



# St. Martin's Anglican Church

January 10, 2021

## The Baptism of the Lord

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Prelude *Chorale-Prelude on 'Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern'*  
(BWV 739), J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

**Sentence:**

A voice came from heaven, saying, "This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased."

**Opening Hymn** Sing of God Made Manifest, vs. 1 & 2

***Organ only***

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."

## THE GATHERING OF 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 also with you.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God,

*People* **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 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Kyrie Eleison

Lord have mercy.

**Christ have mercy.**

Lord have mercy.

### The Collect

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**

### **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.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 29**

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

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his 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;

He 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 king for evermore.

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

### **Second Reading Acts 19.1-7**

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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for the Gospel.*

**Gospel Reading** Mark 1.4-11

*Reader* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

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

*People* **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."

The Gospel of Christ.

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

**Homily**

**Moment of Silent Reflection**

### **The Apostles' Creed**

*Celebrant* Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

**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.**

**Offertory Hymn (organ only) What Child Is This, vs. 1 & 3**

What child is this, who, laid to rest,  
on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
while shepherds watch are keeping?

Refrain:

This, this is Christ the King,  
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
haste, haste to bring him laud,  
the babe, the son of Mary.

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;  
come, peasant, king, to own him.  
The King of kings salvation brings;  
let loving hearts enthrone him. [Refrain]

**Prayer over the Gifts**

*Celebrant* 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. **Amen.**

**Prayers of the People**

*Celebrant* And now, as our Saviour Christ has 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.**

### **Confession & Absolution**

*Celebrant* 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.

*Silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* 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.**

*Celebrant* 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 Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

### **Doxology & Blessing**

*Celebrant* 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.**

*Celebrant* The peace of God which passes all understanding

keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge  
and love of God and of his Son,  
Jesus Christ the Lord.  
And the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
remain with you and the ones you love  
now and forevermore. **Amen.**

## **Announcements**

**Closing Hymn (organ)** Crashing Waters at Creation, vs. 1 & 4

Crashing waters at creation,  
ordered by the Spirit's breath,  
first to witness day's beginning  
from the brightness of night's death.

Living water, never ending,  
quench the thirst and flood the soul.  
Wellspring, source of life eternal,  
drench our dryness, make us whole.

*Rev. Shelly* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!

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

Postlude *Choral-Prelude on 'Winchester New'*, John E. West (1863-1929)

# Announcements

**Discussion Nights** – In the next few weeks, we will be holding two discussions of articles by N.T. Wright and Fr. James J. Martin. We will discuss a different article on each date. You are welcome to participate in either or both discussions, which will take place on Zoom. The dates are:

Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM

Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7 PM

Links to the articles and Zoom links for the discussions will be sent out shortly.

**\*\*Virtual Coffee Hour is moving to Zoom** – Our Virtual Coffee Hour is back at 12:30 pm today, now on Zoom! Link to participate: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86160988368>, or you may call **647-374-4685** or **647-558-0588** if you wish to participate by phone.  
Meeting ID: 861 6098 8368

**Wednesday Service on Zoom** – Our midweek service will take place on Zoom on Wednesday at 10:15 am. The Zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82287913027>, or you may call **647-374-4685** or **647-558-0588** if you wish to participate by phone.  
Meeting ID: 822 8791 3027

**Tax receipts** - As we are not able to pick up tax receipts and donation envelopes at church, our Envelope Secretary, Peter Davidson, has been doing contactless delivery of 2020 receipts, bundled with 2021 envelopes, to everyone's home. This should be completed by today. If you have not received yours, or have questions, please contact Peter at 905-831-1368.

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