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*Baptism of Jesus—St. Matthias, Ottawa
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The Baptism of the Lord Sunday, January 9th, 2022

9:30 am—broadcast (on Zoom) and recorded

The Ven. Christopher Dunn
The Rev. Deacon Jarrett Carty
Music: Edith Troup
Children and Youth: Julie Newlands

Officiant: Dear friends, as we gather on the unceded and unsundered Territory of the Anishnaabeg Algonquin Nation, whose presence here reaches back to time immemorial,

All: May we walk gently together on this land, seeking renewed relationship based on honour, respect, and peace.

Opening Hymn: **Sing of God Made Manifest**

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**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.”**

**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.**

**Sing of God made manifest
on the cloud-capped mountain’s crest,
where both voice and vision waned
until 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.**

Officiant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Officiant: Sign of wonder,

All: God's love graced to humanity in Jesus.

Officiant: Sign of celebration,

All: the joy of Jesus, alive in people who have nothing of their own.

Officiant: Sign of community,

All: Christians together, baptizing and sharing communion, learning and worshipping, giving and serving.

Officiant: Almighty God,

All: 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 Christ our Lord. Amen.

Officiant: Heavenly Father,

All: at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

The First Reading is from Isaiah (43:1-7)

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."

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29

One: Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,

All: ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

One: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due the divine name;

All: worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

One: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;

All: the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

One: The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;

All: the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendour.

One: The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;

All: the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon,

One: and makes Lebanon skip like a calf,

All: and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

One: The voice of the Lord

All: splits the flames of fire;

One: the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;

All: the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

One: The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe

All: and strips the forests bare.

One: And in the temple of the Lord

All: all are crying, "Glory!"

One: The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;

All: the Lord sits enthroned as sovereign for evermore.

One: The Lord shall give strength to this people;

All: the Lord shall give this people the blessing of peace

The Second Reading is from Acts (8:14-17)

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.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: **Down Galilee's Slow Roadways**

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**Down Galilee's slow roadways,
a stranger travelled on
from Nazareth to Jordan
to be baptized by John.
He went down to the waters
like soldier, scribe, and slave,
but there within the river
the sign was birth and grave.**

**Arising from the river,
he saw the heaven's torn;
it seemed the sky was open
to show the Spirit's form.
The holy dove descended;
he heard a glorious voice:
"You are my own beloved—
my child, my heart, my choice."**

**We too have found a roadway;
it led us to this place.
We all have had to travel
in search of hope and grace.
But now beside this water
again a voice is heard:
“You are my own, my chosen,
beloved of your Lord.”**

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (3:15-17, 21-22)

All: 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, and 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.”

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Officiant: Let us make an affirmation of faith, 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.

Prayers of the People

One: A new year dawns—time for resolutions, time for change. God shows us the way to meaningful change, through the baptism of Jesus. God assures us that we should not fear—because we are redeemed, because God will be present with us always, because we are precious in God’s sight, because God loves us. Let us re-ignite our own baptismal fire and commit to God’s path, by imitating Jesus. Holy Spirit,

All: ignite us with your power.

One: We pray for church leaders: for Linda, our Primate; Anne, our Metropolitan; Mark, our Indigenous Archbishop; Shane, our Bishop; Chris and Jarrett, our clergy; Brian, Pastor of First United; and for secular and lay leaders throughout the world. May God’s word spark our lives with truth and joy. Holy Spirit,

All: ignite us with your power.

One: We pray for those who suffer in any way, be it in mind, body, or spirit, especially for:

All: Betty-Joan (Hagerman); **Cheryl** (McTeer); **Michele** (Pollesel); **Randy** (Brown); **Charlie** (Cuffari); **Barbara** (Hill); **Ernest** (Betancourt); **Helen** (Miller); **William** (Blackie); **Brenda** (Fuche); **Irene** (Lowry); **Pat** (Broome); **Laura** (DesClouds); **Lois** (Frazier-Nagel); **Sue** (Wise); **Sarah** (Vedell); **Aneesa** (Yonan); **Andrea**

(Smith); **Shari** (Rathwell); **Viola** (Martin); **Gord** (MacPherson); **Erica** (Prescesky)

One: and for those whom we name silently or aloud. . . .
May God's tender compassion inspire us to serve one another and to shape a peaceful world where all work for the common good. Holy Spirit,

All: ignite us with your power.

One: We pray for those who have died, both known and unknown to us. We pray for those whom we name silently or aloud . . . and for those who mourn. May God's loving presence remind us to comfort one another. Holy Spirit,

All: ignite us with your power.

