



BAPTISM OF THE LORD – PROPER 1
RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS & SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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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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Welcome

Land Acknowledgement

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

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The image shows the musical notation for the hymn 'Down Galilee's Slow Roadways' in G major (one sharp). It consists of three staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 1. Down Gal - i - lee's slow road - ways, a stran - ger trav - elled 2. A - ris - ing from the riv - er, he saw the hea - vens 3. We too have found a road - way; it led us to this on from Na - za - reth to Jor - dan to be bap - tized by torn; it seemed the sky was o - pen to show the Spir - it's place. We all have had to trav - el in search of hope and John. He went down to the wa - ters with form. The ho - ly dove de - scend - ed; he grace. But now be - side this wa - ter a -

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sol - dier, scribe, en - slaved, but there with - in the
heard a glo - rious voice; "You are my own be -
gain a voice is heard: "You are my own, my
riv - er the sign was birth and grave.
lov - ed— my child, my heart, my choice."
cho - sen, be - lov - ed of your God."

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✠ The Gathering of the Community

Paige Souter

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God
and 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

Paige Souter

Priest: Grant us, Lord, who behold your glory,
to drink from the waters of the new creation
flowing from the river of life at your baptism.
Give us the wings of the Spirit,
that we may hasten to meet you at your coming,
and praise you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

✠ Proclamation of the Word

First Reading:

Henry Krol

Reader: A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my

daughters from the end of the earth everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

Reader: This is the word that God has made known to us.

Isaiah 43.1-7

People: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Psalm 29 (George Black)

Redeemer Music Team

Refrain

God shall give the peo - ple the bless - ing of peace._
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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 God's name;
worship God in the beauty of ho-liness. **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:

Henry Krol

Reader: A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Reader: This is the word that God has made known to us.

Acts 8:14-17

People: Thanks be to God.

A moment of silence is observed

Sequence Hymn: #25 (Sing a New Creation) "From the Waters of Creation"

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1. From the wa - ters of cre - a - tion to the
2. From the part - ing of the wa - ters to the
3. From the streams that A - mos vi - sioned to the

shores of Gal - i - lee, in each riv - er sweep - ing
Jor - dan's an - cient tide, in the font, for - ev - er
pool where Je - sus healed, in the wells we build to -

on - ward there's a prom - ise we can see. All who
ris - ing, there's a love that will a - bide. All who
geth - er there's a dream that is re - vealed: we will

search for life in full - ness, all who long for dig - ni - ty: come and
yearn for gen - tle mer - cy, all who seek com - mu - ni - ty: come and
work for hope and jus - tice; we will live in un - i - ty. Come and

drink now—don't be thirs - ty. God's grace ev - er will flow free.
wash now—don't be lone - ly. God's grace ev - er will flow free.
share now—don't be fear - ful. God's grace ev - er will flow free.

The Gospel

Steven Mackison

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

Priest: The Gospel of Christ.

Luke 3.15-17, 21-22

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

A moment of silence is observed.

Homily: Steven Mackison

A moment of silence is observed.

Prayers of the People

Catherine Emerson

Leader: We look in faith toward the Lord, the one on whom God's favour rests. In confidence, let us lift the prayers of our hearts to God's beloved Son, saying, hear our prayer.

For those who lead the believing community throughout the world, that they might lead us on the path of faithful discipleship.

Please add your prayers either silently or aloud.

Leader: Beloved Jesus

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: For the baptized gathered in this community, that we might follow in the path of John the Baptizer and always acknowledge Jesus as the Redeemer.

Please add your prayers either silently or aloud.

Leader: Beloved Jesus

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: For all those seeking God, for those preparing for baptism and for their families, that they may draw closer to the servant who is God's chosen, the light of the nations, and our light.

Please add your prayers either silently or aloud.

Leader: Beloved Jesus

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: For the healing of all who are wounded in any way, and for reconciliation among nations, races, faiths, and all that can divide us, that we may receive God's gifts of unity and peace.

Please add your prayers either silently or aloud.

