

EASY PRINT – Baptism of the Lord – January 12, 2025

Welcome – *Fr. Daniel*

Entrance Antiphon: *by Surinder Mundra*

Sung by Choir Leads

*A voice came from heaven, saying, "Tis is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased.
Matthew 3.17*

Please rise in body or spirit and sing

Processional Hymn: # 508 – "I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY"

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down thy head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one, stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus and I drank of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, thy morn shall rise, and all thy day be bright."
I looked to Jesus and I found in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk till travelling days are done.

✠ **The Gathering of the Community**

Leader: 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.**

Leader: There is one body and one Spirit.

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

Leader: One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

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

Leader: Almighty God,

All: **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Leader: 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 forever.

All: **Amen.**

✠ The Proclamation of the Word

Reader: A Reading from the Book of 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: The word of the Lord.

Isaiah 43.1-7

People: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Psalm # 29

Please remain seated & sing

The Cantor sings the refrain, all repeat

Surinder S. Mundra

January 6, 2009

May the Lord _____ give strength and peace to His peo - ple.

Choir: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendour. **REFRAIN**

Choir: The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters. The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty. **REFRAIN**

Choir: The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon. He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox. The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire. The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. **REFRAIN**

Choir: The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, 'Glory!' The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king for ever. May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace! **REFRAIN**

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: The word of the Lord.

Acts 8.14-17

People: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Sequence Hymn: #165 – “MARK HOW THE LAMB” *Please rise in body or spirit & sing*

The first two verses are sung before the Gospel.

Mark how the Lamb of God's self-offering our human sinfulness takes on in the birth-waters of the Jordan as Jesus is baptized by John.

Hear how the voice from heaven thunders, "Lo, this is my beloved Son."

See how in dove-like form the Spirit descends on God's Anointed One.

From this assurance of God's favour Jesus goes to the wilderness, there to endure a time of testing that readied him to teach and bless.

So we, by water and the Spirit baptized into Christ's ministry, are often led to paths of service through mazes of adversity.

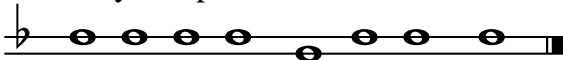
The last verse will be sung; after the Gospel.

The Gospel

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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

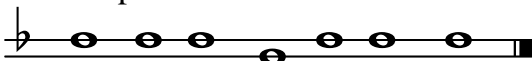
People: 

Glo-ry to you, Lord Je-sus 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."

Leader: The Gospel of Christ.

Luke 3.15-17, 21-22

People: 

Praise to you, Lord Je-sus Christ.

The last verse will be sung; after the Gospel.

Grant us, O God, the strength and courage to live the faith our lips declare;
bless us in our baptismal calling; Christ's royal priesthood help us share.
Turn us from every false allegiance, that we may trust in Christ alone;
raise up in us a chosen people transformed by love to be your own.

Sermon

The Baptismal Covenant

Please rise in body or spirit.

Priest: Dear friends, let us renew our own baptismal covenant. Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Priest: 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.**

Priest: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: **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: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: **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?

People: **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?

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

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

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

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

People: **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?

People: **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?

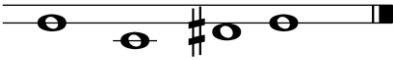
People: **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers of the People

Please kneel or be seated

The leader offers prayers for the church, the world, the sick and the suffering, and those who have died.

