



A Service of Morning Prayer for  
The Baptism of our Lord (10 Jan 2021)

# A Prayer for Community

In this season of Epiphany, we give thanks for the light which shines forth in the world. May the Christ light call us out of darkness and into his marvellous light.

And may our time of music, prayer and scripture kindle the light within us so that we may offer our gifts that will enlighten and encourage the world which God so loves.

**Arise, shine, for our light has come!**



# Hymn 599: Awake! Awake! Fling off the Night!

1. Awake! Awake! Fling off the night,  
for God has sent a glorious light,  
and we who live in Christ's new day  
must works of darkness put away.

2. Awake and sing, with praises strong,  
in psalm and hymn and spirit-song.  
Let love our words and works renew  
with all that's good and right and true.

3. Let in the light; all sin expose to  
Christ,  
whose life no darkness knows.  
before the cross expectant kneel,  
that Christ may judge, and judging heal.

4. Then rise as children of the light.  
Be neither proud, nor hide from sight.  
Be careful how you live, and wise  
to sift the truth from cunning lies.

5. Through Christ give thanks to God,  
and say  
to other sleepers on the way:  
"Awake, and rise up from the dead  
that Christ may shine on you instead!"



# Territorial Acknowledgment

For thousands of years, First Nations people have walked on the lands that we now call Canada; their relationship with the land was, and remains today, at the centre of their lives and spirituality.

In this holy time and place, we acknowledge with respect that we gather on the traditional, ancestral territories of the Abanaki and Mohawk first peoples.

**May the living Christ lead us  
all on pathways of  
reconciliation and peace.**



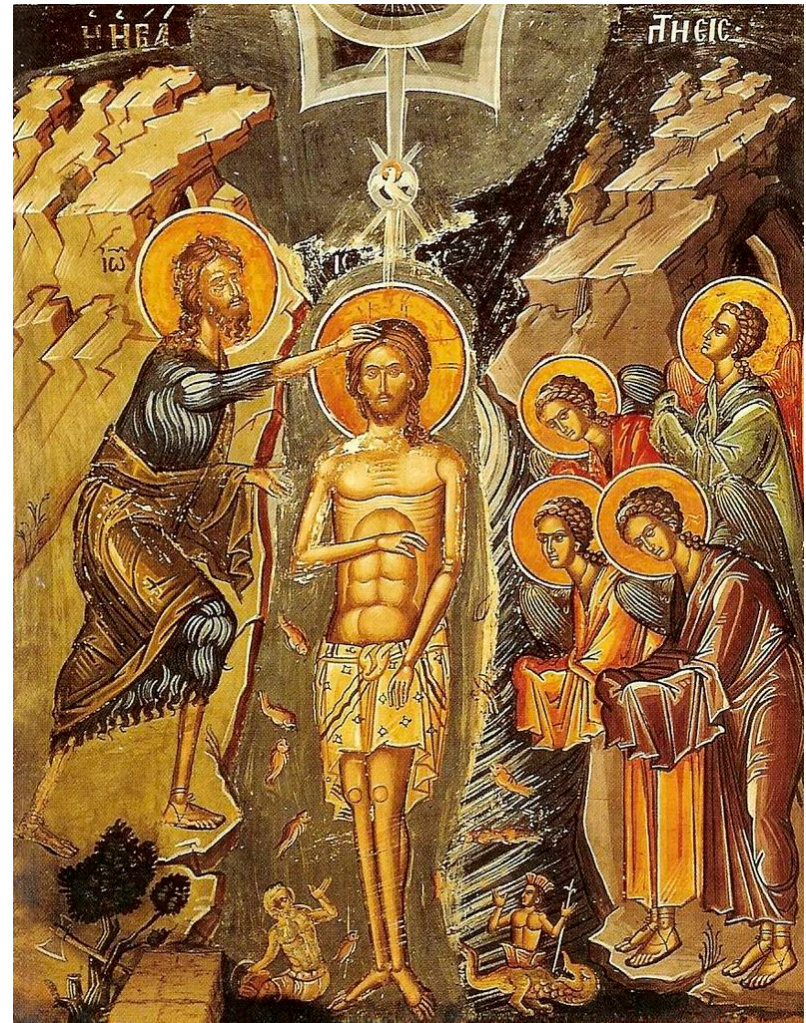
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Jackson Beardy*

# Confession & Absolution

Through sin we fall away from the promises of baptism. So let us repent, and return home again to the God of love:

**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.**

May Almighty God have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**





# Opening Responses

Lord, open our lips,  
**And our mouth shall proclaim  
your praise.**

O God, make speed to save us.  
**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
**as it was in the beginning, is  
now, and will be for ever.  
Amen.**

This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I  
am well pleased. Alleluia!  
**O come, let us worship. Alleluia!**

