the reign of God to all people, let us pray for the world God loves, the Church God calls, and all people according to their needs

God of light and darkness,

through water and Word

you shine your light into the darkness of our lives.

We give thanks for this incredible gift.

Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P God of love,

your love comes in spite of our animosity;

you bring reconciliation to those who are divided.

We pray for better relations between Canada and its native peoples.

Strengthen us to be peacemakers.

Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P God of hope and fear,

you walk with us through the challenges which surround us.

Wash away our anxiety by your promised presence,

and set us free from despair. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P God of church and world,

in baptism you unify yourself with our world

and bring your reign into being.

Keep us from seeing your love as a hiding place.

Motivate us to infuse the world with your justice. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P God of health and illness.

there is nothing that separates us from your love.

Inspire us to bring your health to the sick,

your encouragement to the discouraged,

your promise to the dying. This day we pray especially for Roselynn, Jeana, The Eugenio Family, Deborha, LCFS, Ed, David, Martin, Candice, and Dorothy and for all those we now name in our heart or before you now. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P God of life and death,

all that exists is from you, and for you.

Enable us to trust your baptismal promise,

and serve this hurting world.

Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P We are joined in baptism to Christ and to one another. Bless those who are newly baptized and those who are preparing for baptism. Help us to be faithful in fellowship, worship, evangelism, service, and justice-seeking. Lord in your mercy

C hear our prayer.

P God who shines in the darkness, receive these prayers and the prayers of our hearts, in the name of the one who is your light, Jesus Christ our Lord. C Amen.

## **GREETING OF PEACE**

- P The peace of Christ is with you always.
- C And also with you.

In this age of social-distancing, you are invited to shake hands as you are comfortable or leave a word of peace in the comment section of the worship broadcast. Send greetings to a church member, a person you don't recognize, or simply like or love someone else's post. In all things spread peace.

**MEAL** 

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

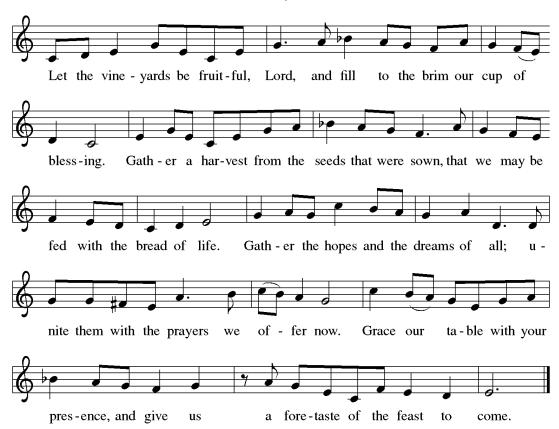
**VOLUNTARY** 

Living Water of Life ~Sanctuary Choir~

Lantz

#### **OFFERING**

## Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful



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### **OFFERING PRAYER**

P Let us Pray.

Good and loving God, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. C Amen

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

### **DIALOGUE**

P The Lord is with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

### **PREFACE**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,

that we should at all times and in all places

give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,

through our Savior Jesus Christ;

who on this day overcame death and the grave,

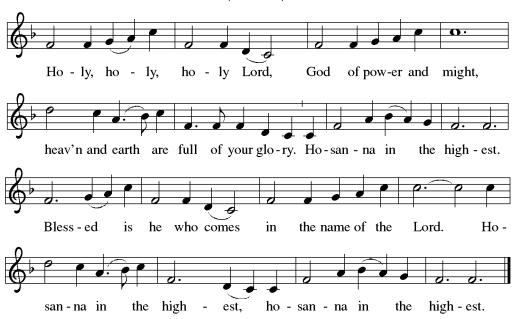
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,

with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



#### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,

the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

C Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

P With this bread and cup

we remember your Word dwelling among us,

full of grace and truth.

We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.

We look with hope for his coming.

C Come, Lord Jesus.

P Holy God, we long for your Spirit.

Come among us.

Bless this meal.

May your Word take flesh in us.

Awaken your people.

Fill us with your light.

Bring the gift of peace on earth.

C Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours,

Holy One of Israel,

Word of God incarnate,

Power of the Most High,

one God, now and forever. C Amen.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

C 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 forever. Amen

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Taste and see that the Lord is good.

### **COMMUNION**

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you. Amen.

## **COMMUNION SONG**



## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray.

Radiant God, with our eyes we have seen your salvation, and in this meal we have feasted on your grace. May your Word take flesh in us, that we may be your holy people, revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. C Amen.

#### **SENDING**

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

## SENDING OF COMMUNION

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and give you peace. C Amen.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

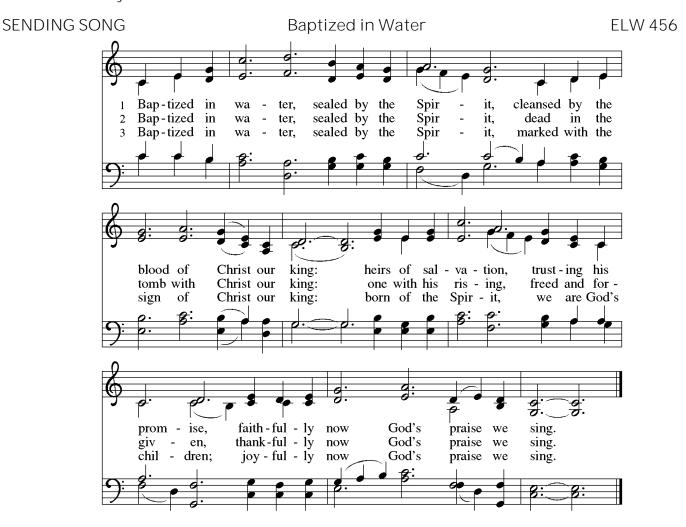
#### **BLESSING**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. C Amen.

Please stand as you are able.



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## DISMISSAL

P You are the body of Christ risen up for the sake of the world. Go in peace. Share the good news.

C Thanks be to God.

## **POSTLUDE**

## **Upcoming Commemorations**

# Adrian of Canterbury, teacher, died around 710 (TFF) Sunday, January 9, 2022

African by birth, Adrian (or Hadrian) worked with Theodore, archbishop of Canterbury, in developing the church in England. He was director of a school at which church leaders were trained.

# Martin Luther King Jr., renewer of society, martyr, died 1968 Saturday, January 15, 2022

An American prophet of justice among races and nations, King was an eloquent preacher, a leader of the nonviolent resistance to race-segregated society, and recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. Born on this date, he was assassinated on April 4, 1968.



## SERVING US AT WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

Pastor: Rev. Wesley Smith, III

Director of Music & Organist: Rhonda Blacklock

Lector: Paul Schmidt

**Usher:** Bob Behrend

Financial Assistants: Rose Conrad, Tom Jones

Communion Assistant: Becky Porter

A/V Assistant: Ray Boucher

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