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## Baptism of the Lord

Sunday, January 11, 2026 Holy Eucharist 10:30am



Presider: The Rev. Brendon Bedford

Lay Reader: John Howard

Music: Canon Kevin Bothwell

Reader: Gail Latour

Server: Lynn McTaggart

Greeter: Francis Richardson

Cantor: Lynn McTaggart



## Our Land Acknowledgement

We at Christ Church are gathered together on the territory of the Saugeen Ojibway Nation and commit ourselves to the hard work of reconciliation.



## Our Mission Statement

Christ Church is committed to live in a generous and loving spirit in all its relationships.

## Our Contacts

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## Welcome and Announcements

Post-Covid, we have curtailed the “passing of the plate” at Christ Church. There are offering envelopes in the pews and on the table at the back of the church. We thank you for your donation to the ministry and upkeep of the parish which can be placed on the offering plate as you enter the church.

## OPENING SENTENCE

*Please stand as you are able.*

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN** Jesus Shall Reign Where're the Sun #383

## Gathering of the Community

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

People: **and also with you.**

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Presider: 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.**

## THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO (Glory to God in the Highest)

(#702 blue hymn book)

All: **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.**

**Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth.**

# THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Please be seated.*

## CHILDREN'S TALK

### The Proclamation of the Word

#### THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 42:1-9

Reader: A reading from the Book of Isaiah

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

#### PSALM 29

God shall give the peo - ple the bless - ing of peace.

(1) Ascribe to the Holy One, you gods:

(2) Ascribe to the Holy One glory and strength.

(3) Ascribe to God all glory, bless God's name;

(4) worship God in the beauty of ho-liness. **R.**

(1) The voice of the Holy One is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders: (2) God is upon the mighty waters.

(3) The voice of God is a powerful voice;

(4) the voice of God is a voice of splendour. **R.**

(1) The voice of the Holy One breaks the cedar trees;

(2) God breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

(3) God makes Lebanon skip like a calf,

(4) and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox. **R.**

(1) The voice of the Holy One splits the flames of fire;

(2) the voice of God shakes the wilderness;

(3) God shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

(3) The voice of the Holy One makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.

(4) And in the temple of the Holy One all are crying, "Glory!" **R.**

(1) God sits enthroned above the flood;

(2) the Holy One sits enthroned, reigning for evermore.

(3) The Holy One shall give strength to all people;

(4) God shall give the people the blessing of peace. **R.**

## THE SECOND READING

Acts 10:34-43

Reader: A Reading from the book of Acts.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand, as you are able.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Alleluia #190 Sing a New Creation

*Alleluia is played once and repeated by congregation 2 or 3 times..*

Music: Norah Duncan IV, 1987, © 1987 GIA Publications, Inc.

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 3:13-17

Gospeller: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

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

**People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*After the Gospel is read.*

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Alleluia #190 Sing a New Creation

*As before the Gospel Acclamation, Alleluia repeated twice by congregation.*

**THE HOMILY**  
The Rev. Brendon Bedford  
Priest & Rector

**THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS**

*Please stand as you are able, turning to face the font.*

**THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER.**

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.

.....  
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. Let us now 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.**

## CONGREGATION IS SPRINKLED

**Hymn:** I Bind Unto Myself Today (vrs 1, 2, 5, 6) #436

*Please sit or stand, as you're able.*

### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

John Howard

Lay Reader

*Please stand as you're able.*

### THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**Lay Reader:** Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

**Lay Reader:** Most merciful God,

**All:** **we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

**Presider:** 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.

**People:** Amen.

*Please stand as you are able.*

### THE PEACE

**Presider:** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** And also with you.

*Members of the congregation greet one another with a sign of peace.*

**OFFERTORY HYMN:** The Church of Christ in Every Age #584  
(blue hymn book)

### THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

#### The Celebration of the Eucharist

Eucharistic Prayer #3 (BAS, pg 198) with preface for the Lord's Day #3.

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.**

Preface for the Lord's Day #3 (p. 218)

Presider: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; by  
water and the Holy Spirit .....

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Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the holy people  
who have served you in every age, we raise our voices to proclaim  
the glory of your name.

#### THE SANCTUS (HOLY) - sung

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord - #735 (blue hymn book)

**All:** **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.**  
**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**  
**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

Presider: We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; .....

Presider: Therefore, Father, according to his command,  
**All: we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;**

Presider: and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all: .....

... by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

**People: Amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER (said)**

Presider: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,  
**All: 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.**

### **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD (FRACTION RITE)**

**Lamb Of God (Agnus Dei)**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us.**  
**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us.**  
**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Grant us peace.**

### **THE COMMUNION**

Presider: The gifts of God for the People of God.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

*Please be seated.*

*All baptized Christians, regardless of denomination, are welcome to receive communion at God's altar.*

*If you are not baptized, you are very welcome to come forward to the communion rail for a blessing, indicating so by crossing your arms over your chest.*

***If you are interested in exploring baptism, please speak to the priest after the service.***

*Gluten free host (wafers) are available at the altar rail upon request.*

**COMMUNION HYMN** O Spirit of the Living God #40 (blue hymn book)  
*Please stand as you are able.*

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

#### **THE DOXOLOGY**

**All:** 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 FINAL BLESSING**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN** Sing of God Made Manifest #162 (blue hymn book)

### **THE DISMISSAL**

Presider: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please be seated.*

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### **This Week's Prayer List**

(We invite you to hold all on our list in your prayers for the coming week.)

**The Diocese:** We hold in our prayers the people and clergy of: Rondeau Bay Transfiguration Partnership • Trinity, Blenheim • St. Paul's, Erieau • St. John's-in-the-Woods, Aughrim • Christ Church, Dresden • St. Matthew's, Florence • Church of the Advent, Ridgetown.

**The Parish:** We hold in our prayers: Anne Bray, Durene Butchart, Janet Carvalho and their families as well as all those serving in the Canadian Armed Forces at home and overseas.

**The Wider Church:** We hold in our prayers the clergy and people of the Diocese of Jerusalem; the clergy and people of Bath Abbey and St. Giles, Cripplegate, UK, as well as bishop Sarah Mullally, Archbishop of Canterbury-elect.

**Intercessions:** For healing and hope we hold up to God: Charlie & Marg, Deanie, Fraser, Katharine, Norma, Ted, and their families, and any others who are in need of our prayers.

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### *Memorial Flowers on the Altar*

*Flowers at the altar today are given to the Glory of God and with grateful thanks for the life and ministry of my parents, Ronald Sheridan and Imogene Sheridan-Rice, a gift of their daughter Carol Kollen.*

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Following the service, please join us for refreshments and fellowship in the Parish Hall.**

**The Free Community Breakfast is every Monday, from 8:30 to 10am (unless a stat holiday). Please join us for a hearty breakfast.**

**The Midweek Eucharist is offered every Wednesday, at 12:00 noon, followed by a Bible Study at 1:00pm.**

**For Urgent Pastoral Care**, please contact the Rev. Brendon Bedford at [brendonbedford@diohuron.org](mailto:brendonbedford@diohuron.org) or 226-974-5060.

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