

THE SENT: GOD'S CHURCH DEPLOYED

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A Service of the Word
for

The Baptism of the Lord – Sunday, January 7th, 2024

Opening Responary & Gathering of the Community

One 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.

One There is one body and one Spirit,

All There is one hope in God's call to us;

One One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

All One God and Father of all.

One Let us pray. We thank you, O God, that you have again brought us together on the Lord's Day to praise you for your goodness and to ask your blessing. Give us grace to see your hand in the week that is past, and your purpose in the week to come; through Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Welcome

Opening Hymn

CP3

Morning Has Broken

Confession and Absolution

One The Lord shall give strength to this people; the Lord shall give this people the blessing of peace. Let us acknowledge our weakness, repent of our sin, and receive the peace of God's mercy.

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.

One May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw you to himself and cleanse you from all your sins, that you may behold the glory of his Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Peace

One The peace of the Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Act of Praise CP403

Let All Things Now Living

Collect of the Day

One God of grace and glory, you call us with your voice from heaven to be your people, fruitful and courageous. As your beloved Son embraced his mission in the waters of baptism, inspire us with your Spirit to join in his transforming work. We ask this in the name of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading Genesis 1:1-5

Psalm 29

Second Reading Acts 19:1-7

Gradual Hymn CP 578

O Healing River

Gospel Reading Mark 1:4-11

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

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

All I do.

One Do you believe in God the Father?

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

One 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. 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.

One 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.

One 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.

One 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.

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

All I will, with God's help.

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

All I will, with God's help.

One 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.

One 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.

Discussion

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Please respond to each petition ending "let us pray to the Lord" with "Lord, hear our prayer."

Offering

Offertory Hymn CP631

The Kingdom of God

One 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 him, who is Lord for ever and ever.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

One And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,
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.

Doxology

One 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

Announcements

Closing Hymn

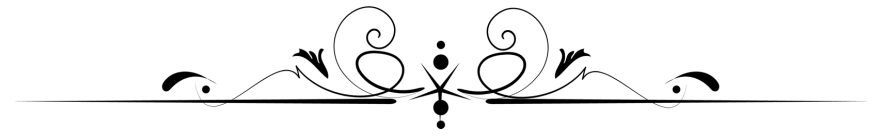
CP509

Precious Lord

Dismissal

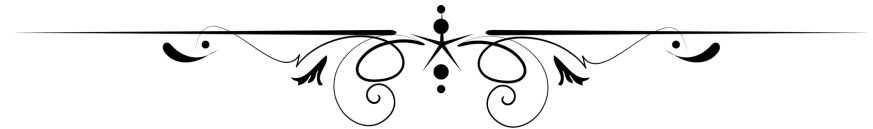
One Go forth into the world. Proclaim the good news of Christ. Receive the inheritance of God's promise. Live in the light of the gospel.

All Thanks be to God.



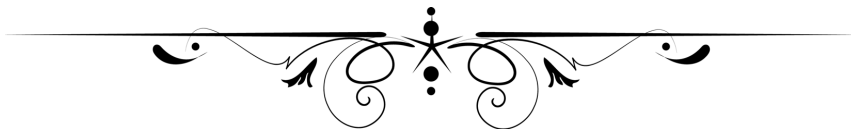
Announcements

Join us each week to worship in this form via Facebook Live and YouTube. We will be here each week to offer worship leadership. Please watch your emails and parish Facebook and webpage for updates going forward. Each participating parish will communicate changes as we move through this time. Please be in touch with our Chaplain Rev'd Paul or your parish priest should you need pastoral care, we are all available to offer support safely during this time. Your financial support of **The SENT: God's Church Deployed** is important to sustain this ministry in the wider world. Please tune in for details on how you can support this ministry.



Diocese of Huron Land Acknowledgement

The Diocese of Huron is situated on the ancestral beaver hunting grounds of the Algonquin, Haudenosaunee and Attawandaran peoples; the traditional and unceded lands of the Anishinaabe Peoples, of Walpole Island, Kettle Point and the Thames, the settled people's Haudenosaunee Confederacy, at the Grand River and the Thames and the Leni Lenape Delaware peoples of Moraviantown and Muncey.



Chalk Your Home for Epiphany

A traditional way of doing this is to use chalk to write above the home's entrance. It can also be written somewhere inside the home.

+20 C M B 24+

The letters C, M, B have two meanings:

- They are the initials of the traditional names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar.*
- They also abbreviate the Latin words *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "May Christ bless the house."*

The "+" signs represent the cross and 2024 is the year.

Here's a suggested format for your liturgy at home:

One Peace be to this house and to all who dwell here, in the name of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

One When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

The word of the Lord.

