

**Worship outline:**  
**Sunday, January 10, 2021**  
**Baptism of the Lord**

**Opening Hymn: #42 Crashing Waters at Creation (v.1,3,4) (Powerpoint)**

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

Cleansing water once at Jordan, closed around the one foretold,  
Opened to reveal the glory, ever new and ever old.

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

**Gathering of the Community**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the Love of God and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. **And also with you.**

There is one body and one Spirit,  
**There is one hope in God's call to us;**  
One Lord, one faith, one baptism,  
**One God and Father of all.**

**The peace brought by the Christ child be always with you.**  
**And also with you**

**Prayer of the Day**

**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. Amen**

**First Reading: 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.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

**Thanks be to God**

## **Psalm29**

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 splendor.**

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.**

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.

**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 forever.

**May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!**

## **Gospel**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (1:4-11)

**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

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

**Homily:** TBD

**Hymn:** #541 As Longs the Hart (3 verses)

(Powerpoint)

As the hart longs for flowing streams,  
So longs my soul for you, O God;  
My soul does thirst for the living God:  
When shall I come to see your face?

My tears have fed me day and night,  
While others said, "Where is your God?"  
But I recall, as my soul pours dry,  
The days of praise within your house.

Why do I mourn and toil within,  
When it is mine to hope in God?  
I shall again sing praise to God,  
Who is my help, who is my God.

### **Renewal of Baptismal Vows**

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Saviour?

**I do.**

Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

**I do.**

Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

**I do.**

Do you put your whole trust in God's grace and love?

**I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Saviour and Lord.**

### **The Baptismal Covenant**

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

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

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

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

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

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

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

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

### **Prayers of the People**

**Bidding:** **May the Spirit of God**

**Response:** fill us to overflowing

**Those in need:** Margaret, David, Wendy, Barbara, Alex, Michelle, Anne, George, Stephen, Jane, Sari, Paul, Marion, Gregg, Logan, Dianne, Ken, Bill, Pam, Ardene, Don, June, Rick C, Pearl, Karen, Dorothy, Patti, Carole, Steve, Nick, Jim & Judy

**Those in our parish:** Margaret Young, Vicki Adam, Irene & Bob Allan, Irene Allen

**In the Niagara Diocese:** St. John the Evangelist, Winona, our parish of St. Elizabeth, our rector Susan, and our Bishop Susan Bell.

**In the World Wide Anglican Communion:** The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

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# THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST FIRST SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

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*Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus is affirmed at his  
Baptism as God's beloved Son, and we too are given  
the Spirit of God which affirms us as God's  
adopted daughters and sons.*

Let the Spirit of God in our hearts plead  
for the Church and for the world.

Great God of all time and space,  
fill the Church with such joy in believing  
that all Christians overflow with love,  
compassion, generosity and humility.  
Let us walk your way and live your life.

*Silence*

May the Spirit of God:  
**fill us to overflowing.**

Great God of power and justice,  
fill the arenas of leadership and conflict  
with sharpened consciences and with courage,  
so that wise decisions are made,  
needs met and wrongs righted.

*Silence*

May the Spirit of God:  
**fill us to overflowing.**

Great God of gentleness and truth,  
fill every home with new insight  
and greater understanding.  
Break down the divisive barriers  
and build up our capacity to love.

*Silence*

May the Spirit of God:  
**fill us to overflowing.**

Great God of attentive caring,  
fill us with your practical compassion;  
may all who suffer be heard,  
comforted and cared for.  
Heal both their situation and our hardness of heart.

*Silence*

May the Spirit of God:  
**fill us to overflowing.**

Great God of unending being,  
fill death with your life  
and the dying with hope in you.  
Prepare us all for life which lasts for ever.

*Silence*

May the Spirit of God:  
**fill us to overflowing.**

Great God of all creation,  
fill our mouths with praises  
and our hearts with gratitude,  
for all the glory that surrounds us.

Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers**  
**for the sake of your Son,**  
**our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer** (sung)

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

**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**

**Doxology (sung X2)**

(Powerpoint)

**Glory to God, 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, for ever and ever Amen**

**Blessing**

**Closing Hymn: #101 Hail to the Lord's Anointed**

(Powerpoint)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EkrepBvrLI4>

**Dismissal**

**We have been with Jesus to the River of Jordan, river of life, river of promise. Go forth in the joy of life, to live as children of promise.**

**We go as the children of promise to share Christ's love with all we meet**

**Social Hour**