

The Anglican Church of St. John the Divine

The Baptism of the Lord

January 8, 2023

As people of God, we celebrate Christ in the heart of Victoria through joyful worship, building inclusive community, and putting faith into action.

St. John's acknowledges these ancestral lands of the Lekwungen speaking people.

We are an inclusive and affirming parish; the sacraments of the church (baptism, communion and marriage) are available to all people on equal terms. Christ welcomes you, and so do we.



Welcome to the Parish Church of St. John the Divine, Victoria. We are a community of faith in the Anglican Tradition, seeking to live lives of faith, hope, and love as part of this community of Downtown Victoria. We are on a journey of learning to be a welcoming, inviting, inclusive, and serving community which is open to all.

Our worship reflects our rootedness in the Anglican tradition, whilst drawing on liturgies that reflect the long history and heritage of our Christian faith. Please join in as you feel able, and enjoy the words, music, and opportunity for prayer and to be a part of our community.

St. John's is open for in-person worship at 10am (Holy Eucharist) and 5:00pm (BCP Evensong) as well as mid-week services (please see our website for times). As we seek to care for one another, masks are encouraged, but at the discretion of the individual. If you can't attend in person we invite you to join us via Zoom (email admin@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca for the link) or through the livestream on the Website: www.stjohnthedivine.bc.ca

We continue to share daily prayer online with a link on our website.

Contacting Us: Please email us at admin@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca. or call 250-383-7169. If you wish to receive prayer for yourself or for another, there will be members of our Pastoral Care Team who will offer their prayers. Please contact the church office at the above email address.

You are very welcome here. We don't always get it right; please let us know when we do, and when we don't. Please stay and be a part of our family, for however long you would like.

10:00 am Parish Eucharist

*The congregation is invited to join in the hymns, responses and prayers marked in **bold** print.*

Presider: The Venerable Alastair Singh-McCollum

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Music: The Choristers of St. John the Divine

The MacRae Choral Scholars

David Stratkauskas, Director of Music

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Prelude

Land Acknowledgement and Welcome

The Church Family Prayer

Loving God,
**All: you have called us to be your family
and to celebrate our life together in worship.
We pray now, for all members of our family
as we gather in our church buildings, our homes, and online.
Through your spirit keep us united in love.
Bless each of us with your beloved friendship.
Teach us, gracious God, how to be your church in these times.
Help us to know that we are your people,
that we are your Family, always.
Amen.**



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| <p>1. The people that in darkness sat
a glorious light have seen;
the Light has shined on them who long
in shades of death have been.</p> <p>2. To hail thee, Sun of Righteousness,
the gathering nations come;
they joy as when the reapers bear
their harvest treasures home.</p> <p>3. For thou their burden dost remove,
and break the tyrant's rod,
as in the day when Midian fell
before the sword of God.</p> | <p>4. For unto us a child is born,
to us a Son is given,
and on his shoulder ever rests
all power in earth and heaven.</p> <p>5. His name shall be the Prince of Peace,
the everlasting Lord,
the Wonderful, the Counsellor,
the God by all adored.</p> <p>6. Lord Jesus, reign in us we pray,
and make us thine alone,
who with the Father ever art
and Holy Spirit one.</p> |
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Text: John Morison (1750-1798).
Music: Scottish Psalter, 1615.

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

All: And also with you.

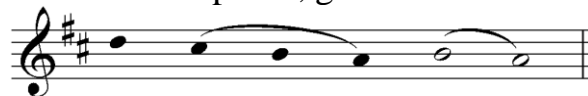
Almighty God,
**All: to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Gloria



Cantor: Glo - ry be to God on high

Choir: And on earth peace, good will towards all.



All: We praise you

Choir: We bless you.



All: We wor - ship you.

Choir: We glorify you.



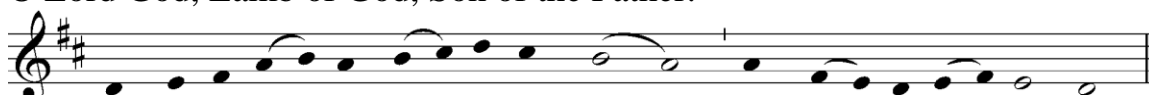
All: We give thanks to you for your great glo - ry.

Choir: O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.



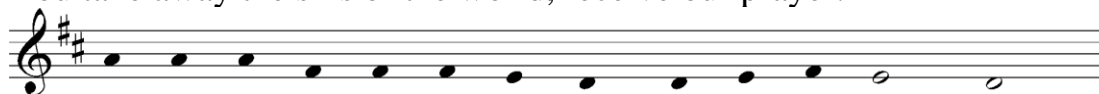
All: O Lord, the on - ly be-got-ten Son, Je - sus Christ.