Leader: As we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, we join in prayer with all who are baptised into his death and resurrection, responding to the petition: "We pray to the Lord", singing:

All: 
Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: As John the Baptist called people to confession of sin and repentance; we ask for the grace to change our ways and to follow the Way of Jesus. We pray to the Lord.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: As Jesus humbly submitted himself to John's ministry; we pray for the grace of mutual love, that we may serve one another in humility, not out of pride nor seeking our own glory, but for the greater glory of God and his kingdom. We pray to the Lord.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: As the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus in the waters of baptism, we pray for the Church and all who call themselves Christians, that the Good News may be preached boldly with truthful words and loving deeds. In the Mississauga Deanery we pray for ..., in our own parish we pray for We pray to the Lord.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: As John baptised people to wash away their sin and restore the health of their souls, we pray for all who suffer in body, mind or spirit, ...; that they may be strengthened by God's Spirit, we pray to the Lord.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: As the Voice of God declared to Jesus: "You are my Beloved Son" as he came up out of the waters; we pray for those of God's children who have passed through the waters of death, that they might be welcomed on another shore, with the words "With you I am well pleased", praying for ... for whom the memorial flowers are offered in the church. We pray to the Lord.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Jesus called others to share in his ministry, begun at his baptism. Give us willing and courageous hearts to respond to your call and grow in discipleship, begun in our baptism. We pray to the Lord.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Almighty God,

All: **you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications to you, and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together you will hear their requests.**

All: **Fulfil now our desires and petitions, as may be best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come eternal life; for you, Father, are good and loving, and we glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen**

Confession and Absolution

Please kneel or be seated

Leader: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Leader: Most merciful God,

All: **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.**

Priest: 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.

People: **Amen.**

✠ The Thanksgiving over Water

The priest pours the water in to the font and blesses it saying,

Priest: We give you thanks, almighty God and Father, for by the gift of water you nourish and sustain all living things.

All: 
Bless - ed be God for-ev - er and ev - er!

Priest: We give you thanks that through the waters of the Red Sea, you led your people out of slavery to freedom in the promised land.

All: **Blessed be God for ever and ever.**


Priest: We give you thanks for sending your Son Jesus. For us he was baptized by John in the river Jordan. For us he was anointed as Christ by your Holy Spirit. For us he suffered the baptism of his own death and resurrection, setting us free from the bondage of sin and death, and opening to us the joy and freedom of everlasting life.

All: **Blessed be God for ever and ever.**

Priest: We give you thanks for your Holy Spirit who teaches us and leads us into all truth, filling us with his gifts so that we might proclaim the gospel to all nations and serve you as a royal priesthood.

All: **Blessed be God for ever and ever.**

Priest: We give you thanks for you have called us to new life through the waters of baptism. Now sanctify this water, that your servants who are washed in it may be made one with Christ in his death and resurrection, that they may become inheritors of your glorious kingdom. We give you praise and honour and worship through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

All: 
Bless-ed be God for-ev-er and ev-er! A - men.

The Asperges

The priest travels down the centre aisle, sprinkling the people.

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 he keep us all faithful to our calling, now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

The Peace

Please rise in body or spirit

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

People: **And also with you.**

*The ministry of the church depends on the generosity of it's members.
We give in the thanksgiving for all that God has given us.*

Offertory Hymn: #527 – “HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION”

All sing

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said, to you who to Jesus for refuge have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed! For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

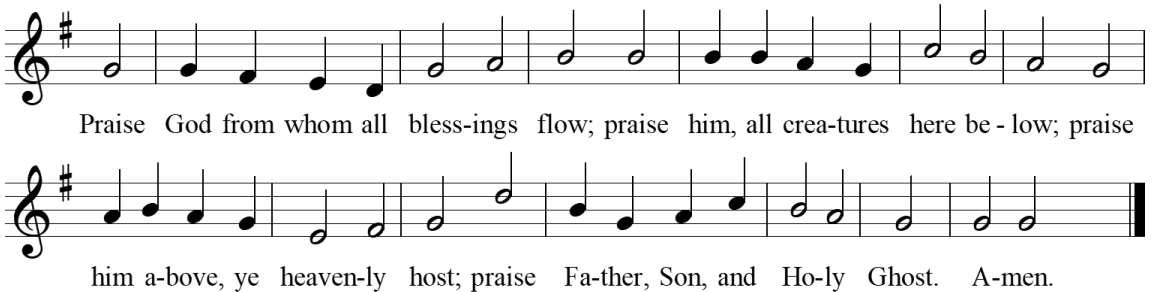
When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply:
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose I will not – I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavour to shake, I'll never – no, never – no, never forsake!"

