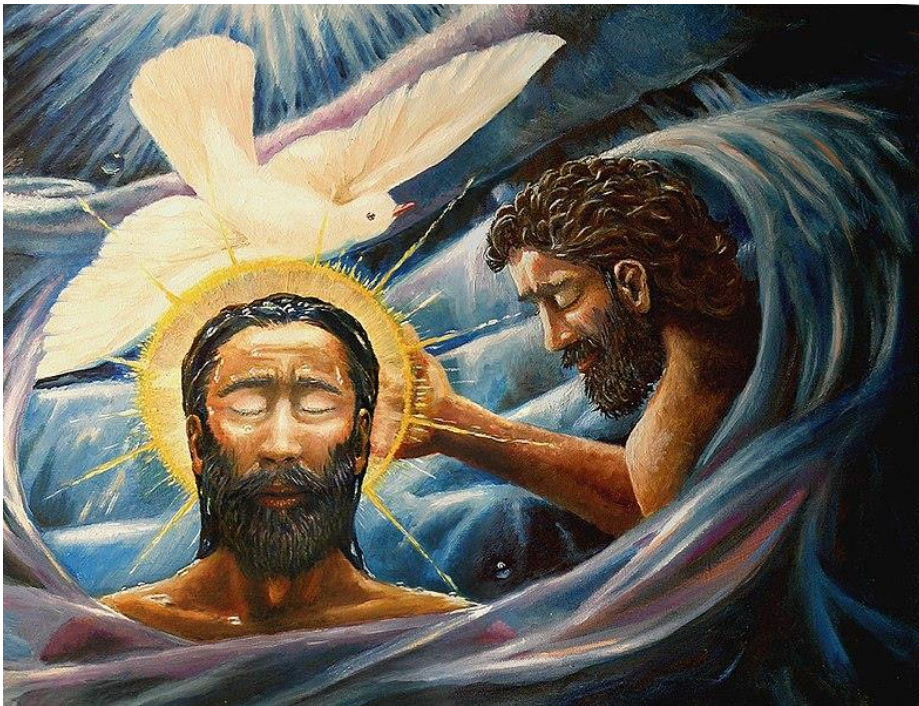


The Anglican Parish of  
St. Peter and St. Paul  
January 8 2023  
Home Church Connections Service  
Baptism of our Lord



“Nourishing Faith and Community”

## Words of Welcome

### The Gathering of the Community

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

**And also with you.**

Almighty God,

**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**

**Lord have mercy, have mercy on us.**

Let us pray,

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

#### Reading One: Isaiah 42:1-9

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 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.*

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 29

A Psalm of David.

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendour.**

The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.

**The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

**He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire. The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

**The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, ‘Glory!’**

The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king for ever.

**May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!**

Reading Two: Acts 10:34-43

A reading from Acts of the Apostles.

*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.'*

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading: Matthew 3:13-17

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

**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.'*

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

Sermon: *The Rev Gail Rodger*

Announcements

Hear O Israel (*please stand*)

**Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first and the great commandment.**

**The second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.**

Confession and Absolution  
(*Iona Traditional*)

Dear friends in Christ, not out of dread or fear, but believing that God is faithful to forgive, let us rid ourselves of what we need to carry no longer. (*Silence is kept*)

**Eternal God, maker of the skies above,  
Lowly Christ, born amidst the growing earth,  
Spirit of life, wind over the flowing waters,  
in earth, sea and sky you are there.  
O hidden mystery, sun behind all suns, soul behind all souls,**

**in everything we touch, in everyone we meet, your presence is around us, and we give you thanks, but when we have not touched but trampled your creation, when we have not met but missed you in one another, when we have not received but rejected you in the poor, forgive us, and hear our plea for mercy.**

Listen to the words of Jesus for all who are truly sorry and seek to renew their lives: “Your sins are forgiven. Go in peace, come, follow me.”

**Lead us now, Holy God, to acknowledge your costly generosity by living as forgiven people, until heaven and earth rejoice and the whole earth cries, Glory! Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving

#### Prayer of Thanksgiving

Accept and bless, O God, the gifts we offer and pour out upon us, your Spirit of abundant giving; that as we have freely received, so we may freely give, to the glory of your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### Prayers of the People

##### The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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.**

Saying Farewell

Tributes from the Parish

Doxology

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.**

The Blessing

The blessing of the Holy Trinity; the loving Creator, who is the source of all being, of Jesus Christ who is the love incarnate in the world, and the ever present Holy Spirit, hold you, surround you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Dismissal:**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**



## Weekly Cycles of Prayer

We pray for The Church in Jerusalem; for Linda Nicholls, our Primate; ; Chris Harper, the National Indigenous Archbishop; Diocese of Caledonia - Bishop David Lehmann.; and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada.

In our diocese, we pray for our bishop, The Right Rev. Anna Greenwood-Lee; and Saint Barnabas, Victoria, The Rev. Travis O'Brian.

In our region, we pray for The Abbey Church, The Rev. Matthew W. Humphrey, The Rev. Meagan Crosby-Shearer, and Rob Crosby-Shearer.

In our parish we pray for Suzanne Karas; Fred King; Bruce and Faye Kirkpatrick; Rhonda Koch, Rob and Teresa Krause; and Paul and Jolene LaHay.

In our community we pray for Our Place Society, The Mustard Seed and those experiencing homelessness in our society.

For the month of January, we pray for our Pastoral Care Team.

Welcome to all those visiting us at St. Peter and St. Paul.

We welcome saints, seekers and sinners as we live into a life in Christ, learning about and from one another as we worship God together. Christ binds us together in love through our diversity. If you are comfortable, please give us your name and address so we can add you to our weekly prayer list. We are looking forward to getting to know you better.

### Territorial Acknowledgement

We worship on the traditional lands of the Esquimalt, Songhees and other Nations of the Salish and Coast Salish Peoples. We, who came from many lands to join the line of those worshipping here, commit our Church to continue the journey of truth and reconciliation with our First Nations' neighbours.

### **Housing needed for a Syrian Refugee Family**

Back in 2015, Esquimalt United Church and the broader Esquimalt community were raising funds and mobilizing to welcome a small Syrian refugee family of 3: mom, dad, and a then 2-year-old son (who is now 9 years old). After 7 long years, during which this family has lived hand-to-mouth in Turkey, they are finally able to come to Canada, and will be arriving around January 23<sup>rd</sup>. The immediate need is accommodation. We're seeking a 2-bedroom suite for the last week in January, to tide us over to February when we hope to have permanent accommodation. And we're also looking for leads on a longer-term 2-bedroom apartment, beginning in February. If you can help, please contact Susan Gage ([susanmgage@gmail.com](mailto:susanmgage@gmail.com)) or Bill Emery ([waemery@telus.net](mailto:waemery@telus.net)).

AGM IS COMING SOON!

REPORTS ARE DUE BY THE END OF JANUARY.

PLEASE EMAIL YOURS TO THE OFFICE AT [admin@stpeterandpaul.ca](mailto:admin@stpeterandpaul.ca)

Reports that are expected include:

Building Memorial Fund

Rector's Report

Wardens' Report

Nominating Committee Report

Treasurer's Report

Altar Guild

Church and Hall Maintenance

Gardening and Landscape

Envelope Secretary

Pastoral Care

Safe Church

Mission and Outreach

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