

The Anglican Parish of  
St. Peter and St. Paul  
January 11<sup>th</sup> 2026  
Home Church Connections Service  
The Baptism of The Lord



The Baptism of Jesus, by Almeida Júnior, 1895 (public domain)

“Nourishing faith and community”

## Words of Welcome

### The Gathering of the Community

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

**And also with you.**

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**

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. **Amen**

### The Proclamation of the Word

#### Reading One: Isaiah 42:1-9

A reading from the book of Isaiah.

*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 righteous-ness, 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.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 29

A Psalm of David.

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,  
**ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.**

Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name:  
**worship the Lord in holy splendour.**

The voice of the Lord is over the waters;  
**the God of glory thunders,  
the Lord, over mighty waters.**

The voice of the Lord is powerful;  
**the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;  
**the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.**

He makes Lebanon ship like a calf,  
**and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.  
The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;  
**The Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl,  
**and strips the forest bare;  
and in his temple all say, ‘Glory!’**

The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;  
**the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.**  
May the Lord give strength to his people!  
**May the Lord bless his people with peace!**

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*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.

**Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading: Matthew 3:13-17

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew  
**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.'*

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

Sermon: *The Rev Gail Rodger*

Announcements

Hear O Israel

**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.**

Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Prayers of the People

## Confession and Absolution

(Evangelical Lutheran Worship Communion setting 6 prayer of confession 2 p388)

Dear friends in Christ, let us confess our sin, in the presence of God and of one another. (*Silence is kept*)

Gracious God,

**Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.**

God who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into**

**temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### Doxology

Glory to God,  
**whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.**

**Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### The Blessing

The blessing of the Holy Trinity; the loving Creator, who is the source of all being, of Jesus Christ who is the love incarnate in the world, and the ever present Holy Spirit, hold you, surround you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**



## Weekly Cycles of Prayer

We pray for the Church of the Province of South East Asia; for Shane Parker, our Primate; for Chris Harper, the National Indigenous Archbishop; for Diocese of New Westminster Bishop John Stephens; for our own bishop, Anna Greenwood-Lee, and for the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada.

In our region, we pray for Two Saints, The Rev. Heather Robinson.

In our parish we pray for Jan Brister, Cathy Charphin, Wendy Clapp, Tom and Annie Kung, Judith Davidson, Lynda and Michael Delaney, Ruth D'Hollander, John and Bridget Ducker, Patrick Dunae, and Ann and Ned Easton.

In our community we pray for St. John the Divine Food Bank.

For the month of January, we pray for those who do pastoral care.

If you are visiting St. Peter and St. Paul, welcome!

We welcome saints, seekers and sinners as we live into a life in Christ, learning about and from one another as we worship God together. Christ binds us together in love through our diversity. If you are comfortable, please give us your name and address so we can add you to our weekly prayer list. We are looking forward to getting to know you better.

## Territorial Acknowledgement

We worship on the traditional lands of the Esquimalt, Songhees and other Nations of the Salish and Coast Salish Peoples. We, who came from many lands to join the line of those worshipping here, commit our Church to continue the journey of truth and reconciliation with our First Nations' neighbours.

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