ALL Thanks be to God

Using the chalk, write on the outside of your house or inside above the front main entrance, above or next to an entrance:

+20 C M B 24+

All: Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who live here and all who visit. May we be blessed with health, kindness of heart, gentleness and the keeping of your law. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our love for each other may go out to all. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Reading: GENESIS 1:1-5

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.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

All: Thanks be to God

Psalm 29

A READING OF PSALM 29.

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due the divine name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendour.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon,

and makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.

And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, "Glory!"

The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as sovereign for evermore.

The Lord shall give strength to this people; the Lord shall give this people the blessing of peace.

Glory be to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

All: As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

Second Reading: ACTS 19:1-7

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES.

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.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

All: Thanks be to God

The Gospel MARK 1:4-11

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, 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."

The gospel of Christ. **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Hymns

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Opening Hymn CP 3

Morning Has Broken

1 Morning has broken
Like the first morning,
Blackbird has spoken
Like the first bird.
Praise for the singing!
Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing
Fresh from the Word!

2 Sweet the rain's new fall
Sunlit from Heaven,
Like the first dewfall
On the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness
Of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness
Where his feet pass.

3 Mine is the sunlight,
Mine is the morning,
Born of the one light
Eden saw play.
Praise with elation,
Praise every morning,
God's re-creation
Of the new day!

Act of Praise CP 403

Let All Things Now Living

Let all things now living a song of
thanksgiving
To God the creator triumphantly raise.
Who fashioned and made us, protected
and stayed us,
Who still guides us on to the end of our
days.

His banners are o'er us, His light goes
before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night.
Till shadows have vanished and
darkness is banished
As forward we travel from light into
light.

His law he enforces, the stars in their
courses
And sun in its orbit obediently shine;
The hills and the mountains, the rivers
and fountains,
The deeps of the ocean proclaim him
divine.
We too should be voicing our love and
rejoicing;
With glad adoration a song let us raise
Till all things now living unite in
thanksgiving:

"To God in the highest, Hosanna and
praise!" Amen.

Gradual Hymn CP 578

O Healing River

1 Oh healing river, send down your
waters,
send down your waters upon this land.
Oh healing river send down your waters,
and wash the blood from off the sand.

2 This land is parching, this land is
burning,
no seed is growing in the barren ground.
O healing river send down your waters,
O healing river send your waters down.

3 Let the seed of freedom awake and
flourish,
let the deep roots nourish, let the tall
stalks rise.
O healing river send down your waters
O healing river from out of the skies.

Offertory Hymn CP 631

The Kingdom of God Is Justice

1 The kingdom of God is justice and joy;
For Jesus restores what sin would
destroy.
God's power and glory in Jesus we know;
And here and hereafter the kingdom
shall grow.

2 The kingdom of God is mercy and
grace;
The captives are freed, the sinners find
place,
The outcast are welcomed God's
banquet to share;
And hope is awakened in place of
despair.

3 The kingdom of God is challenge and
choice:
Believe the good news, repent and
rejoice!
His love for us sinners brought Christ to
his cross:
Our crisis of judgement for gain or for
loss.

4 God's kingdom is come, the gift and
the goal;
In Jesus begun, in heaven made whole.
The heirs of the kingdom shall answer
his call;
And all things cry "Glory!" to God all in
all.

Closing Hymn CP 509

Precious Lord

Precious Lord, take my hand,
Lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night,
Lead me on to the light:

Refrain
Take my hand, precious Lord,
Lead me home.

When my way grows drear,
Precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call,
Hold my hand lest I fall:

