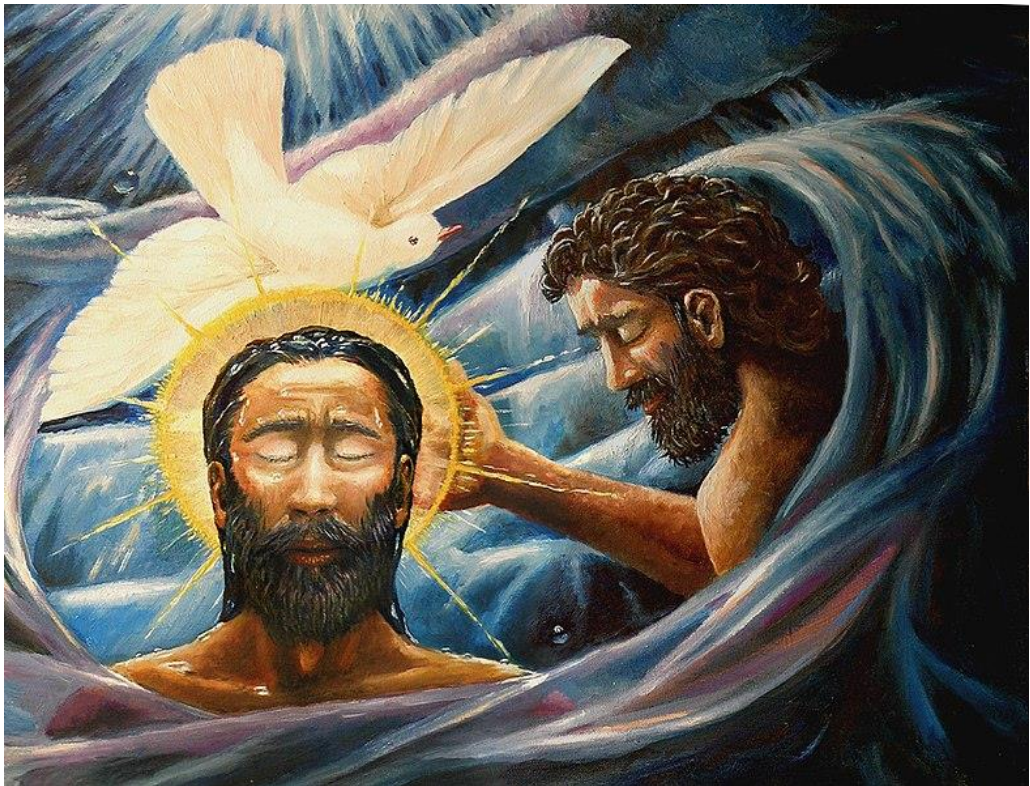


The Anglican Parish of
St. Peter and St. Paul
January 8th 2023
The Baptism of The Lord



“Nourishing faith and community”

Prelude

Words of Welcome *(Please stand as clergy enters)*

Musical opening All Are Welcome

(Text and music: Marty Haugen (1994) GIA Publications; One License)

*Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live.
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of
grace.*

Here the love of Christ shall end divisions.

All are welcome, all are welcome

All are welcome in this place.

*Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and
true.*

*Where all God's children dare to seek, to dream God's reign anew
Here the cross shall stand as witness, and a symbol of God's grace
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus*

All are welcome, all are welcome

All are welcome in this place.

*Let us build a house where love is found, in water, wine and wheat.
A banquet hall on holy ground, where peace and justice meet
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us.*

All are welcome, all are welcome

All are welcome in this place.

*Let us build a house where hands will reach, beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.*

*Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger.*

***All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.***

*Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed, as words within the Word.*

*Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter.*

***All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.***

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**

Gloria (sung)

(Daniel Schutte Mass of Christ One licence)

**Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest
And on earth, peace on earth
Peace to people of goodwill.**

**We praise you, we bless You
We adore you, we glorify You
We give you thanks,
For your great glory.
Lord God heavenly King,
O God Almighty Father.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Begotten Son.
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.
You take away the sin of the world,
Have mercy on us.
You take away the sin of the world,
Receive our prayer.
You are seated at the right hand
The right hand of the Father
Have mercy on us.**

**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.**

**Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest
And on earth, peace on earth
Peace to people of good will.**

Amen, Amen.