Choir: O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.



All: You take a way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

Choir: You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.



All: You are seat - ed at the right hand of God the Fa - ther,



have mer - cy up - on us.

Choir: For you only are holy.



All: You on - ly are the Lord.

Choir: You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father.



All: A - - - men.

Translation: Book of Common Prayer, modernised. Music: Missa viii, 'De Angelis'

The Collect of the Day

The Presider invites all to pray. Silence is kept.

God of glory,
immerse us in your grace,
mark us with your image,
and raise us to live our baptismal promises,
so that, empowered by the Holy Spirit,
we may follow the example of Christ our beloved
in whose name we pray.

All: Amen.

Revised Common Lectionary Prayers

The Proclamation of the Word

Let us listen to the Word of God in Holy Scripture.

The 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, ho 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.

All: Thanks be to God.

Ascribe to God, you gods, ascribe to God glory and strength.

Ascribe to God the glory due God's Name; worship God in the beauty of holiness.

The voice of God is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; God is upon the mighty waters.

The voice of God is a powerful voice; the voice of God is a voice of splendour.

The voice of God breaks the cedar trees; God breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

God makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

The voice of God splits the flames of fire; the voice of God shakes the wilderness;
God shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of God makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.

And in the temple of God all are crying, "Glory!"

God sits enthroned above the flood; God sits enthroned as Ruler for evermore.

God shall give strength to God's people; God shall give God's people the blessing of peace.

Inclusive Language Psalter: A New Gender-Inclusive Adaptation of the Book of Psalms,
Based on the 1979 Book of Common Prayer Text (Version for Congregational Use)
Edited and adapted by Adam Waddell, Hannah Bowman,
the Rev. K.D. Jouce, and the Rev. Bailey Pickens

The Epistle

Acts 10:34-43

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.

All: Thanks be to God.



1. The sinless one to Jordan came
to share our fallen nature's blame;
God's righteousness he thus fulfilled
and chose the path his Father willed.
2. Uprising from the waters there,
the voice from heaven did witness bear
that he, the Son of God, had come
to lead his scattered people home.
3. Above him see the heavenly Dove,
the sign of God the Father's love,
now by the Holy Spirit shed
upon the Son's anointed head.
4. How bless'd that mission then begun
to heal and save a race undone;
straight to the wilderness he goes
to wrestle with his people's foes.
5. Dear Lord, let those baptized from sin
go forth with you, a world to win;
and send the Holy Spirit's power
to shield them in temptation's hour.
6. On you shall all your people feed
and know you are the Bread indeed,
who gives eternal life to those
that with you died, and with you rose.

Music: *Antiphoner*, Grenoble, 1753. Words: George B. Timms (1910-97)
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The Gospel

Matthew 3:13-17

Before the Gospel



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



God is with you.

All: And also with you.

Hear the good news of Jesus according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O 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.’

After the Gospel

The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Following the Sermon there will be a pause for silence.

Renewal of the Baptism Covenant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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 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.

All: Amen.

Dear friends, through the pascal mystery
we have been buried with Christ in baptism,
so that we may rise with him to a new life.
Let us renew the promises we made in baptism,
when we promised to serve God faithfully
in his holy catholic Church.

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil
and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

All: I do.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**All: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of 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?

**All: 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.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

All: I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil and,
whenever you fall into sin,
repent and return to the Lord?

All: I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example
the good news of God in Christ?

All: I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons,
loving your neighbour as yourself?

All: I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people,
and respect the dignity of every human being?

All: 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?

All: I will, with God's help.

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 God keep us faithful to our calling, now and forever.

All: Amen.

The ministers sprinkle the congregation with water from the font.

Prayers of the People

Those who have asked for our prayers are listed at the end of the leaflet.

The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

All may offer their neighbour a contactless sign of peace.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn (CP 385)

WAS LEBET



1. **Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
gold of obedience and incense of lowliness
bring, and adore him: the Lord is his name!**
2. **Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness;
high on his heart he will bear it for thee,
comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,
guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.**
3. **Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness
of the poor wealth thou canst reckon as thine;
truth in its beauty and love in its tenderness,
these are the offerings to lay on his shrine.**
4. **These though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,
he will accept for the name that is dear,
mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,
trust for our trembling, and hope for our fear.**
5. **Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
gold of obedience and incense of lowliness
bring, and adore him: the Lord is his name!**

Text: John Samuel Bewley Monsell (1811-1875).