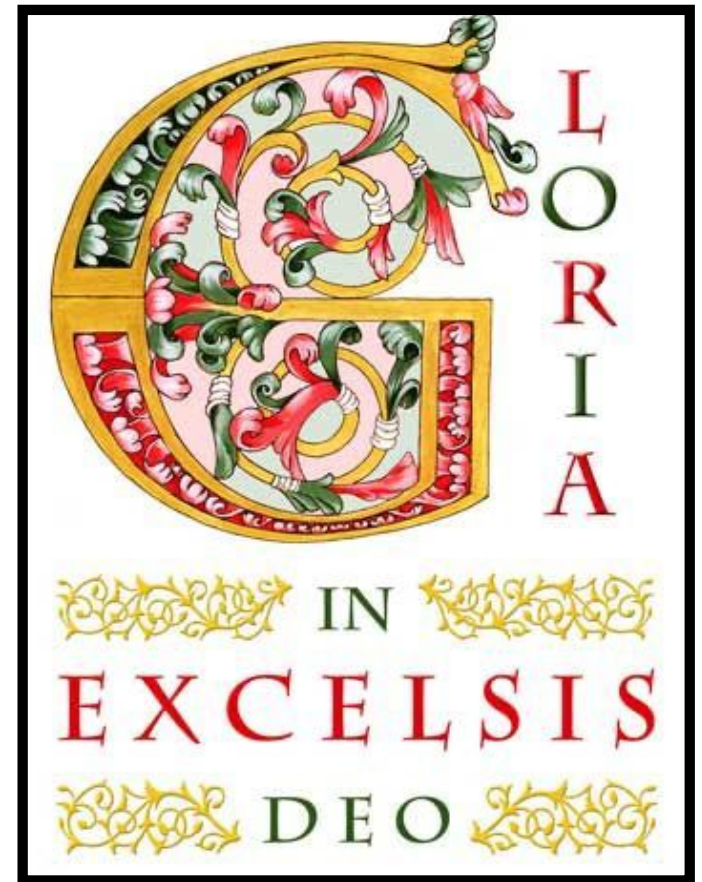


# Gloria (John Merbecke)

GLORY be to God on high, and in earth peace,  
good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless  
thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give  
thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God,  
heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ; O  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy  
upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the  
world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the  
right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon  
us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;  
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art  
most high in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.





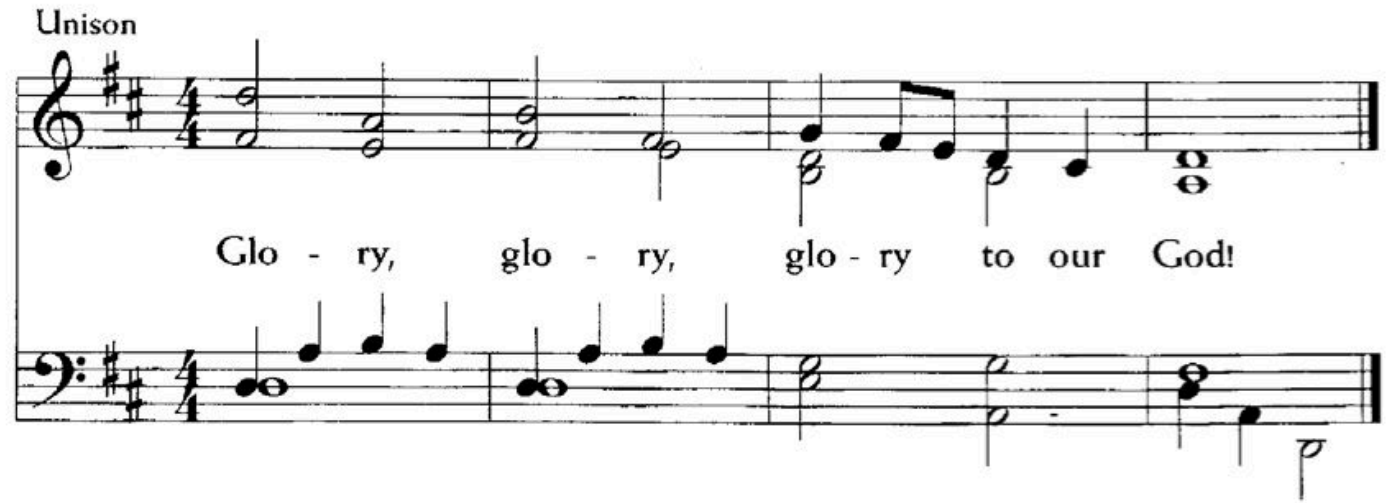
# Genesis 1:1-5

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.





# Psalm 29



Ascribe to God, you powers of the heaven,  
Ascribe to God all glory and strength!  
**Ascribe due honour to God's holy name,  
And worship in the beauty of holiness.**

*Refrain*

God's voice is over the waters —  
God's glory thundering across the great waters.  
**God's voice is power,  
God's voice is full of majesty.**  
God's voice shatters the cedars,  
Splinters the cedars of Lebanon.  
**God's voice makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
Mount Hermon stampede like a wild bull.**

God's voice forks into tongues of fire,  
God's voice shakes in the wilderness,  
Sets trembling the wilderness of Kadesh.  
**God's voice causes the oaks to whirl,  
Stripping the forest bare, and in the Temple  
all cry: Glory!**

*Refrain*

God sits enthroned above the waters,  
**God is enthroned as sovereign forever.**  
You give strength to your people, O God.  
**Now give to your people the blessing of  
peace.**

*Refrain*

# Acts 19:1-7

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.





