

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

Diocese of Ottawa



THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT BAPTISM OF MYLA MAYITA MAZAMBANI

December 13th, 2020 at 9:30 am

PRELUDE

Now Come, Saviour of the Nations, BWV 659 (J.S. Bach)

Please observe a time of silence in the church beginning at 9:25 am during the prelude and the ringing of the bell.

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Dear friends, we gather this morning on the traditional territory of the Algonquin Nation, and we recognize the continuing presence of First Nations, Métis and Inuit in this region.

May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.

Here let heaven and earth embrace;
here may God's people find home.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

John asked Jesus, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?"

Jesus said, "The blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear.

The dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. Blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.

Truly I tell you, no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

We light the candles of peace and hope and joy to light our way as we journey.

The first, second and third candles are lit.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRESENTATION & EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE

The candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

I present Myla Mayita to receive the sacrament of baptism.

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is nurtured in the faith and life of the Christian community? *I will, with God's help.*

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ? *I will, with God's help.*

Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God? *I renounce them.*

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God? *I renounce them.*

Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God? *I renounce them.*

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your saviour? *I do.*

Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love? *I do.*

Do you promise to obey him as your Lord? *I do.*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Myla in her life in Christ? **We will.**

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE

Let us now pray for Myla who is to receive the sacrament of new birth.

Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Open his heart to your grace and truth. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Teach Myla to love others in the power of the Spirit. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Send her into the world in witness to your love. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, almighty God and Creator, for by the gift of water you nourish and sustain all living things.

Blessed be God for ever.

We give you thanks that through the waters of the Red Sea, you led your people out of slavery to freedom in the promised land.

Blessed be God for ever.

We give you thanks for sending your Son Jesus. For us he was baptized by John in the river Jordan. For us he was anointed as Christ by your Holy Spirit. For us he suffered the baptism of his own death and resurrection, setting us free from the bondage of sin and death, and opening to us the joy and freedom of everlasting life.

Blessed be God for ever.

We give you thanks for your Holy Spirit who teaches us and leads us into all truth, filling us with his gifts so that we might proclaim the gospel to all nations and serve you as a royal priesthood.

Blessed be God for ever.

We give you thanks for you have called Myla to new life through the waters of baptism.

Now sanctify this water, that your servants who are washed in it may be made one with Christ in his death and resurrection, to be cleansed and delivered from all sin. Anoint them with your Holy Spirit and bring them to new birth in the family of your Church, that they may become inheritors of your glorious kingdom.

We give you praise and honour and worship through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

Blessed are you, our strength and song, and our salvation.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own 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. Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

Myla Mayita, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

I sign you with the cross, and mark you as Christ's own for ever.

Loving God, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit.

Give her 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.**

THE GIVING OF LIGHT

Receive the light of Christ, to show that you have passed from darkness to light.

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

THE GOSPEL

John 1:6-8, 19-28

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, 'I am not the Messiah.' And they asked him, 'What then? Are you Elijah?' He said, 'I am not.' 'Are you the prophet?' He answered, 'No.' Then they said to him, 'Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?' He said, 'I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, "Make straight the way of the Lord"', as the prophet Isaiah said.

Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, 'Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?' John answered them, 'I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.' This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

ORGAN

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THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

During The Peace please remain in your place and acknowledge those around you while remaining physically distant.

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God our strength, we are nothing without you. Receive all we offer you this day as you sustain us with your mercy; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

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.

Worship and praise belong to you, God our creator, in every place and at all times. You made us, all the people of the world, and everything that is.

You give us the daylight. Your Word lights up our minds. Jesus was born among us to be light in our darkness.

Your Spirit lives in us so that we can look at the world with your eyes.

One day we will be with you in heaven, but already we laugh with the saints and angels, and sing their joyful song:

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.

Loving God, you never forget us or turn away from us, even when we fail you. You sent your Son Jesus who gave his life for us.

He healed those who were sick, cared for those who were poor, and cried with those who were sad. He forgave sinners and taught us to forgive.

For all your love we give you thanks in the way that Jesus showed us.

On the night before he died, while he was having supper with his friends, he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my body: it is broken for you."

After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

So, as we do what Jesus told us, we open our hearts to him; we remember how he died and rose again to live now in us. Together with him we offer you these gifts: in them we give you ourselves.

Send your Holy Spirit on us ✠ and on this bread and this wine, that they may be the body and the blood of Christ, and that, sharing your life, we may travel in your company to our journey's end.

With all your people we give you thanks and praise through the Son and in the Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour has taught us, so we 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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Silence is kept.

The living bread is broken for the life of the world.

Lord, unite us in this sign.

The gifts of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

*Please remain in your pews, the Celebrant will come to you to distribute communion or offer a blessing. **All** wafers today are gluten-free. Please do not remove your mask to consume the host until the priest has moved at least six feet away from you.*

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Faithful God, we thank you for feeding us with this heavenly banquet. Help us always to hear the prophet's call to turn our hearts to you; in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Loving God,

we have broken the bread which is Christ's body, we have tasted the wine of his new life. We thank you for these gifts by which we are made one in him and drawn into that new creation which is your will for all humankind; through him who died for us and rose again, your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

May the grace of Christ, the love of God, and the joy of the Spirit surround and bless you ✠ as you walk in the hope of the Lord. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

Praise God, Ye Christians BWV 609 (J.S. Bach)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

<i>Presider</i>	The Venerable Pat Johnston
<i>Deacon & Preacher</i>	The Reverend Dr Caroline Ducros
<i>Organist</i>	Dr Gordon Johnston

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