



**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD:
SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**
SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024, AT 9:00 A.M.

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WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER!

We are in the heart of downtown Toronto, and we gather to celebrate on the traditional lands of the Wendat, Haudenosaunee, and Anishinaabe Nations, including the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. Our beautiful building connects us to the rich heritage of our city while also drawing us deeper into the roots of our Anglican tradition. Just as the streetscape around us has evolved over the years, our members have changed to reflect the growing, vibrant and progressive Christian community found at the Redeemer today. We come from a variety of faith traditions (and sometimes no faith tradition at all), and we like it that way. We are students, workers, retired, homeless, not limited by sexual orientation, gender identity or personal history. We are at the very beginning of our life with Jesus, and we are deeply steeped in a life complicated by faith. We open our doors to worship God and to learn about Jesus, and how all of this might just transform our lives.

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President: Steven Mackison

Welcome

Land Acknowledgement

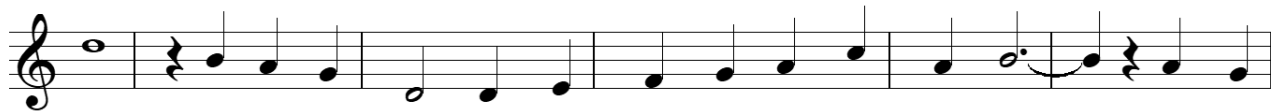
Opening Hymn: #585 (Gather) "Song Over the Waters"

Redeemer Music Team

Refrain



God, you have moved up-on the wa-ters, you have sung in the rush of wind and



flame; and in your love, you have called us sons and daugh-ters, make us



peo-ple of the wa-ter and your name.



1. Come fill our wait-ing hearts with the spir - it of Je - sus, let us
2. Give us a thirst for love, give us a hun-ger for jus - tice, make us
3. You are the breath of life, you are the hope of the hope-less, come and
4. Come, o - pen ev - 'ry heart, come now and wake us to won-der, make us



shine with your light and peace.
one with the mind of Christ.
fill us with light and peace.
ves - sels of light and peace.

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✠ The Gathering of the Community

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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

Steven Mackison

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. **Amen.**

✠ Proclamation of the Word

First Reading:

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

Karen Turner

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.

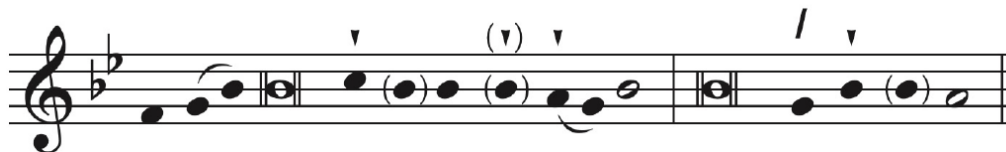
Genesis 1.1-5

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Psalm 29

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Ascribe to the Holy One, you gods: *

Ascribe to the Holy One / glory and strength.

Ascribe to God all glory, bless Göd's Name; *
worship God in the beauty / of holiness.

The voice of the Holy One is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders: *
God is upon the migh- / ty waters.

The voice of God is a powerful voice; *
the voice of God is a voice / of splendour.

The voice of the Holy One breaks the cedär trees; *
God breaks the cedars / of Lebanon.

God makes Lebanon skip like ä calf, *
and Mount Hermon like / a young wild ox.

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 trëes writhe *
and strips / the forests bare.

And in the temple of the Holy One *
all are cry- / ing, "Glory!"

God sits enthroned above thë flood; *
the Holy One sits enthroned, reigning / for evermore.

The Holy One shall give strength to all pëople; *
God shall give the people the bless- / ing of peace.

Second Reading

Reader: A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Karen Turner

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

Gospel Acclamation

The Gospel

Paige Souter

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Priest: 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."

Priest: The Gospel of Christ.

Mark 1.4-11

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

Homily: Suzanne Rumsey

Prayers of the People

Murray Bryant

Leader: O Lord, our governor, direct your holy Church, both here in this place and around the world. May we may hear afresh your call to holiness of life, and by your strength and wisdom, bring light and life to your world.

A silence is observed, please add your own prayers, silently or aloud.

Leader: Lord, hear us.

All: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Leader: Lord of all creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you and your creation with respect and reverence.

A silence is observed, please add your own prayers, silently or aloud.

Leader: Lord, hear us.

