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***"Together in Christ  
we seek to love God and  
to love and serve all others"***

## **The Baptism of the Lord**

**10:00 am Service**

**January 11, 2026**



Bondone, Giotto di, 1266?-1337. Baptism of Christ, from *Art in the Christian Tradition*.

**Sunday Services** are at 8:30 a.m. (Traditional Rite)

10:00 a.m. (Contemporary)

**Office Hours** Mon. to Thurs. 9:00-Noon;

**Online Bible Study** Thursdays at 6 PM.



## **WELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE ADVENT**

*If you are new to our parish, please identify yourself to the sidespersons or priest so we can welcome you and tell you about our church.*

*We recognize that we worship on the traditional lands of Coast Salish peoples. We commit ourselves to continue with our First Nations neighbours on the journey of healing, truth, and reconciliation.*

*Terry Mikkonen officiates.*

*This service is being broadcast live on the Internet. By attending this morning, you acknowledge and consent to the fact that video images of you may appear there.*

*Please have your electronic devices on silent mode during the service.*

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| <p><b>10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer</b><br/><b>Pray Without Ceasing</b></p> |
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*Sidespeople are Elaine & Art Youngson*

*Director of Music is Nell Howard*

## **THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

**Leader:** As we meet today, we begin by remembering the Songhees and x<sup>w</sup>sepsəm nations, on whose traditional land we now gather in gratitude. We acknowledge their story and their stewardship of the land and water, the plants, and animals, through the many generations. As we meet today, we remember those who have called this place their home in recent years — the community of faith known as Church of the Advent. Let us greet one another with words and signs of welcome.

**Opening Hymn: CP 101 Hail to the Lord's Anointed**

### **Introductory Responses**

Blessed are you, David's heir, born to rule, **you received gifts from the magi.**  
Blessed are you, Son of Man, baptized by John, **you saved us from ourselves.**  
Blessed are you, Servant Lord, teaching and preaching, healing and comforting,  
**you proclaimed God's gracious reign.**  
With all the voices of heaven and earth, we celebrate your epiphany.  
**Let heaven and earth shout their praise.**



Blessed be God: Source of all being, eternal Word, and Holy Spirit. **Blessed be God for ever.**

**Psalm: 29** (BAS Pg. 738)

Terry Mikkonen

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, \* **ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.**

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; \* **worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**

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

The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; \* **the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendour.**

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; \* **the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;**

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \* **and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; \* **the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe \* **and strips the forests bare.**

And in the temple of the Lord \* **all are crying, "Glory!"**

The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; \* **the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.**

The Lord shall give strength to his people; \* **the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.**

### **THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 42:1-9

Carolyn Hamar

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 says to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Responsory:**

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; **let the whole earth tremble before God.**

Tell it out among the nations that the Lord is sovereign. **O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**

Tell out the salvation of God from day to day. **Let the whole earth tremble before God.**

Declare the glory of the Holy One among the nations **and the wonders of God among the peoples.**

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; **let the whole earth tremble before God.**

**Second Reading:** Acts 10:34-43

Jim Hamar

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."

Hear what the Spirit says to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand as you are able for the Gradual Hymn)*

**Gradual Hymn: CP 103 On Jordan's Bank, the Baptist's Cry**

*(Please remain standing for the Gospel reading)*

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

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

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Gospel:** Matthew 3:13-17

Terry Mikkonen

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.**

*(Please be seated after the reading)*



## **Reflection on the Gospel: Lectio Divina**

Lectio Divina, meaning "divine reading" in Latin, is a Christian contemplative practice of reading scripture with the goal of listening to God's voice and developing a deeper relationship with Him. It involves reading a passage multiple times, reflecting on it, and allowing God to speak through the words. The practice is not about intellectual analysis but about allowing the text to speak to the heart and soul.

Lectio Divina begins with in silence. We will hear the reading for the first time, followed by silence. The passage is read for a second time, followed by a longer period of silence.

The four steps to Lectio Divina:

1. Read the passage slowly and prayerfully, focusing on the words.
2. Reflect on the passage, allowing it speak to your heart and mind. Ask yourself what it means to you personally.
3. Respond to the passage, perhaps in dialogue with God, thanking him for his word and asking for his guidance.
4. Rest in the word of God, allowing his presence to fill your heart and mind.

These practices are not about trying to achieve anything but are designed to allow you to "be in the presence of God."

## **Closing Prayer**

O Blessed Lord, who caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*(Please stand as you are able for the Affirmation of Faith)*



**Affirmation of Faith:** 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. Amen.

## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

### **Prayers of the People:**

Janet Denford

*(Please be seated for the prayers)*

Each petition will end with – Lord, in your mercy.