Music: Melody – *Choral-buch* vor Johann Heinrich Rheinhardt, Üttingen, 1754.

The Prayer over the Gifts

God of all creation, all you have made is good,
and your love endures forever.
You bring forth bread from the earth
and fruit from the vine.
Nourish us with these gifts,
so that we might for the world be
signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ,
our Saviour and Lord.

All: Amen.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

As we prepare to celebrate this Eucharist, we remember that we are the people of God. Near or far we are gathered together by the love of Christ. We remember that we are incorporated into the body of Christ. We join together in this celebration of our union in Christ.

Let us pray.

Thanks be to you,

All: Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given us, and all that you have borne for us. In our sharing in this Eucharist, in Church or at home, we ask you to come spiritually into our hearts. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may we know you more clearly, love you more dearly and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer 2

Priest: The Lord be with you. *All:* And al-so with you. *Priest:* Lift up your hearts. *All:* We lift them to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *All:* It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Eternal God, Source of all being,
we give you thanks and praise
for your faithful love.
You call us into friendship
with you and one another
to be your holy people,
a sign of your presence in the world.
When those we trust betray us,
unfailingly you remain with us.
When we injure others,
you confront us in your love
and call us to the paths of righteousness.
You stand with the weak,
and those, broken and alone,
whom you have always welcomed home,
making the first last, and the last first.
Therefore we raise our voices
with angels and archangels,
forever praising you and singing:

*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.*

*Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord:
Hosanna in the highest.*

Blessed are you, O Holy One:
when Hagar was driven into the wilderness
you followed her and gave her hope.
When Joseph was sold into bondage,
you turned malice to your people's good.
When you called Israel out of slavery,
you brought them through the wilderness
into the promised land.
When your people were taken into exile
you wept with them by the river of Babylon
and carried them home.

All: Restore us, O God, let your face shine!

At the right time you sent your Anointed One
to stand with the poor,
the outcast, and the oppressed.
Jesus touched lepers, and the sick, and healed them.
He accepted water from a woman of Samaria
and offered her the water of new life.
Christ knew the desolation of the cross
and opened the way for all humanity
into the redemption of your reconciling love.

On the night he was betrayed,
Jesus, at supper with his friends,
took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread,
gave it to them, and said, "Take and 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."

Loving and Holy One,
recalling Christ's death and resurrection,
we offer you these gifts,
longing for the bread of tomorrow
and the wine of the age to come.

Therefore we proclaim our hope.

**All: Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Pour out your Spirit on these gifts
that through them you may sustain us
in our hunger for your peace.

We hold before you
all whose lives are marked by suffering,
our sisters and brothers.

When we are broken and cast aside,
embrace us in your love.

All: Restore us, O God, let your face shine!

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours,
O Source of all life,
now and for ever.