Leader: Beloved Jesus

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: For all who are imprisoned, physically, spiritually, and emotionally, that they may experience consolation and support.

Please add your prayers either silently or aloud.

Leader: Beloved Jesus

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

Leader: All loving and ever-faithful God, we thank you for the gift of your Son. As his disciples, we have offered our prayers. Hear them and answer them in his name, Jesus your beloved Son and our beloved Redeemer, this day and forever.

***People:* Amen.**

✠ The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Paige Souter

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.**

Priest: 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 God keep us faithful to our calling, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

The Peace

Paige Souter

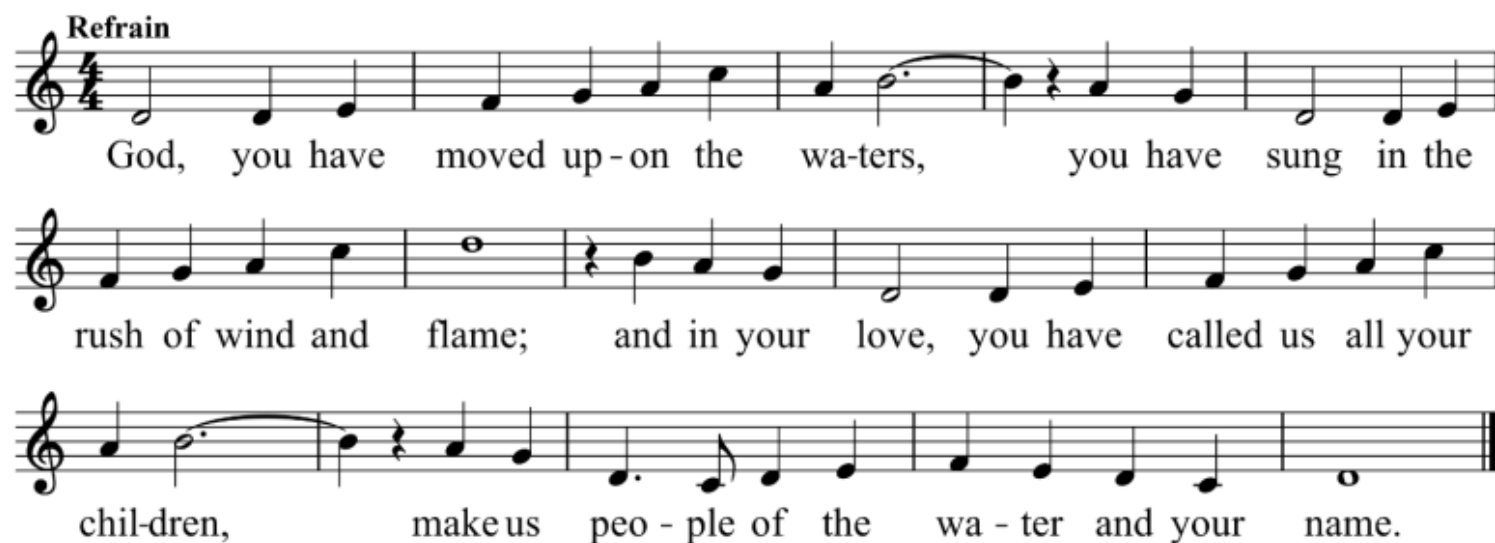
Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Hymn: #585 (Gather) "Song over the Waters"