Please respond with – **Hear our prayer.**

### **The Litany:**

Everlasting Light of creation, may your people in all the world worship in spirit and in truth. **Holy One, shine upon us and hear us.**

May the Church discover that unity which is your will. **Holy One, shine upon us and hear us.**

May the nations of the earth seek after the ways that make for peace. **Holy One, shine upon us and hear us.**

May the whole creation be set free to enjoy the glorious liberty of your children. **Holy One, shine upon us and hear us.**

May all who with Christ have entered the shadow of death rest in peace and rise in glory. **Holy One, shine upon us and hear us.**

**Collect of the Day:** 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.**



**Lord's Prayer:** 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.**

**Offertory Hymn:** CP 162 Sing of God Made Manifest

**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.**

### **SENDING FORTH**

**Shared Ministry:**

**Birthdays & Anniversaries:**

**Closing Prayer:** Loving God, we thank you that your beloved son Jesus humbled himself to become human, before you revealed his glory at the baptism in the River Jordan. May we who have been born again of water and the Holy Spirit, be strengthened and renewed by your Holy Spirit to trust that we, too, are your beloved children by adoption and grace. **Amen.**

**Commissioning Hymn:** CP 598 Go to the World

**Dismissal:** *(please stand and face the back of the church)*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the Name of Christ.**

May Christ, who sends us to the nations, give us the power of the Spirit. **Amen.**

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## **INTERCESSIONS**

### **TODAY WE PRAY**

*We pray for La Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America.*

*We pray for our Primate Shane, John our Metropolitan,*

*Anna our Bishop, and Ingrid our Priest.*

*In the Western Peninsula & Gulf Islands region for the Reverend Juli Mallett and the  
Parish of Salt Spring Island.*

### **FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED US TO PRAY FOR THEM**

*We pray for those who have asked for our prayers and for those we know and love,  
especially Steve, Alan, Frank, Linda, Jim, John, Tina, Jenny, Trevor, Barb, Jim, Peter,  
Wayne, and Neil, and the residents and staff of Sunset Lodge*

### **READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK**

Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-12; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42



## **SHARED MINISTRY**

**Jazz Vespers - January 18<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm** - Church of the Advent is thrilled to welcome the Maureen Washington Quartet to our Jazz Vespers stage. Join us for an unforgettable evening featuring the incredible talents of Maureen Washington and her trio of accomplished musicians: Karel Roessingh on piano, Joey Smith on bass, and Damian Graham on drums. Maureen, renowned for her powerful and soulful voice will deliver a captivating performance blending jazz, blues, and soul. Don't miss this chance to experience live jazz at its finest in the Westshore.

**Celebration Dinners to welcome new Royal Roads students** - Church of the Advent is planning two themed potluck meals next year to welcome the new Royal Roads University students to Colwood. The campus does not permit the advertising of religious services, and this is the best way to introduce new students to our welcoming community.

**Feb 28 - Celebration of International Black Cuisine** - We're looking for people to volunteer to make the foods of the African diaspora - Caribbean, African, Cajun and many others. February is Black History Month.

**Sept 19<sup>th</sup> - Celebration of Asian Cuisine** - We're looking for people to volunteer to make foods from the vast range of Asian cultures: East (Chinese, Japanese, Korean), Southeast (Thai, Vietnamese, Filipino, Indonesian), South (Indian, Pakistani), Central (Uzbek, Kazakh), and Middle Eastern (Turkish, Lebanese)

**How can you help to welcome new students?**

- Would you like to help cook food?
- Can you offer recipes?
- Can you help to organise?

We need a small team to manage these two events. If you would like to be part of the team, please contact Terry Mikkonen, the Fellowship Ministry Liaison, at [tmikko@gmail.com](mailto:tmikko@gmail.com). February is around the corner, so we'd like to set up the team soon.



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**Dec 26-Jan 12** Sr. Ingrid away on holidays

**Jan 14** Ladies Guild Mtg, 1:30 pm

**Jan 15** Bible Study (online) resumes, 6 pm

**Jan 18** Jazz Vespers, feat. Marueen Washington Quartet, 7 pm

**Jan 20** Parish Council Mtg, 7 pm

**Jan 24** Spanish Service & Potluck, 6 pm

**Jan 25** 8:30 Breakfast

**Jan 28** Ladies Guild Lunch, Noon

**Jan 29** Prayer Shawl Mtg, 10 am, St. John's Rm

**Feb 1** Parish Coffee Welcome, after 10:00 service

**Feb 4** Community Coffee Social, 9:30-11 am

**Feb 7** Messy Church, Rooms A, B, C, 10 am

Taize, Chapel, 5 pm

**Feb 11** Ladies Guild Meeting, Hall, 1:30 pm

**Feb 14** Dessert & Silent Auction

**Feb 16** Family Board Game Night, Hall, 6 pm

**Feb 17** Shrove Tuesday Lunch & Dinner

**Feb 21** Spanish Service, 6 pm

**Feb 22** 8:30 Service Breakfast

Annual General Meeting, after 10:00 service

**Feb 28** Celebration of International Black Cuisine, Hall, 6:30 pm