

**ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH  
BAPTISM OF OUR LORD  
JANUARY 11, 2026**



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		10:30 am	Holy Eucharist
	Weekdays (except stats)	8:30 am	Morning Prayer (Zoom)
	Tuesday	7:00 pm	Contemplative Prayer
	Wednesday	11:00 am	Holy Communion
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and your presence in the service is considered your consent to appear on camera.*

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## HOLY EUCHARIST – 10:30 a.m.

*This Eucharistic Liturgy is based on the Anglican Church of Canada Book of Alternative Services & Common Worship Church of England*

### THE COMMUNITY GATHERS BEFORE GOD

*We commit ourselves to working together in a spirit of reconciliation as we worship and serve on the traditional lands of the S'neuaymoxw First Nation.*

Celebrant/Preacher:	The Rev. Vernon Foster
Deacon:	The Rev. Helen L.
Liturgical Assistant:	Beverly M.
Organist:	Kyle M.
Greeters:	Yvonne O., Julia B.
Duty Warden:	Greg B.

The flowers on the main altar are given by Diane C. to the glory of God and in loving memory of Doreen and Geoffrey C.

**Altar Guild Team:** Kathy M., Lynn A.

Refreshment Hour is hosted today by:  
10:30 – Barb C., Norma H.

**WELCOME (& ANNOUNCEMENTS):** (*you may remain seated during the welcome*)

**OPENING HYMN:** (Lyrics are in the Blue Common Praise Hymnal)

**CP 101**      Hail to the Lord's Anointed      *CRUGER*

### GATHERING:

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

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**And also with you**

L.A. 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.**

Rejoice, people of God, and praise the Lord! Let us keep the feast in celebration of Christ's baptism, as the heavens are opened, the Spirit descends, and God declares Jesus as beloved.

**GLORY TO GOD:**

*CP 686 David H.*

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**

**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. Amen.**

**CENTERING STILLNESS**

Let us pray that we may be strengthened by our communion with Christ, who was revealed as God's beloved Son, and with all who bear His light to the world.

*(silence)*

**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.**

**THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED**

**FIRST READING:**      *Isaiah 42:1-9*

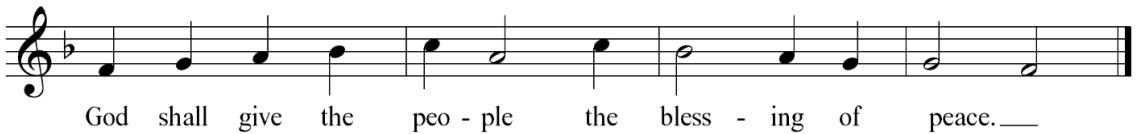
*Rick A.*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM:** 29

*Cantor*



God shall give the people the blessing of peace. —

**SECOND READING:** Acts 10:34-43

*Joanne B.*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL:** (*Lyrics are in the Blue Common Praise Hymnal*)

CP 165 Mark How the Lamb of God's Self-Offering (Vs. 1&2)

*RENDEZ À DIEU*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

**Glory to you, Jesus Christ**

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 3:13-17

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**GOSPEL RECESSIONAL:** (*Lyrics are in the Blue Common Praise Hymnal*)

CP 165 Mark How the Lamb of God's Self-Offering (Vs. 3)

*RENDEZ À DIEU*

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD**

**SERMON:**

*The Rev. Vernon Foster*

**ANTHEM:** VU 99 Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized

*Words: F. Bland Tucker, Melody from "Tochter Sion" 1741*

**RENEWAL OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT:** *(Please stand as you are able – see insert)*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Julia R.*

**CONFSSION AND ABSOLUTION:**

Hear the words of our Saviour Jesus Christ: 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me shall never walk in darkness but shall have the light of life.' Let us therefore bring our sins into his light and confess them in penitence and faith.

*cf John 8.12*

*Silence is kept.*

L.A. **Father eternal, giver of light and grace, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour, in what we have thought, in what we have said and done, through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We have wounded your love, and marred your image in us. We are sorry and ashamed, and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and lead us out from darkness to walk as children of light. Amen.**

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 Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**THE PEACE:**

God has made us one in Christ. He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come, has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.

*cf 2 Corinthians 1.22*

May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

## THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

**OFFERTORY HYMN: (Lyrics are in the Blue Common Praise Hymnal)**

**CP 628**      O Love How Deep, How Broad, How High      **PUER NOBIS NASCITUR**

### 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.**

As the grain once scattered in the fields and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside are now united on this table in bread and wine, so, Lord, may your whole Church, renewed through the waters of baptism be gathered together from everywhere into the joy and glory of your kin-dom. Through Jesus Christ, the Living Bread, and the True Vine, who was revealed at his baptism as your beloved Son, in whom we are united as one body. **Amen**

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: (3<sup>rd</sup> Eucharistic Prayer in BAS)

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.**

All honour and praise ..... and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

*CP 735 Schubert*

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

We give thanks to you, Lord our God ..... according to his command,

**We remember his death**

**We proclaim his resurrection**

**We await his coming in glory**

and we offer our sacrifice..... all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

*David H.*

Believing in the promises of God, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**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:**

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

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

I heard a voice from heaven say, "you are my beloved, with you I am well pleased."

**Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.**

#### **COMMUNION:**

*All are welcome to join us for communion. Our practice is to share the wine from a common cup. For health reasons you are asked not to dip the bread wafer into the wine. If you prefer, you may receive just bread. If you do not wish to receive communion, cross your arms in front of you to indicate to the clergy that you would like a blessing instead. We are happy to come to your seat to serve communion if you are unable to come forward – do let the greeter know.*

#### **COMMUNION HYMN: (Lyrics are in the Blue Common Praise Hymnal)**

**CP 59     Jesus Calls Us Here to Meet Him**

***JESUS CALLS US***

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:**

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. Amen**

## **BLESSING**

May God, who in Christ gives us a spring of water welling up to eternal life, perfect in you the image of his glory; and the blessing ...

## **SENDING FORTH:**

Go forth, renewed by the waters of baptism and enlightened by the light of Christ. Follow in the way of Jesus, God's beloved Son, and live in holiness and truth. Go in the peace of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **SENDING HYMN: (Lyrics are in the Blue Common Praise Hymnal)**

**CP 432**      Jesus Calls Us! O'er the Tumult

**ST OSWALD**