



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD:  
RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS  
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## Welcome: *Susan Haig*

Prelude: Helft mir Gottes Güte preisen - *J.S. Bach - BWV 613*

(Help me to praise God's goodness, you dear little children,  
with songs and other tunes to be always thankful to him,  
especially at the time when the year comes to an end,  
the sun is turned towards us, the New Year is not distant.)

Opening Hymn: #774 (Gather) "Shall We Gather at the River"



1. Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, Where bright an - gel feet have trod;
2. On the mar - gin of the riv - er, Wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
3. Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, Lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
4. Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, Soon our pil - grim - age will cease,

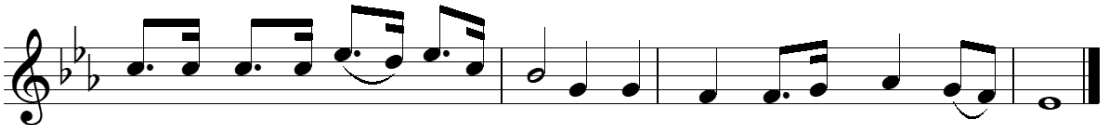


With its crys - tal tide for ev - er Flow - ing by the throne of God?  
We will walk and wor - ship ev - er, All the hap - py gold - en day.  
Grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, And pro - vide a robe and crown.  
Soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er With the mel - o - dy of peace.

## Refrain



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, The beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



Gath - er with the saints at the riv - er That flows by the throne of God.

Text and tune: Robert Lowry (1826-1899)

## ✠ The Gathering of the Community

**The Greeting:** *Susan Haig*

*Priest:* 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.**

*Priest:* There is one body and one Spirit

*People:* **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

*Priest:* One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

*People:* **One God and Father of all.**

### The Collect of the Day

*Priest:* 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.

*All:* **Amen.**

## ✠ The Proclamation of the Word

**First Reading:** *Craig Spielmacher*

*Reader:* A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

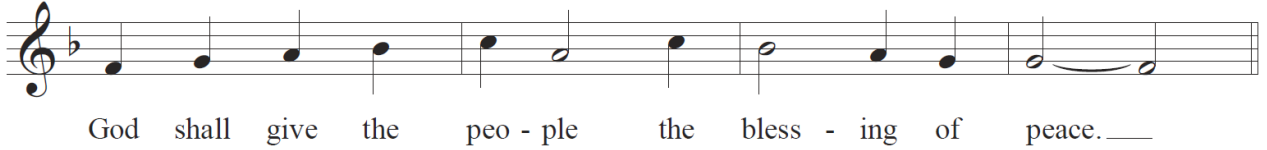
Genesis 1.1-5

*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

*A moment of silence is observed*

Psalm 29 (*George Black*)

**Refrain:**



Ascribe to the Holy One, you gods:  
Ascribe to the Holy One glory and strength.  
Ascribe to God all glory, bless God's name;  
Worship God in the beauty of holiness. **Refrain**

The voice of the Holy One 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. **Refrain**

The voice of the Holy One 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. **Refrain**

The voice of the Holy One splits the flames of fire;  
The voice of God shakes the wilderness;  
God shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.  
The voice of the Holy One makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.  
And in the temple of the Holy One all are crying, "Glory!" **Refrain**

God sits enthroned above the flood;  
The Holy One sits enthroned, reigning for evermore.  
The Holy One shall give strength to all people;  
God shall give the people the blessing of peace. **Refrain**

**Second Reading:** *Mary Horan*

A Reading from the Book of the Acts of the Apostles.

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered,

“Into John’s baptism.” Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.” On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—altogether there were about twelve of them.

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

Acts 19.1-7

*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

*A moment of silence is observed*

Sequence Song: “Tryin’ to Get Ready”

Tryin' to get read - y, tryin' to get read - y, tryin' to get

read - y, Lord, Read - y to try on my long, white robe,

1. Read-y to try on my long, white robe. 2. long, white robe.

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**The Gospel:** *Steven Mackison*

*Reader:* The Lord be with you.

*All:* **And also with you.**

*Reader:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I

is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

*Reader:* The Gospel of Christ.

Mark 1.4-11

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

**Homily:** Susan Haig

*We pause for music and meditation.*

Meditation: Excerpt from “Salome” – *Richard Strauss*

Jokanaan (John the Baptist): "Daughter of adultery, there is but one who can save thee. Go, seek him. Seek him!

He is in a boat on the Sea of Galilee and talketh with his disciples.

Kneel down on the shore of the sea, and call unto him. And call to him his holy name.

When he cometh, (and to all who call on him he cometh) then bow thyself at his feet and ask of him of thy sins the remission."

*(sung in German)*

## ✠ The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

*Priest:* Blessed be God,

*All:* **the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,**

*Priest:* by whose great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope,

*All:* **through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.**

*Priest:* Dear friends,

God calls the Church to reflect Christ's glory,

in baptism to declare his new life,

in fellowship and mission to share it.

Do you accept this call?

*All:* **We hear and accept God's call.**

*Priest:* Do you believe in God the Father, who made the world?

*All:* **I believe.**

*Priest:* Do you believe in God the Son, who redeemed humanity?

*All:* **I believe.**

*Priest:* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit who gives life to God's people?

*All:* **I believe.**

*Priest:* 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.**

*Priest:* 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.**

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

*All:* **I will, with God's help.**

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

*All:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Priest:* 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.**

*Priest:* 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.**

*Priest:* This is the task of the Church.

