The Baptism of the Lord

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2023

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St Paul's Cathedral

LONDON, ONTARIO | ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF HURON

8:00am HOLY EUCHARIST (Book of Common Prayer)

The Baptism of the Lord

Presider and Preacher: The Rt. Rev. Robert Bennett

The service begins on page 67 in the *Book of Common Prayer*.

The Collect is on page 119.

The Lesson is written in the 10th chapter of the Book of Acts beginning at the 34th verse.
Peter began to speak to the Gentiles: "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."
Here endeth the Lesson.

The Holy Gospel is written in the 3rd chapter of the Gospel according to Saint Matthew beginning at the 13th verse.
Glory be to thee, O Lord.
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 be to thee, O Christ.

Coffee Hour – After the service please come for coffee in Cronyn Hall.

10:00am HOLY EUCHARIST (Book of Alternative Services)

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

Prelude *Berceuse* Louis Vierne

Opening Hymn *Sing of God Made Manifest* **Blue Book 162**

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY **Green Book p. 185**

Greeting

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Collect for Purity

Glory to God Blue Book 686

The Collect of the Day

Presider 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.

People **Amen.**

"Children's Corner" Children are welcome to join Heather at the back of the Cathedral.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading *Isaiah 42:1-9*

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.

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

Psalm *29* John Goss
Green Book p. 738

Second Reading *Acts 10:34-43*

Peter began to speak to the Gentiles: "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."

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

Gradual Hymn *Healer of Our Every Ill* **Blue Book 612**

Holy Gospel *Matthew 3:13-17*

Reader The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **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."

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

Homily *Please be seated*

Prayers

Deacon Let us pray.

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

Deacon Open our hearts to your grace and truth.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

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

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

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

Deacon Grant, O Lord, that all who have been 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.**

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise**.

Presider We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through water you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we celebrate our fellowship in him in faith.

We pray that all who have passed through the water of baptism may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Presider Dear friends, through the paschal mystery we have been buried with Christ in baptism, so that we may rise with him to a new life. On this holy day, let us renew the promises we made in baptism, when we rejected Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy catholic Church.

Presider Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?
People **I do.**

Presider Do you believe in God the Father?
People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Presider Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People **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.**

Presider Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People **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.**

Presider Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider God the creator, the rock of our salvation, has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, through our Lord Jesus Christ. May he keep us faithful to our calling, now and for ever.
Amen.

Peace **p. 192**

Offertory Hymn *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* **Blue Book 508**

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider 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.
People **Amen.**

Today's Eucharistic Prayer is taken from the Scottish Liturgy 1982 Eucharistic Prayer V**.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider Worship and praise belong to you, Father, 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 **Blue Book 735**

Presider Father, 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 he 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 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.

People **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer **p. 211**

Breaking of the Bread

Presider We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

All **God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.**

Communion **p. 213**

Please move to the communion station closest to you.

Jesus Lamb of God **Blue Book 747**

Communion Motet *Come, Holy Ghost our souls inspire* Th. Attwood

Prayer after Communion

Presider Let us pray.
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.

People **Amen.**

Doxology **p. 214**

Post Communion Hymn *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* **Blue Book 486**

Blessing & Dismissal

The Deacon dismisses the congregation in these or similar words:

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Allegro Risoluto (from 'Symphonie No. 2')* Louis Vierne

Coffee Hour

After the service please come for coffee in Cronyn Hall.

The Flowers at the High Altar are to the Glory of God and in loving memory of a daughter, and sister Susan, given by Marian, Tom and Catherine Haggerty.

Diocese of Huron Chain of Prayer – Today we pray for the parishes of St. John's, Port Elgin; St. Paul's, Southampton; and Christ Church, Tara.

Intercessions – Bill, Christina, Ann & Ellis, Trent, Ken, John & Stacey, Carole, Robert, Marie & John, Zoe, Jack, Gerald, Bonnie & family, Eileen, Jean, Terry, Jan, Holly, Krista, Patricia, Helen, Hunter, Gertrude, Angela, Linda & family, Florence, Allan, Bev, and Kim.

This service is being live-streamed and recorded.

Presider – **The Reverend Michael DeKay**
Preacher – **The Right Reverend Robert Bennett**
Intercessor – **The Reverend Pat Henderson**
Organist – **Ian Sadler**
Servers – **Edwin Amah, Doug Campbell, Benjamin Vazquez**
Lay Administrants – **Bette Ferguson, Nancy Shipston, John Shipston**
Reader – **Scott Davis**
Greeter – **John & Sylvia Lacon**
Children's Ministry – **Heather Clark**
Bell Ringer – **Murray Hunter**
Wardens – **Gord Rolleston and Marilyn Freeman**
Live Stream – **Jade Vajna** / *Sound Technician* – **Daniel Aldcroft**

Wednesday Holy Eucharist Services @ 12:15pm
St. Aidan's Chapel. All are welcome.

2022 Income Tax Year End Donations – Donations for 2022 will close on January 8, 2023. Please date your cheque for December 31, 2022 to make sure it is counted towards your 2022 tax receipt.

2023 Offering Envelopes – are in alphabetical order at the back of the Cathedral. Please let us know if you would like envelopes. We would be happy to provide you with a new 2023 set and your very own envelope number.

Vestry Reports – advanced notice. For those of you who need to submit reports for our annual vestry meeting, they are due to Carrie in the Office no later than noon on Wednesday, January 13, 2023. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to one of the wardens.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22 is in the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**, and we warmly welcome to our 10:00am Holy Eucharist liturgy, guest homilist, The Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence, Minister of Worship and Congregational Life at First-St. Andrews United Church in London, Ontario.

Patronal Festival – Sunday, January 29 at the 10:00am Eucharist, we will celebrate the Patronal Festival of our Cathedral on the Feast of The Conversion of St Paul (a Holy Day in our Anglican Church's calendar). Bishop Barry Clarke will be our guest preacher.

The Right Reverend Todd Townshend	**Ian Sadler**
Bishop of Huron	*Organist & Director of Music*
The Right Reverend Robert F. Bennett	**Heather Clark**
Interim Bishop-in-Charge	*Children's Ministry*
The Reverend Michael E. DeKay	**Carrie Fieldhouse**
Vicar	*Parish Coordinator*
The Reverend Pat Henderson	**Gregory Childs and Gord Rolleston**
Deacon	*Church Wardens*
The Reverend Dr. Virginia C. Lane	**Marsha Lemon**
Honorary Assistant	*Deputy Church Warden*
The Reverend Canon Marian Haggerty	**Marilyn Freeman and Marilyn Papple**
Honorary Assistant	*Past Church Wardens*

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