Kyrie (sung)

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

**Kyrie Eleison
Christie Eleison
Kyrie Eleison, eleison**

**Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy
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 Hymn CP 656 She Comes Sailing on the Wind (*Please stand*)

(Text and Melody): Gordon Light (1944-) © 1987 One Licence)

Refrain:

*She comes sailing on the wind, her wings flashing in the sun,
on a journey just begun, she flies on.*

*And in the passage of her flight, her song rings out through the night;
full of laughter, full of light, she flies on.*

*Silent waters rocking on the morning of our birth,
like an empty cradle waiting to be filled,
and from the heart of God the Spirit moved upon the earth,
like a mother breathing life into her child.*

*Many were the dreamers whose eyes were given sight
when the Spirit filled their dreams with life and form.
Deserts turned to gardens, broken hearts found new delight,
and then down the ages still she flew on. **Refrain.***

*To a gentle girl in Galilee a gentle breeze she came,
a whisper softly calling in the dark
the promise of a child of peace whose reign would never end,
Mary sang the spirit song within her heart.*

*Flying to the river, she waited circling high
above the child now grown so full of grace.
As he rose up from the water, she swept down from the sky,
and she carried him away in her embrace. **Refrain.***

*Long after the deep darkness that fell upon the world,
after dawn returned in flame of rising sun,
the spirit touched the earth again, again her wings unfurled,
bringing life in wind and fire as she flew on. **Refrain.***

Celtic Alleluia (sung)

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Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

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.

Celtic Alleluia (sung)

(Fintan O'Caroll and Chris Walker OCP Publications One License)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Sermon: *The Reverend Gail Rodger*

Musical Moment for Reflection

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.

Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; welcoming of sinners and inviting us to table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness. *(Silence is kept)*

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.

(Please stand)

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 the Christ. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Hymn: : CP 649 Breathe of Me Breath of God (please be seated for this hymn)

(Edward Hatch, Public Domain, Modern Language version)

*Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life anew,
that I may love the way you love, and do what you would do.*

*Breathe on me, breath of God, until my heart is pure,
until my will is one with yours, to do and to endure.*

*Breathe on me, breath of God, till I am wholly thine
until the earthly part of me glows with your fire divine.*

*Breathe on me, breath of God, so shall I never die,
but live with you the perfect life for all eternity.*

Prayer over the Gifts:

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.

Eucharistic Prayer *(Please stand)*

(Book of Alternative Service EP #1; musical setting CP719 The Great Thanksgiving setting #1)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God, for you created all things. You formed us in your own image: in our humanity you created us. When we turned away from you in sin, you did not cease to care for us, but opened a path of salvation for all people. You made a covenant with Israel, and through your servants Abraham and Sarah gave the promise of a blessing to all nations. Through Moses you led your people from bondage into freedom; through the prophets you renewed your promise of salvation. Therefore, with them, and with all your saints who have served you in every age, we give thanks and raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name:

(sung)

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

**God of power and might
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners; he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and to those in need. In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to death, 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."

Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death; by raising him to life you give us life for evermore. Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

(sung)

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his coming again in glory, we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. (sung) **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

(Musical setting VU960 R Langdon)

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

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 them that 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.

The Breaking of the Bread

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

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

The table of love is offered for all people. It is Christ who invites us to meet love incarnate here, and all are welcome.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thank be to God.

The Communion

(Communion will be offered from a standing position in front of the choir pews. It will be offered in one kind (bread only). It is the belief within the Anglican Church that receiving in one kind is considered full communion. If receiving, please walk single file on the right to the front. Remove mask and sanitize your hands just prior to receiving and re-mask to return to your seat. Responses to receiving the host include: Amen: Hallelujah; or Thanks be to God.)

Instrumental musical selections during communion

Prayer after Communion *(please stand)*

Let us pray,

Gracious God, lover of all, by this sacrament you make us one family, one in the sharing of the bread and wine, one in the communion of the Holy 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 your holy name. **Amen.**

Saying Farewell

Recognition from the Diocese: The Very Reverend Ansley Tucker
Tributes from the Parish: People's warden Licette Howe and The Reverend Gail Rodger
The Reverend SuSan Gurd-Jensen.

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.**

Musical Sending: VU639 One More Step Along the World I Go

(Text and music Sydney Carter 1971 Hope Publishing One Licence)

*One more step along the world I go
One more step along the world I go
From the old things to the new
Keep me traveling along with you
And it's from the old I travel to the new
Keep me traveling along with you*

*'Round the corners of the world I turn
More and more about the world I learn
And the new things that I see
You'll be looking at along with me
And it's from the old I travel to the new
Keep me traveling along with you*

*As I travel through the bad and good
Keep me traveling the way I should*

*Where I see no way to go
You'll be telling me the way, I know
And it's from the old I travel to the new
Keep me traveling along with you*

*Give me courage when the world is rough
Keep me loving though the world is tough
Leap and sing in all I do
Keep me traveling along with you
And it's from the old I travel to the new
Keep me traveling along with you*

*You are older than the world can be
You are younger than the life in me
Ever old and ever new
Keep me traveling along with you
And it's from the old I travel to the new
Keep me traveling along with*

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

All are welcome to stay for light lunch after service

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.

Sanctuary Flowers for February

If you have a special event, or want to offer flowers in memory of someone, please speak to Marilyn Mincey by Sunday January 29th for flowers to be available in February.

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.

Washrooms are found in the hall, up the stairs, on the right.

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 23rd. 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) or Bill Emery (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

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

A reminder that anything to be discussed at the AGM must first be cleared by Parish Council to be on the Agenda.

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