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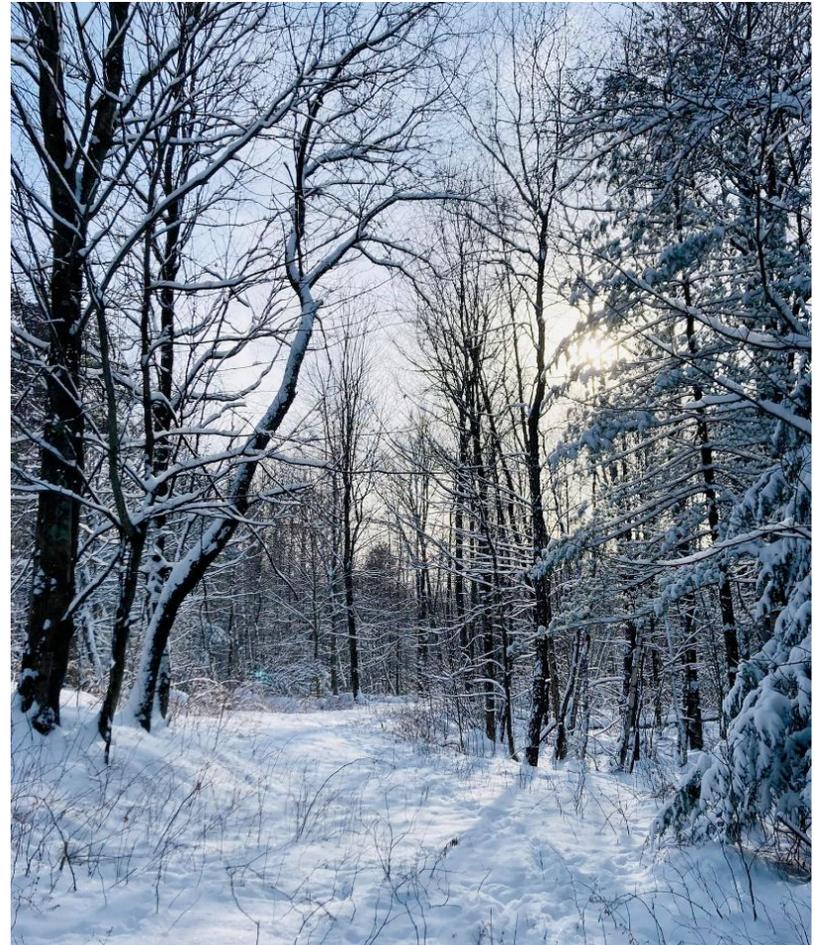
A Service of Morning Prayer for
The Baptism of our Lord (9 January 2022)

A Prayer for Regional Ministry

O God, you have called us together in this Regional Ministry to bear witness to your loving presence here in the Eastern Townships.

Scripture teaches us that while we are many, we all make up one body — the Body of Christ. Fill us with your Holy Spirit so that we may fulfil the work you have given us to do in this place; for the sake of Jesus Christ and his Kingdom.

Amen.



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. We pray for a spirit of truth and genuine reconciliation with our indigenous brothers and sisters.

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



A Prayer for Community

In Baptism, we are all joined with each other, and called to live out the Good News of Jesus Christ in word and deed — loving our neighbours as ourselves.

May our time of music, prayer and scripture kindle in us the fire of God's love, and send us out into the world which God so loves.

Amen.



Confession & Absolution

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbour:

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 on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**



Hymn 378: Crown him with many crowns

1. Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne:
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own!

Awake, my soul, and sing of him
who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

2. Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.

His glories now we sing
who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

3. Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
absorbed in prayer and praise.

His reign shall know no end;
and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

4. Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds yet visible above
in beauty glorified.

All hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

The Collect of the Day

Let us pray,

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting

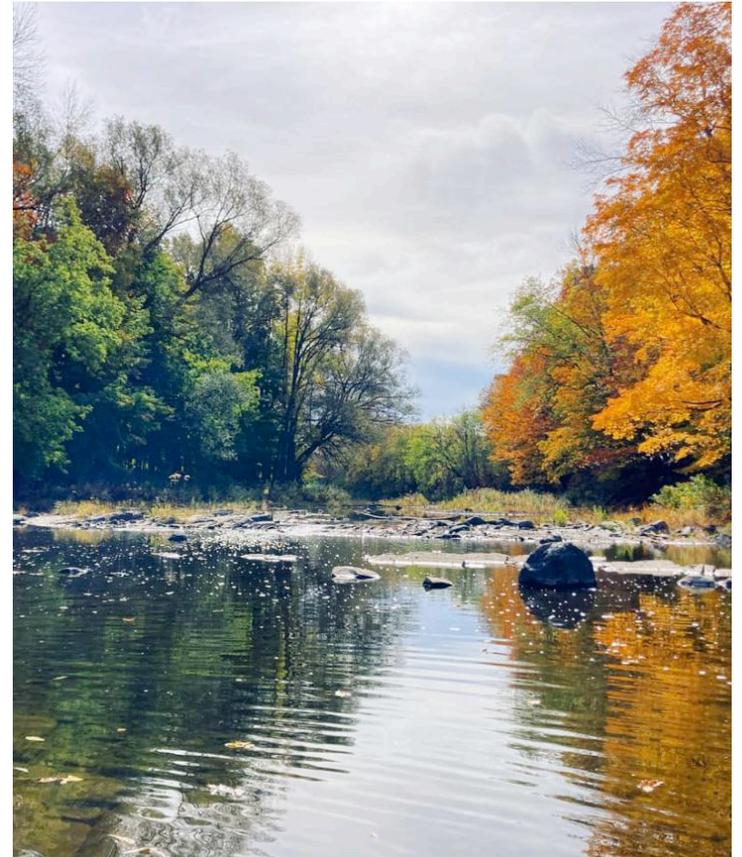
Amen.



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



Refrain

Ascribe to God, you powers of 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 waves.

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 young bull.

God's voice forks into tongues of fire, God's voice shakes the wilderness, sets trembling the wilderness of Kadesh.

God's voice causes the oaks to whirl, stripping the forest bare; and all in the temple 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.

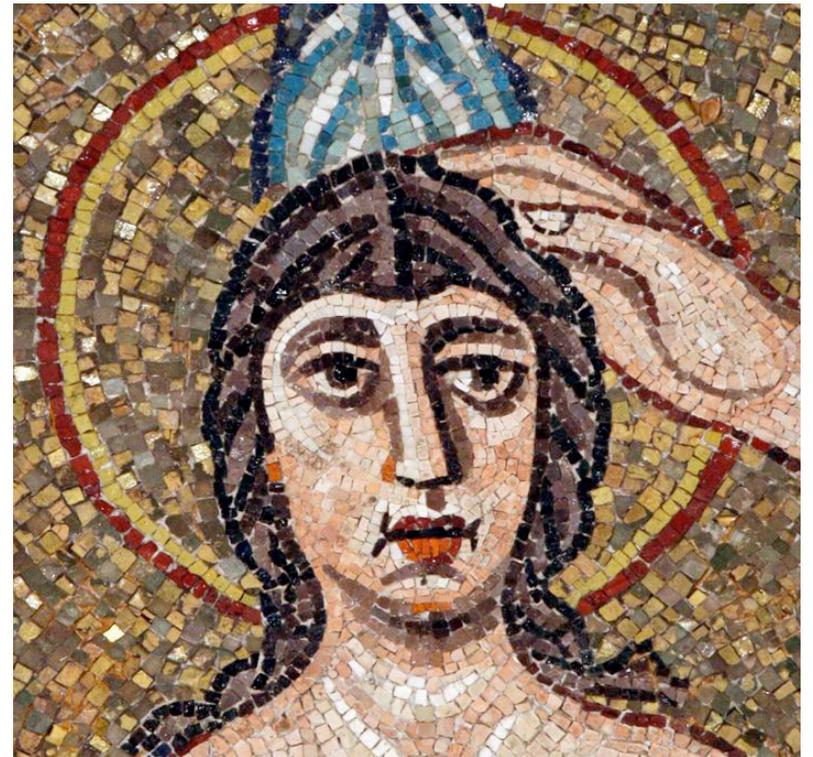
6. Lord Jesus, reign in us we pray,
and make us thine alone,
who with the Father ever art
and Holy Spirit one.