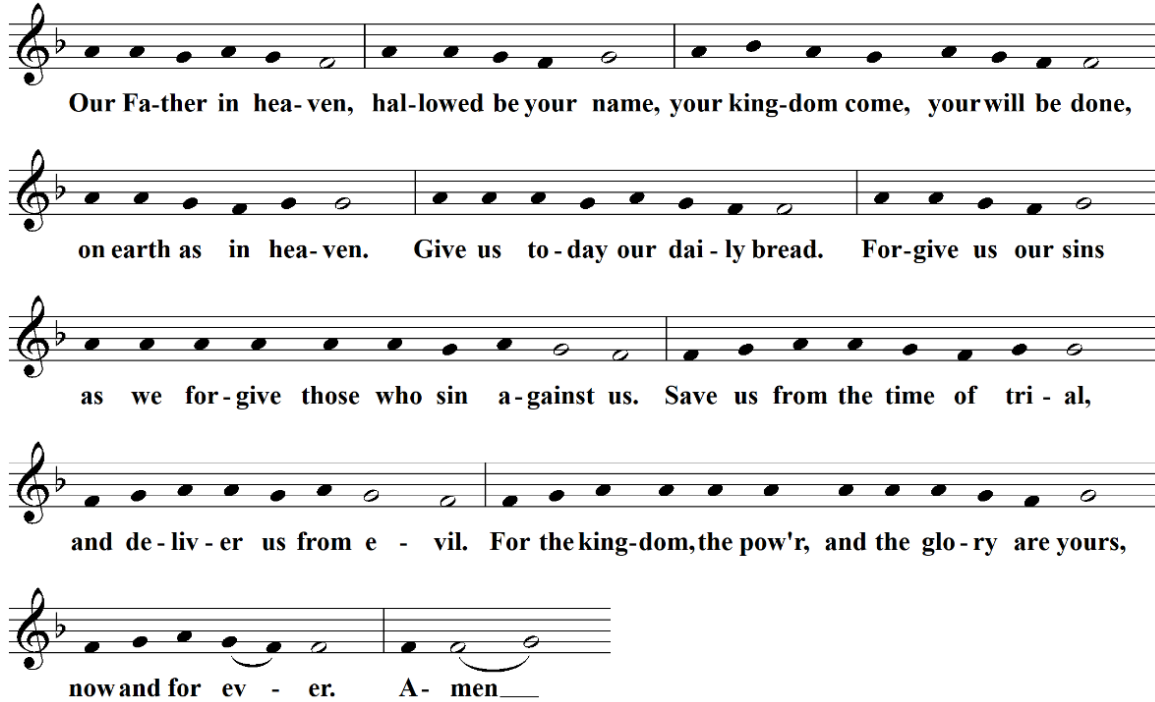


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The Lord's Prayer

Ambrosian Chant

Priest: As our saviour Christ has taught us, we now pray:



Our Fa-ther in hea-ven, hal-lowed be your name, your king-dom come, your will be done,
on earth as in hea-ven. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins
as we for-give those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of tri-al,
and de-liv-er us from e-vil. For the king-dom, the pow'r, and the glo-ry are yours,
now and for ev-er. A-men

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The Breaking of the Bread

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

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

The Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

All are welcome to receive communion. If you are sitting on the left hand side of the church (the North side) please go to the back of the Church. If you are seated on the right hand side OR require gluten free wafers please come to the front of the Church. You are welcome to receive bread and wine or just bread, both are full communion, as you are comfortable.

Agnus Dei

Wood in the Phrygian Mode

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.

Music during Communion

This is the truth sent from above,
The truth of God, the God of love;
Therefore don't turn me from your door,
But hearken all both rich and poor.

For we were heirs to endless woes,
till God the Lord did interpose;
and so a promise soon did run
That he would redeem us by his Son.

And at that season of the year
our blest redeemer did appear;
He here did live, and here did preach,
And many thousands he did reach.

Thus he in love to us behaved,
To show us how we must be saved;
And if you want to know the way,
be pleased to hear what he did say.

Text: English Traditional
Music: R. Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

The Commissioning of the Community

One body are we.

**All: For, though we are in many places,
we spiritually share one bread.**

Prayer after Communion

God of abundance,
with this bread of life and cup of salvation
you have united us with Christ,
making us one with all your people.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
so that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

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**All: For, though we are in many places,
we spiritually share one bread.**

Blessing

Dismissal

Let us go in peace to love and serve our living God!

All: Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn (CP 45)

WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN



**1. Down Galilee's slow roadways,
a stranger travelled on
from Nazareth to Jordan
to be baptized by John.
He went down to the waters
with soldier, scribe, and slave,
but there within the river
the sign was birth and grave.**

**2. Arising from the river,
he saw the heavens torn;
it seemed the sky was open
to show the Spirit's form.
The holy dove descended;
he heard a glorious voice:
"You are my own beloved—
my child, my heart, my choice."**

**3. We too have found a roadway;
it led us to this place.
We all have had to travel
in search of hope and grace.
But now beside this water
again a voice is heard:
"You are my own, my chosen,
beloved of your Lord."**

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Music: Johann Steurlein (1546-1613).

Please join us on Zoom or at the back of the church for refreshments, and we encourage you to stay for the Special Vestry Meeting held in the church.

Readings for January 15th – The 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 49:1-7 It is not enough for Israel to be called, gathered, and honoured as the chosen people; they will also be a light to the nations.

Psalms 40:1-12 Thanksgiving prompts the psalmist to tell abroad the good news of deliverance.

1 Corinthians 1:1-9 In the beginning of this letter, Paul greets those called to be God's holy people.

John 1:29-42 We hear the Gospel of John's version of the baptism of Jesus, followed by the call of the first disciples.

Flowers

Given to the Glory of God, and in memory of Michael, loving and much-loved brother; giver of the best hugs, from Lorraine and Andrew.



The following people have asked for our prayers.

Please keep them in your heart and mind as you go through your week.

Charlotte
Pat
Jeffrey
Lorraine & family
Heather
Jeremy

John & Jean
Nancy
Jenna
Kat
Ted
Megan

Joe and family
Ethan
Doug
John
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