One: We pray for the well-being of your creation, O God. May your generosity and life-giving creativity point us toward a lifestyle of nurturing and sustaining the earth and the entire universe. Holy Spirit,

All: ignite us with your power.

One: We ask that you receive our prayers this day, in our fervent desire to imitate Christ and to be balm to our world.

All: Amen.

Officiant: Dear friends in Christ, let us confess our sins against God and our neighbour, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept

Officiant: 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.

Officiant: 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 Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Officiant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn: **Breathe on Me, Breath of God**

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**Breathe on me, breath of God;
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.**

**Breathe on me, breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until my will is one with thine
to do and to endure.**

**Breathe on me, breath of God,
till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.**

**Breathe on me, breath of God:
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.**

Officiant: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we say,

**All: 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 for ever. Amen.**

Officiant: 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.

Officiant: Remember the common ties which are yours in baptism.
All: We will recognize the forces of darkness and work against them.

Officiant: Consider the crying needs which are around you.
All: We remember the determination which is ours to meet those needs.

Officiant: Remember the faithful community of the baptized who have gone before you.
All: We remember the continuous inspiration of Jesus Christ, his words in the gospels, and the deeds of his saints.

Officiant: And the blessing

Announcements

Officiant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Readings for Next Sunday, January 16th, 2022

Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10;
1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

Sharing in our liturgical ministry today:

Readers: Patricia Bays and Chris Milroy
Intercessor: Marcie Taylor
Cantor: Karen Blackie

Credits:

Opening and Closing prayers from David Sparks, Prayers to Share, Year C
Collect from Common Worship: Additional Collects (2004) alt.
Readings from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible.
Liturgical texts from The Book of Alternative Services
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Saints Alive!

Weekly News from All Saints' Westboro
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This Week

Monday	10:00 am to 1:00 pm	Food Bank
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Corporation Meeting Zoom
Wednesday	7:30 pm	Reading Circle Zoom
Thursday	3:00 to 7:00 pm	Food Bank

Upcoming Events

The Baptismal Covenant: A Practical Approach **Wednesdays, January 12th, 19th, and 26th, and February 2nd** **from 6:15 to 7:15 pm, via Zoom**

Linda Privitera and Joe O'Shields present this series on "Living our Baptismal Promises" for Epiphany. They'll be "Zoom"ing along into the season of "showings" and, as usual, all are welcome to join the class. The Zoom link will be the same for all four sessions <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87828702431> (Meeting ID: 878 2870 2431).

Reading Circle

Wednesday, January 12th, 7:30 pm, via Zoom

If you would like to read and discuss a different kind of book, you can join the ASW's Reading Circle. To get more information or the Zoom link, please contact office@allsaintswestboro.com. This month we will be reading *Miss Benson's Beetle* by Rachel Joyce.

ADO 125th Anniversary Series: Rev. Dr. Jason McKinney **Monday, January 17th, at 7:30 pm, via Zoom**

This free lecture will be hosted on Zoom for those who wish to register and have the opportunity to ask questions at: <https://tinyurl.com/2p8csmnb>

The lecture will also be livestreamed on YouTube, and Rev. Dr. McKinney's remarks will be available after at: <https://www.youtube.com/user/ANGDIOOTT>



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LECTURE SERIES



Monday, January 17, 2022 at 7:30pm

Rev. Dr. Jason McKinney,

"The Church as Commons: A Theological Case for Affordable Housing"

Jason is a theological educator, a priest, and longtime resident of Parkdale, Toronto. His work, life, and family are all rooted in the neighbourhood. He is the Incumbent of The Church of The Epiphany & St Mark, Parkdale and an adjunct professor of theology at Trinity College. He was a member of the first community-elected board of the Parkdale Neighbourhood Land Trust, where he served two terms.

At the parish level Jason has leveraged an aging church building to develop a network of value-aligned community partners. Although the congregation is small, the building is generating huge local impact through food security, social enterprise, the arts, and urban agriculture. He is currently working with the congregation to redevelop the church building to create additional impact through affordable housing. At the diocesan level, Jason co-authored a successful synod motion that committed the Diocese of Toronto to an affordable housing plan and he has worked with diocesan staff to develop a learning series on church redevelopment. He is currently working on a book project which elaborates a theology of urban land.

Please pray this week for

- those ministering and worshipping in Parish of South Dundas;
- the lay staff of Ascension House;
- all clergy under the jurisdiction of the Bishop of Ottawa;
- those in our pastoral care: Grace Clarke-Wilker, Laurie Hunter, Pamela Claughton, and Loris Jordan; and
- the Carlington Health Centre and the Carlington Chaplaincy.