

The Baptism of the Lord

January 10, 2021



The Book of Alternative Services

10:00 am



St. George's Cathedral, Kingston

Prelude: *L'Enfant Jésus doit être ma consolation*, Dupré

Setting: Wood in the Phrygian Mode

Gathering Hymn:

When Jesus came to Jordan
To be baptized by John,
He did not come for pardon,
But as his Father's Son.
He came to share repentance
With all who mourn their sins,
To speak the vital sentence
With which good news begins.

2 He came to share temptation,
Our utmost woe and loss,
For us and our salvation
To die upon the cross.

So when the Dove descended
On him, the Son of Man,
The hidden years had ended,
The age of grace began.

3 Come, Holy Spirit, aid us
To keep the vows we make;
This very day invade us,
And every bondage break.
Come, give our lives direction,
The gift we covet most -
To share the resurrection
That leads to Pentecost.

Offertorium

Melody adapted from
Michael Haydn 1737-1806

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The Gathering of the Community (BAS p. 230)

All stand. The presiding celebrant greets the community

Celebrant 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 with thy spirit.**

Then may be said by the celebrant alone or with the people,

**Almighty God,
unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of
our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we
may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy
name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Summary of the Law

Celebrant Our Lord Jesus Christ said: hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

People Lord, have mercy upon us, and write both these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

Kyrie

Chorister Kyrie Eleison, Christe Eleison, Kyrie Eleison
(Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy)

Gloria in Excelsis

Chorister Glory be to God on high,
and in earth peace, good will towards men.
we praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee,
We glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly king, God the Father almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen

The Collect of the Day

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

The Readings

Reader A reading from the Book of Genesis 1:1-5

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.

At the conclusion of the passage, the reader says,

The word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 29

- ¹ Ascribe unto the LORD, O ye mighty, / ascribe unto the LORD worship and strength.
- ² Give unto the LORD the honour due unto his Name; / worship the LORD with holy worship.
- ³ The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; / it is the glorious God that maketh the thunder, even the LORD upon many waters.
- ⁴ The voice of the LORD is mighty in operation; / the voice of the LORD is a glorious voice.
- ⁵ The voice of the LORD breaketh the cedartrees; / yea, the LORD breaketh the cedars of Lebanon.
- ⁶ He maketh Lebanon to skip like a calf, / and Sirion like a young ox.
- ⁷ The voice of the LORD divideth the flames of fire; the voice of the LORD shaketh the wilderness; / yea, the LORD shaketh the wilderness of Kadesh.
- ⁸ The voice of the LORD maketh the hinds to bring forth young, and strippeth bare the forests: / in his temple doth every thing speak of his honour.
- ⁹ THE LORD sitteth above the water-flood, / and the LORD remaineth a King for ever.
- ¹⁰ The LORD shall give strength unto his people; / the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Reader A reading from the Book of the Acts of the Apostles 19:1-7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the inland 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.

At the conclusion of the passage, the reader says,

The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn

The growing limbs of God the Son,
The Father's sole begotten One,
Prepare him for his work on earth,
Who for mankind took human birth

2. In wisdom and in grace he grows,
Each step of human life he knows,
In all save sin, like us was made,
To be a fallen people's aid.

3. His Father's house he enters in,
Where rabbis teach their cure for sin,
While in his heart he hears the call
Which through his cross won life for all.

4. And he who rules angelic bands,
Who high in heavenly glory stands,
Now yields him to his mother's will,
A boy's obedience to fulfil.

5. He all his radiant splendour hides,
And he who made the stars abides
With Joseph and the Mother blest,
In form of servant manifest.

6. To him, the Father's only Son,
Let praise and honour now be done,
Who by the Holy Spirit's grace
Took flesh to save our human race.

St. Chad

C. Dearnley 1930-2000

Reader The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

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

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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.'

Mark 1 :4-11

Reader The Gospel of Christ
People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Sermon – The Venerable David Selzer

Thanksgiving Over the Water

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil
and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People **I do.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant 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.**

Celebrant 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.**

Celebrant 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.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the
good
news of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

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

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant 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.**

Celebrant 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.**

The Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution

A confession of sin may be made here if a penitential rite has not been used earlier, or if penitential intercessions were not used in the Prayers of the People. The celebrant or other person may say one or more of the following:

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him.

Come unto me all that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.
Matthew 1.28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. *John 3.16*

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1.15*

Hear also what Saint John saith.

If anyone sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2.1,2*

Then shall be said:

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: draw near with faith, and take this holy sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to almighty God.

Silence is kept. The celebrant and people say together,

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things and judge of all people: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we from time to time most grievously have committed, By thought, word and deed, Against thy divine majesty. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Peace

All stand, and the presiding celebrant addresses the people.

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

Motet:

O Holy Spirit, Lord of grace,
eternal fount of love,
in flame, we pray, our inmost hearts
with fire from heaven above.

As thou in bond of love dost join
the Father and the Son,
so fill us all with mutual love,
and knit our hearts in one.

C. Tye c. 1505-72

C. Coffin 1676-1749
tr. by J. Chandler

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say:
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 celebrant may bless the people.

Celebrant The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and
minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our
Lord: And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy
Spirit be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

The celebrant may bless the people. The deacon, or other leader, dismisses the people, saying in these or similar words,

Leader Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: Postlude: *Finale Jubilante, H. Willan*

Interim Dean: The Ven. David Selzer
Interim Director of Music: Brad Barbeau
Choristers:

Prayer List: The Very Rev Sharon Murdoch, The Rev Don Goodwin, Collin Stewart, Lynn Moore, John Bate, Dee Padfield, Kathy Anderson, Anne Kirkpatrick, John Weatherall, Sandy, Jason, Allie and Dev Kauenhofen, Gwynne Hardy, Mary and John Lindsay, Paul Robertson, Richard, Brian English, Sue Kilpatrick, Steven Hurd and Jenn Hurd, Ayda Mora, Danielle Clarke; the family of the late Helen Bronskill.

**The flowers for decoration in St. George's Cathedral have been given
to the Glory of God in memory of loved ones**

Parish Cycle of Prayer: Pray for St. George's Publicity and Communications Committee, Kevin Raison, Valerie Jackson coordinators, and all team members; and we pray for the following households: Maxine Clarke, Neil Henry and Annmarie Clarke, Gil Cleghorn, Todd Cole, and their families.

Readings for Sunday January 17 – Second Sunday after the Epiphany
10:00am worship service via YouTube
1 Samuel 3:1-10(11-20); Psalm 139:1-5,12-17; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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