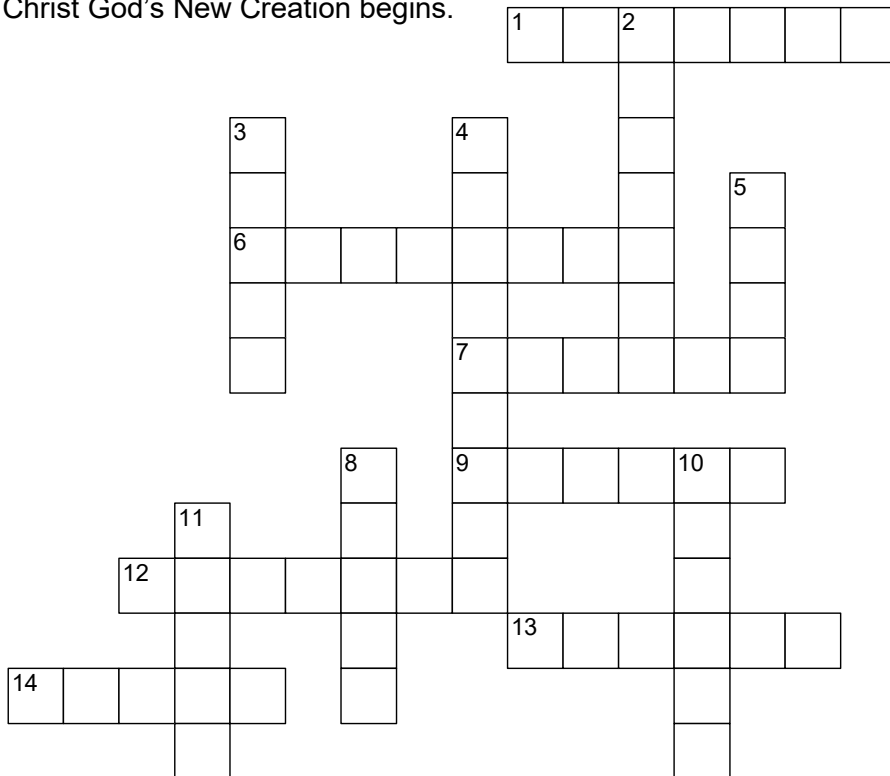
Refrain

When the darkness appears
And the night draws near,
And the day is past and gone,
At the river, I stand,
Guide my feet, hold my hand:

Refrain

The Baptism of Jesus Christ

The story of Jesus' baptism shows a number of similarities with the Creation story in Genesis 1. Mark puts it at the beginning of his Gospel, maybe because he wants to indicate that with Jesus Christ God's New Creation begins.



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Across

- 1 northern part of Israel
- 6 town where Jesus grew up
- 7 third Person of the Trinity
- 12 the first sacrament
- 13 major river in Israel
- 14 might have one or two humps

Down

- 2 material made from animal skin
- 3 natural sweetener
- 4 biggest city in Israel
- 5 strip worn around the waist
- 8 sound produced in the throat
- 10 shoe made of a sole and straps
- 11 liquid necessary for life

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Youth Bulletin



Baptism of Our Lord



Today's lessons:

- Genesis 1:1-5 At the beginning of Creation there was only water. Then came God's voice, and through it came light.
- Psalm 29 This psalm praises God's powerful voice, connecting it with a number of natural phenomena, for example a storm over the water.
- Acts 19:1-7 The apostle Paul meets some people who think they are Christians. But Paul has to explain to them that the baptism that John the Baptist performed and Christian baptism are not the same.
- Mark 1:4-11 After John the Baptist has baptized many people for repentance, Jesus comes to him and gets baptized, too. But this baptism is different from all others...

Agnus Day

by James Watson



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Mover and Shaker

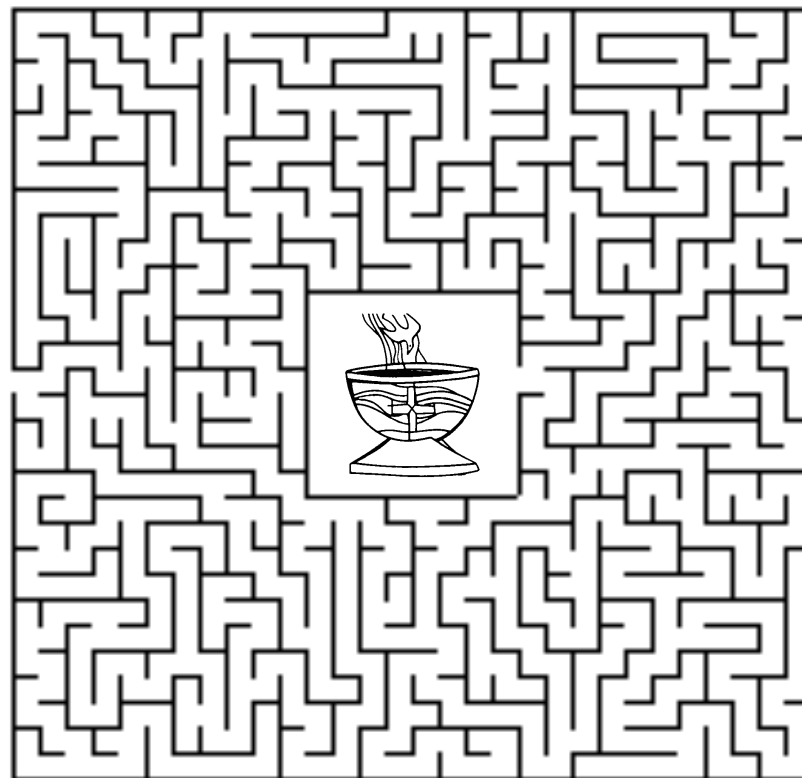
The effects of God's voice are sometimes hidden like the words from Psalm 29 here, but if you know what you're looking for, you'll find them everywhere! And the hidden message that appears once you've found all the words, too...

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The Water of Life



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In the Beginning,

that is, in Genesis 1, we hear God say:

“HER BIG TEETH TELL !”

Can't find it in your Bible?! Just try a different order of the letters!

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