

St. PAUL'S  
ANGLICAN CHURCH



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# LIVESTREAM SUNDAY WORSHIP

**BAPTISM OF THE LORD – SERVICE OF THE WORD  
JANUARY 10, 2021 AT 10.00 AM**

## **BEFORE THE SERVICE**

*Welcome to our Online Service. In preparation, you may want to think about posture and your environment at home. You may find it helpful to light a candle, place or hold a cross...whatever is helpful.*

## **GATHERING THE COMMUNITY**

**PRELUDE** *a selection of Music will be played.*

## **THE GREETING & WELCOME**

*Minister*      The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
                         and the love of God,  
                         and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
                         be with you all

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

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

*Minister*      Dear friends in Christ,  
                         as we turn our hearts and minds  
                         to worship almighty God,  
                         let us confess our sins.

**All**              **Most merciful God,**  
**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.**

*Minister* 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.

**All Amen.**

### **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Minister* 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**

*Minister* Let us prepare ourselves for the Word of God  
as it comes to us in the reading of Holy Scriptures.

**All Our hearts and minds are open.**

### **FIRST READING**

**Sharon Connaughty**

*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.

GENESIS 1:1-5

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*Musical interlude*

## SECOND READING

Sharon Connaughty

Reader A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

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.

ACTS 19:1-7

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*Musical interlude*

## THE GOSPEL

Sharon Connaughty

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." MARK 1:4-11

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

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

## SERMON

*After the Sermon there will be a period of time for reflection.*

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Minister* Let us give voice to our convictions and substance to our hopes.

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

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.

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. Amen.

## INTERCESSIONS AND THANKSGIVINGS

Tim Conklin

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Minister* Gathering our prayers and praises into one,  
let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

**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 forever. Amen.

## THE DOXOLOGY

*Minister*      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

### THE BLESSING

*Minister*      May God the Father,  
who led the wise men by the shining of a star  
to find the Christ, the Light from light,  
lead you also in your pilgrimage to find the Lord.  
**All**              **Amen.**

*Minister*      May God the Son,  
who turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana,  
transform your lives and make glad your hearts.  
**All**              **Amen.**

*Minister*      May God the Holy Spirit,  
who came upon the beloved Son  
at his baptism in the river Jordan,  
pour out his gifts on you  
who have come to the waters of new birth.  
**All**              **Amen.**

*Minister*      And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**All**              **Amen.**

### THE DISMISSAL

*Minister*      Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**All**              **Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE *Voluntary*

If you would like to join us for a virtual coffee hour on Zoom, please go to  
<https://bit.ly/2Sj3gZ4>      Meeting ID: 240 454 925drg