All: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Leader: Stir up your mighty power, O God, and come among us; guide the leaders of our nation, and every nation; bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end.

A silence is observed, please add your own prayers, silently or aloud.

Leader: Lord, hear us.

Leader: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Leader: Remember us, in your love, O Lord. We commend to your faithful love those who are crying from the depths; help them to watch and pray through their time of darkness, in sure hope of the dawn of your healing and redemption. We pray for the sick and the friendless, the homeless and the captive, the weary and the depressed, the anxious and afraid, the lonely and bereaved. Give us health, comfort, and hope.

A silence is observed, please add your own prayers, silently or aloud.

Leader: Lord, hear us.

All: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, you are the way, the truth and the life:
let us not stray from you who are the way,
nor distrust your promises who are the truth,
nor rest in anything but you who are the life,
for beyond you there is nothing to be desired
neither in heaven nor in earth.

All: Amen.

✠ The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Priest: Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ this day and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth**

Priest: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**All: 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.**

**All: 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**

Priest: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**All: I believe in God the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

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.**

The Peace

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Hymn: "Tryin' to Get Ready" (*arr. Clayton White*)

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

African American Spiritual,
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The Lord's Prayer

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 Giving and Receiving of Communion

Priest: Dear friends, I invite you in this moment, wherever you may be,
to receive Christ, in communion with the saints,
and the gathering of God's people, unseen and yet present with us now.

*For those of us participating at home, it is a strange experience to be invited to Communion
– not through the physical bread and wine we can touch and taste –
but a Spiritual Communion with the God who comes to meet us wherever we are.*

*There are no special words or prayers for this, all the Church has ever thought necessary is genuine true desire, lively faith, and
genuine love. Come honestly before God the way you know how.*

You may wish to pray quietly this prayer to help you:

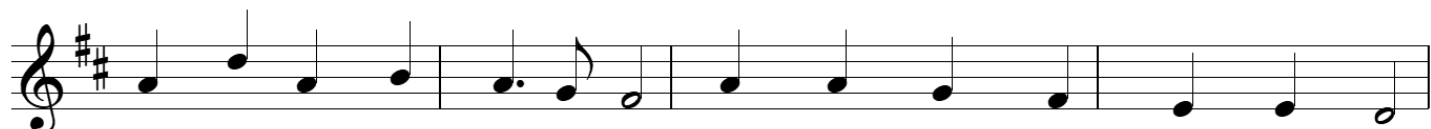
One: Lord, you stand at the door of my heart and knock.
 You wait for me and only I can let you in.
 I believe and trust in you and ask you now to fill me with your presence.
 Feed me with your body and unite me in your blood,
 that I may be your blessing to a world in need. Amen.

The Doxology

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.**

Departing Hymn: #162 (Common Praise) "Sing of God Made Manifest"

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1. Sing of God made man-i - fest in a child ro - bust and blest,
 2. Sing of God made man-i - fest when at Jor - dan John con - fessed,
 3. Sing of God made man-i - fest when Christ came as wed - ding - guest
 4. Sing of God made man-i - fest on the cloud-capped moun-tain's crest,



to whose home in Beth - le - hem where a star had guid - ed them,
 "I should be bap - tized by you, but your bid - ding I will do."
 and at Ca - na gave a sign, turn - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 where both voice and vi - sion waned un - til Christ a - lone re - mained:



ma - gi came and gifts un-bound, signs mys - ter - ious and pro - found:
 Then from heaven a dou - ble sign, dove-like Spir - it, voice di - vine,
 fur - ther still was love re - vealed as he taught, for-gave and healed,
 glimpse of glo - ry, pledge of grace, given as Je - sus set his face



myrrh and frank-in-cense and gold grave and God and king fore - told.
 hailed the true A - noint - ed One: "This is my be - lov - ed Son."
 bring - ing light and life to all who would lis - ten to God's call.
 towards the wait-ing cross and grave, sign of hope that God would save.

Priest: Followers of Jesus, inspired by the Holy Spirit,
serve the world God loves. Alleluia!

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

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WORSHIP WITH US

Sunday January 7 (Baptism of the Lord)

7:00 PM – No service

Sunday January 14 (Second Sunday after Epiphany)

9:00 AM – Spiritual Communion (on Zoom only)

10:30 AM – Holy Eucharist (in the Church and through YouTube)

7:00 PM – Taizé (in the Church and through YouTube)

8:00 PM – Compline (on Zoom only)