✠ Offertory Sentence

All sing



Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low; praise
him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Priest: God of life and freedom, we celebrate the revelation of Jesus as the Christ
who makes all creation new. Accept all we offer you this day and make
us new in hi, who is Lord for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

Priest: In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, Father, according to his command,

All: **we remember his death; we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;**

Priest: and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

All sing

Presider: _____ People: _____ Surinder S. Mundra

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of 14 measures. The lyrics are: "As our Sa-viour taught us let us pray. Our Fa-ther in Hea-ven, hal-lowed be your name, Your king-dom come, Your will be done, on earth as in Hea-ven. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins, as we for-give those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of trial. and de-li-ver us from e-vil for the king-dom, and the pow-er and the glo-ry are yours, now and for-e-ver A - - - - - men." The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. Measure numbers 3, 9, and 11 are indicated at the start of their respective lines. The score ends with a double bar line at the end of measure 14.

As our Sa - viour taught us let us pray. Our Fa - ther in Hea - ven,
hal - lowed be your name, Your king - dom come, Your will be done,
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and de - li - ver us from e - vil
for the king - dom, and the pow - er and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - e - ver
A - - - - - men.

Priest: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All: **We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Priest: If you are joining us from home, join us in this act of Eucharist by offering with me this prayer for Spiritual Communion.

The following is said by the Priest and those worshipping with us online.

Online: Lord Jesus, you are the Bread of Life and you are the Word that became flesh to dwell among us. As I cannot now take the Bread, let your Word abide in my heart, that I may abide in you.

All: **Amen**

Priest: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

AGNUS DEI

All sing



Lamb of God, Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world, have mer-cy, have mer - cy on us.



Lamb of God, Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Grant us your peace.

Communion Hymn: – “SHALL WE GATHER AT THE RIVER”

All sing

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod;
With its crystal tide forever Flowing by the throne of God?

REFRAIN: Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river,
Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray,
We will walk and worship ever, all the happy, golden day. REFRAIN

Ere we reach the shining river, ay we ev'ry burden down;
Grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown. REFRAIN

Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease;
Soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. REFRAIN

Anthem – “BAPTISM CAROL” by Mark Wilson

sung by the Quartet

Prayer after Communion

Priest: Gracious God, lover of all, by this sacrament you make us one family in Christ your Son, one in the sharing of his body and blood, one in the communion of his spirit. Help us to grow in love for one another and come to the full maturity of the Body of Christ. We ask this in his name.

All: **Amen.**

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.**

Blessing

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.**

Priest: Remember your baptism; that you are the Beloved of God; gifted with the Holy Spirit of God, to walk in the Way of God, following the Son of God. And the blessing of God Eternal Love, Incarnate Word and Abiding Spirit Be upon you this day, and always.

People: **Amen.**

Announcements

Closing Hymn: #162– “SING OF GOD”

Sing of God made manifest in a child robust and blest,
to whose home in Bethlehem where a star had guided them,
magi came and gifts unbound, signs mysterious and profound:
myrrh and frankincense and gold grave and God and king foretold.

Sing of God made manifest when at Jordan John confessed,
"I should be baptized by you, but your bidding I will do."
Then from heaven a double sign – dove-like Spirit, voice divine –
hailed the true Anointed One: "This is my beloved Son."

Sing of God made manifest when Christ came as wedding-guest
and at Cana gave a sign, turning water into wine; further still was love revealed
as he taught, forgave, and healed, bringing light and life to all
who would listen to God's call.

Sing of God made manifest on the cloud-capped mountain's crest,
where both voice and vision waned until Christ alone remained:
glimpse of glory, pledge of grace, given as Jesus set his face
towards the waiting cross and grave, sign of hope that God would save.

Dismissal

Priest: Go into the world, empowered by the Spirit to live out your baptism!
Alleluia!

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

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