# Hymn 156: The People that in Darkness Sat

1. The people that in darkness sat  
a glorious light have seen;  
the Light has shined on them who  
long  
in shades of death have been.

2. To hail thee, Sun of Righteousness,  
the gathering nations come;  
they joy as when the reapers bear  
their harvest treasures home.

3. For thou their burden dost remove,  
and break the tyrant's rod,  
as in the day when Midian fell  
before the sword of God.

4. For unto us a child is born,  
to us a Son is given,  
and on his shoulder ever rests  
all power in earth and heaven.

5. His name shall be the Prince of  
Peace,  
the everlasting Lord,  
the Wonderful, the Counsellor,  
the God by all adored.

6. Lord Jesus, reign in us we pray,  
and make us thine alone,  
who with the Father ever art  
and Holy Spirit one.

# Mark 1:4-11

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."







Sermon by the Rev. Tim Smart

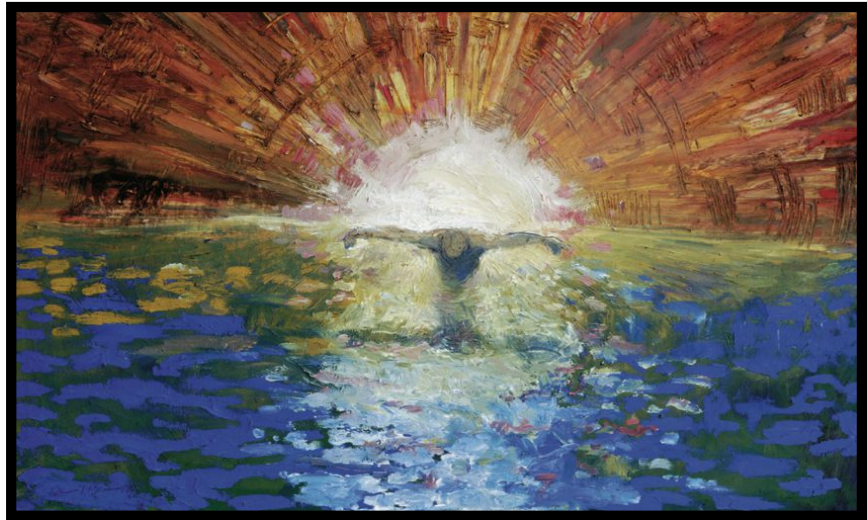


# Confession of Faith

1. **We believe** in God the Father,  
God Almighty by whose plan,  
earth and heaven sprang to being,  
all created things began.  
We believe in Christ the Saviour,  
Son of God in human frame,  
virgin-born, the child of Mary,  
upon whom the Spirit came.

2. Christ, who on the cross forsaken,  
like a lamb to slaughter led,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
he descended to the dead.  
We believe in Jesus risen,  
heaven's king to rule and reign,  
to the Father's side ascended  
‘Till as judge he comes again.

3. We believe in God the Spirit;  
in one Church, below, above:  
Saints of God in one  
communion, one in holiness and love.  
So by faith, our sins forgiven,  
Christ our Saviour, Lord, and friend,  
we shall rise with him in glory  
to the life that knows no end.





# Prayers of the People

Led by the Rev. Deacon Judy Ball

(Mansonville)



# The Collect of the Day

O God the creator of all, at his baptism you proclaimed Jesus your beloved and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Immerse us also in your grace, mark us with your image, and raise us to live our baptismal promises, so that, empowered by the Holy Spirit, we may follow the example of Christ your beloved in whose name we pray.

**Amen. Alleluia!**



# The Lord's Prayer

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

**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.**

**Notre Père, qui es aux cieux, que ton nom soit sanctifié, que ton règne vienne, que ta volonté soit faite sur la terre comme au ciel. Donne-nous aujourd'hui notre pain de ce jour. Pardonne-nous nos offenses, comme nous pardonnons aussi à ceux qui nous ont offensés. Et ne nous laisse pas entrer en tentation mais délivre-nous du mal. Car c'est à Toi qu'appartiennent le règne, la puissance et la gloire, pour les siècles des siècles. Amen.**



# Hymn 631: The Kingdom of God is Justice and Joy

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!  
God's 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.

# Blessing and Dismissal

May the light of Christ shine in our hearts  
and fill our lives with his joy and peace;  
and the blessing of God almighty, the  
Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be  
with you this Advent day and always.  
**Amen.**

We are the body of Christ: in the one  
Spirit we were all baptized into one body.  
Let us then pursue all that makes for  
peace and builds up our common life. Go  
forth in the name of Christ.

**Amen. Alleluia!**

