

The Baptism of the Lord

January 13, 2019

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

Matthew 3.17



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 Holy 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 HOLY EUCHARIST
Gathering of the Community

The Service is found in the green Book of Alternative Services

Celebrant: Dear friends, we gather this day on the traditional territory of the Algonquin Nation.

All: May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.

Processional Hymn 162 *“Sing of God Made Manifest”*

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Collect of the Day (printed)

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: *Isaiah 43:1-7* Liz Barnes (printed)

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Second Reading: *Acts 8:14-17* Alan Houldcroft (printed)

Gradual Hymn: 35 *“Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters”*

The Holy Gospel: *Luke 3:15-17, 21-22*

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Prayers of the People Alan Houldcroft

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The Peace

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn 132 *“Of Eternal Love Begotten”*

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Administration of Holy Communion

During Communion Please Join In Singing

Hymn 11 (old Favourites) *“Baptized in Water”*

Hymn 42 *“Crashing Waters at Creation”*

The Church Goes Into the World

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Closing Hymn 45 *“Down Galilee’s Slow Roadways”*

Everyone is welcome to receive Holy Communion

Flowers decorating the altar today are given to the Glory of God, and in Loving memory of Allyson Melanson given by her mother Rita Jump

Background to Today's Readings: *(for preparation before the service or study at home).*

ISAIAH 43:1-7 the passage is the concluding part of a longer poem beginning in 42:5. The unknown prophet of Israel's Babylonian exile authored this poetic promise of the return of the exiles to their homeland. Like all prophets, he speaks for God, assuring those dwelling in foreign lands that, in spite of their great difficulties, they would be brought home. The basis for this beautifully expressed faith is God's ancient covenant with Israel as God's chosen people.

PSALM 29 This psalm begins with evidence of God's omnipotence in a thunderstorm, which it describes very vividly. It goes on to point out that the God who can work such wonders can guarantee the people of God strength and peace, for the God of the nature is also the God of history.

ACTS 8:14-17 The Philip of the passage immediately preceding this story (8:4-12) is not one of the apostles, but a deacon and evangelist. He was one of several Greek-speaking Christians appointed to help the apostles. (Acts 6:1-6) He had been forced to flee from Jerusalem after the death of his fellow evangelist, Stephen. This brief note points to a subtle development in the early church's understanding of baptism and the special role of the apostles. For some reason, baptism by Philip "in the name of Jesus" had not been sufficient to bring upon some new converts the blessing of the Spirit.

LUKE 3:15-17, 21-22. Luke gives a much briefer account of Jesus' baptism than the other gospels. It seems little more than an ending to his narrative about the ministry of John the Baptist. The essential details are the same, however. Luke records the actual baptism, the descent of the Spirit as a dove, and the divine blessing.

The above is taken from John Shearman's Lectionary www.seemslikegod.org/lectionary

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Office Hours: Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday 7:15 p.m. Choir Practice

Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Next Week's Readings: Isaiah 62:1-5; Ps 36:5-10; 1 Cor 12:1-11; 2:1-11

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Please Remember in Prayer

THE CHURCH Treasurer Geoff Booth

DIocese OF OTTAWA The Parish of the Valley; The Right Reverend Michael Bird; The Reverend Matthew Brown; The Reverend Susan Clifford; The Reverend Gillian Hoyer; For those in our Diocese living under religious vows

ANGLICAN COMMUNION Pray for the Anglican Church of Australia

The Most Revd Philip Leslie Freier - Archbishop of Melbourne & Primate of Australia

OUR PARISH FAMILY Robert & Elizabeth Smith, Barb Smith, Lorne & Barb Still

LOCAL CHURCHES Elgin Street Baptist Church

THE WORLD For the peace of Jerusalem, for peace & justice in Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan, Syria, Egypt, Ukraine. For those suffering from deadly diseases and all medical workers.

CANADA For our Queen, for Canada, our Prime Minister and Parliament; our Province, its Premier and Legislature; for our Armed Forces and their families.

ARNPRIOR AND AREA For our local communities, their leaders, and councils.

THOSE IN NEED The sick: Gordie, David, Heather, Rita, Jim, Glen, Mary, Bob, Betty, Chris, Amelia, Lauren, Margaret, Jennifer, Rob, Louise, Art, Dorcas, David, Edna. **If there are any names to be added to or removed from this list, please contact the Church Office or use the form provided.** *Note: In order to respect privacy, ensure that you have received permission from the person(s) named.*

THE DEPARTED That they may dwell with all the Saints in the light and peace of our Risen Lord. Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, **and let light perpetual shine upon them.** *Please remember them in silence. If you wish to add a name for the leaflet, contact the Parish Office*

WELCOME! We are glad that you have come to worship with us this morning. If you are looking for a spiritual home please fill out the blue card found in front of each pew and place on the offering plate.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE HOUR in the church hall for fellowship following the 10:00 a.m. service. You may enter the hall through the doors at the front left hand side of the church. Wheelchair accessible restrooms can be found in the foyer.

FIRST RESPONSE We are pleased to offer the services of First Response to assist with any emergency during our liturgies this morning. The person available today is Elva Brohart.

PASTORAL CARE If you know anyone who is in the hospital or in need of a pastoral care visit, please contact the office 613-623-2554

THURSDAY EUCHARIST will be held the first Thursday of every month.

PREAUTHORIZED REMITTANCE (PAR) is available for your church offerings. Please contact Envelope Secretary, Paula Wheeler 613-623-2554.

CELEBRATION JAR donations from January - June will be donated to the Fountain, while July- December will be donated to Renfrew Hospice.

FACILITIES FOR SMALL CHILDREN Please feel free to go into the church hall (exit left at the front of the church) if you wish privacy. The washroom in the entrance way is equipped for baby changing.

FORWARD DAY BY DAY for February/March/April - Daily devotional readings are available at the back of the church

ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING will be held Sunday, February 24th. **Vestry reports are due by February 3rd.** We hope to have them printed and available by Sunday, February 17th. Please remember that the office needs sufficient time to do this.

ACW's next meeting will be held Thursday February 7th, friendship service at 10:00 a.m. with a sing song afterwards, followed by the meeting at 11:00 a.m. Please bring your brown bag lunch, and tea will be provided. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Please contact the church office when wanting to reserve the Hall, and or the Kitchen to ensure that your event gets marked on all calendars.

Thank you in advance! 613-623-2554

GET YOUR CUPCAKE! There are still some left!

Cupcakes will be distributed to parishioners who chose to participate once again in this simple fundraising effort. A small box comes with your cupcake....and you are asked to remember kind deeds done for you or special things you do for others by contributing bits of money to your box. With your kind deeds and generosity....."A Little Really Can Go a Long Way"! If you would like a cupcake... there will be some at the back of the church.

RWANDA: A CULTURAL EVENT: January 24th at 7:00 p.m. Emmanuel Anglican Church, 287 Harrington Street, Arnprior. Taste the food and coffee from the Country of a Thousand Hills. Please join our efforts to support Arnprior Cares Project. For information: www.arnpriorcares.ca or 613-897-0188

EPIPHANY STUDY A beast with four heads? Seven heads? Four horsemen, a pale rider, and so much more such is the rich imagery found in the Book of Revelation. Come to our study on this apocalyptic book on Tuesday's beginning January 22nd at 1:30 p.m. Bring your ideas, thoughts, insights and your favourite Bible translation.



READINGS FOR THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
January 13, 2019

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth — everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

Isaiah 43:1–7

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

Response: Thanks be to God

A Reading from the Book of Acts

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Acts 8:14–17

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The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Response: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Response: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