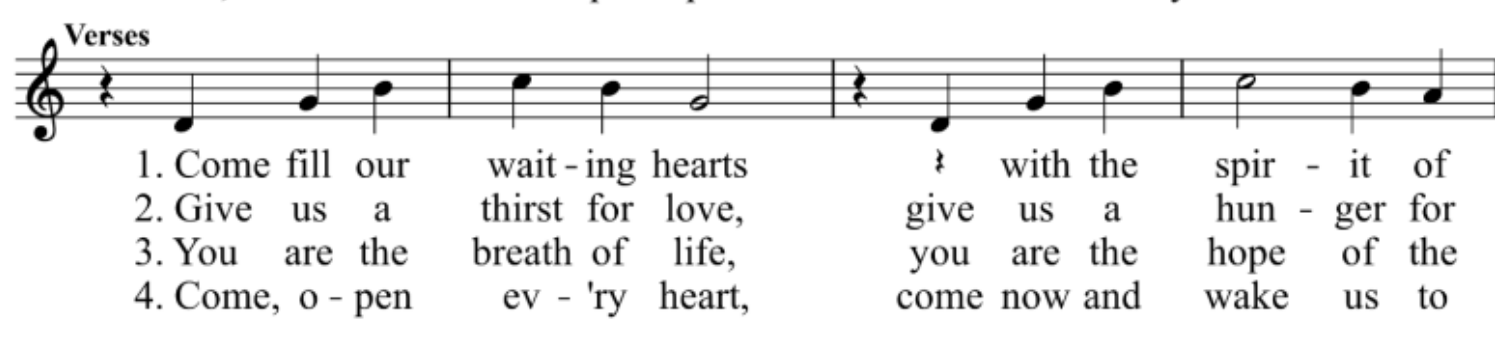
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Refrain



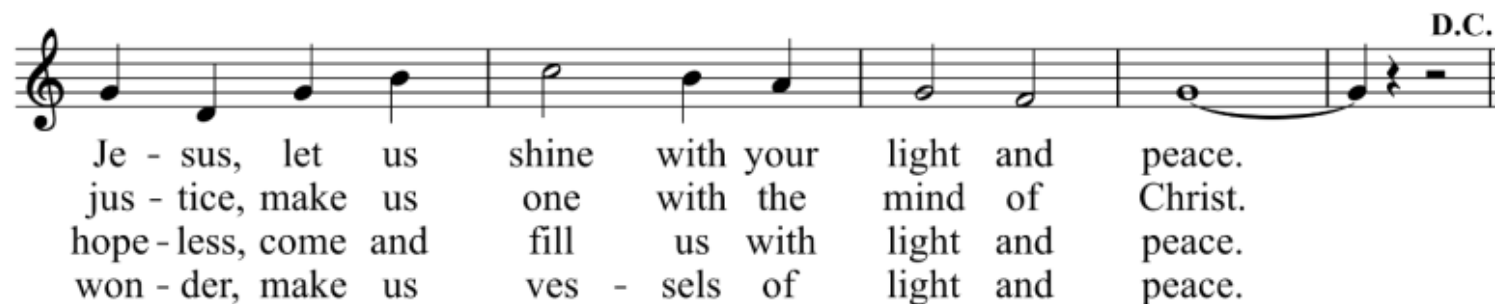
God, you have moved up-on the wa-ters, you have sung in the
rush of wind and flame; and in your love, you have called us all your
chil-dren, make us peo-ple of the wa-ter and your name.

Verses



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

D.C.



Je-sus, let us shine with your light and peace.
jus-tice, make us one with the mind of Christ.
hope-less, come and fill us with light and peace.
won-der, make us ves-sels of light and peace.

The Lord's Prayer

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

Paige Souter

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

Paige Souter

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.**

Announcements



1. O heal - ing riv - er, send down your
 2. This land is parch - ing, this land is
 3. Let the seed of free - dom, a - wake and

wa - ters, Send down your wa - ters up - on this
 burn - ing, No seed is grow - ing in the bar - ren
 flour - ish, Let the deep roots nour - ish, let the tall stalks

land. O heal - ing riv - er, send down your wa - ters, And wash the
 ground. O heal - ing riv - er, send down your wa - ters, O heal - ing
 rise. O heal - ing riv - er, send down your wa - ters, O heal - ing

blood, from off the sand.
 riv - er, send your wa - ters down.
 riv - er, from out of the skies.

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The Dismissal

Steven Mackison

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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Sunday January 12 (Baptism of the Lord, Proper 1C)

8:00 PM – Compline (on Zoom only)

Sunday January 19 (2nd 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 Eucharist (in the Church and through YouTube)

8:00 PM – Compline (on Zoom only)