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."



The Sermon

Archdeacon Tim Smart



Confession of Faith

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son,
our Lord.

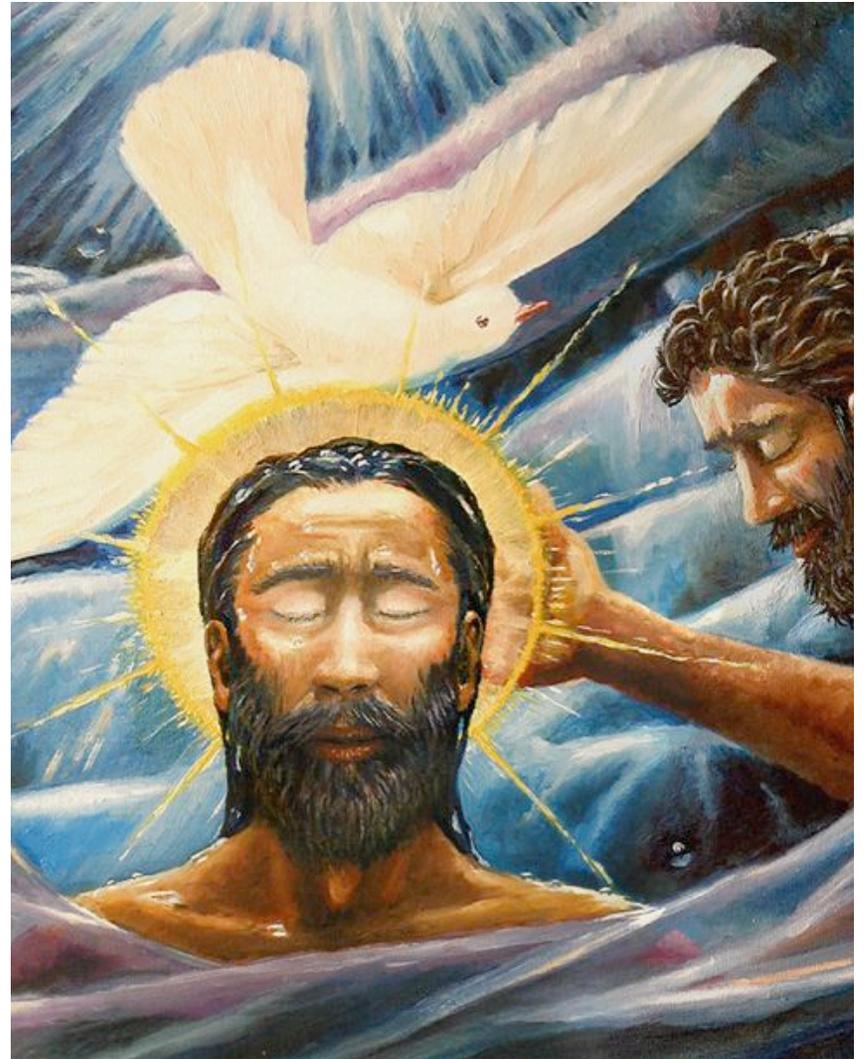
He was conceived by the power of
the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of
the Father.
He will come again to 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.

The Prayers of the People

Led by Tom Edmonds,
Grace Church (Sutton)



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 162: Sing of God made manifest

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. Sing of God made manifest
on the cloud-capped mountain's crest,
where the law and prophets waned
so that 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.

Blessing & Dismissal

May God, who in Christ gives us a spring of water welling up to eternal life, perfect in you the image of his glory; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you this day, and always. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