*All:* **This is our task: to live and work for the kingdom of God.**

*Priest:* Gracious God,  
Bring those who have been baptized with Christ  
through the waters of death, to be one with him in his resurrection  
and sustain your people by your Spirit  
to be hope and strength to the world.  
This we pray through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be honour and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

## Hymn: #45 (Common Praise) “Down Galilee’s Slow Roadways”



1. Down Gal - i - lee's slow road-ways, a stran-ger trav-elled on from  
2. A - ris - ing from the riv - er, he saw the hea - vens torn; it  
3. We too have found a road - way; it led us to this place. We

Na - za - reth to Jor - dan to be bap - tized by John. He  
seemed the sky was o - pen to show the Spir - it's form. The  
all have had to trav - el in search of hope and grace. But

went down to the wa - ters with sol - dier, scribe, and slave, but  
ho - ly dove de - scend - ed; he heard a glo - rious voice: "You  
now be - side this wa - ter a - gain a voice is heard: "You

there with - in the riv - er the sign was birth and grave.  
are my own be - lov - ed, my child, my heart, my choice."  
are my own, my cho - sen, be - lov - ed of your Lord."

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## The Prayers of the People: *Marg Creal*

**Leader:** Let the Spirit of God in our hearts plead for the Church and for the world.  
Great God of all time and space,  
fill the Church with such joy in believing  
that all Christians overflow with love, compassion, generosity and humility.  
Let us walk in your ways and live through your love.

*A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box.*

**Leader:** Spirit of God:

**All:** **Fill us to overflowing.**



*Leader:* We pray for peace and integrity among the nations.  
Great God of power and justice,  
fill the arenas of leadership and conflict with courage and conviction.  
Fill all hearts with reverence and respect for creation,  
so that the needs of all things are met and all wrongs are righted.

*A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box.*

*Leader:* Spirit of God:

**All: Fill us to overflowing.**

*Leader:* We pray for ourselves, in the midst of our isolation.  
Great God of gentleness and truth,  
fill every home with new insight  
and greater understanding.  
Break down the divisive barriers  
and build up our capacity to love.

*A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box.*

*Leader:* Spirit of God:

**All: Fill us to overflowing.**

*Leader:* We pray for the sick and suffering,  
and for those who carry burdens too heavy to bear.  
Great God of attentive caring,  
fill us with your compassion;  
may all who suffer be heard, comforted and cared for.  
Bring wholeness to all who cry out to you in need.

*A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box.*

*Leader:* Spirit of God:

**All: Fill us to overflowing.**

*Leader:* We pray for those who have died.  
May those whose souls have left behind their frail and broken bodies,  
now dwell in newness of life in God's presence for all eternity.  
Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.  
And let light perpetual shine upon them.  
Bless and comfort their loved ones,  
and bring us all to share life everlasting with you.

*A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box.*

*Leader:* Spirit of God:

*All:* **Fill us to overflowing.**

*Leader:* Great God of all creation,  
fill our mouths with praises  
and our hearts with gratitude,  
for all the glory that surrounds us.

*A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or or add them over in the chat box.*

*Leader:* Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who  
lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

*All:* **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer: *Susan Haig*

*Priest:* As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.

*All:* **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 Doxology: *Susan Haig*

*Priest:* Glory to God,

*All:* **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.**

## Concluding Hymn: #572 (Common Praise) “Let There Be Light”



1. Let there be light, let there be un - der - stand - ing,  
2. o - pen our lips, o - pen our minds to pon - der,  
3. per - ish the sword, per - ish the an - gry judge - ment,  
4. hal - low our love, hal - low the deaths of mar - tyrs,  
5. thy king - dom come, thy spir - it turn to lan - guage,  
6. let there be light, o - pen our hearts to won - der,



let all the na - tions gath - er, let them be face to face;  
o - pen the door of con - cord o - pen - ing in - to grace;  
per - ish the bombs and hun - ger, per - ish the fight for gain;  
hal - low their ho - ly free - dom, hal - low - ed be thy name;  
thy peo - ple speak to - geth - er, thy spir - it nev - er fade;  
per - ish the way of ter - ror, hal - low the world God made.

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**Ministry Updates:** *Susan Haig*

**The Dismissal:** *Steven Mackison*

**Priest:** Go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia!

**People:** Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

*Our thanks go out to all who contribute financially to the Redeemer community. Our ability to continue to offer outreach support through the Common Table and maintain our rich and varied worship and program life is possible thanks to the generous donations of parishioners and friends of the community. For health and safety reasons, we would appreciate your donations via the “Online Donation” link below, where you will be redirected to the gifts section of our Website. Thank you for your generosity.*

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# Ministry Updates

## Compline at 8 PM

Compline is a Christian tradition of bedtime prayers. These traditional prayers unveil God's grace in all of our endings - the day's end, the week's end, and our last nightfall.

Join in through Zoom at 8 PM each Sunday night for about 20 minutes. The link can be found in each Friday's eNews.

## Intercessions

In the prayers of the people each Sunday, space is left for members of the community to add a name or concern in chat. If you have people or situations that you would like included in the service but are not comfortable giving voice to them, there is a prayer request form on the website. These will be added to the intercessions in the appropriate petition. You can find the form [here](#).

## Daily Prayer

An order of service for daily prayer is added to the parish website early each Wednesday morning as an invitation to take time in the middle of the week to pause and pray. Everything you need is provided including a reflection. The link to the order of service to be posted this Wednesday is [here](#).

## Parish Cycle of Prayer

Each month a cycle of prayer is available [online](#). This resource provides the names of ministries from the Anglican Communion, the Indigenous cycle of prayer, the diocese and our community to hold in our prayers each day. In peace we pray. Lord, Hear our prayer.

## Special Edition of the Gathering

A special edition of our parish newsletter, The Gathering, has been prepared with some parish updates from the autumn and a message from our Incumbent. You can find it on our [website](#).