

CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW



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Baptism of the Lord Holy Eucharist

**8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
January 7, 2023**

*We gather today on the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe
Algonquin . May we always dwell on this land with respect and peace.*

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

8:30a.m.

Holy Communion

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 67 ~ red prayer book

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Presiding Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Canon Catherine Ascah
Communion Assistant: Barbara Konst
Sidesperson & Reader: Brian Eckert

Please join us in the parish hall for coffee & fellowship following this service.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

10:30a.m.

Sung Eucharist and Renewal of Baptismal Vows

The Book of Alternative Services ~ green prayer book

Prelude The Holy Boy

John Ireland

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Hymn 156 The People that in Darkness Sat

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Collect of the Day

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 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 PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading

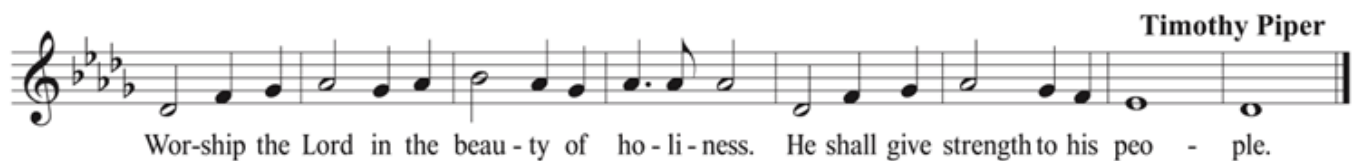
Genesis 1:1-5

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.

Psalm 29

The cantor sings the refrain. All repeat. All repeat refrain at end of verses as indicated.

Timothy Piper



Wor-ship the Lord in the beau - ty of ho - li - ness. He shall give strength to his peo - ple.

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due the divine name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

Refrain

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters. The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendour. *Refrain*

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon; and makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox. *Refrain*

The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; The Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, "Glory!" *Refrain*

The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as sovereign for evermore. The Lord shall give strength to this people; the Lord shall give this people the blessing of peace. *Refrain*

Second Reading

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 165 Mark How the Lamb of God's Self-Offering

Rendez à Dieu

The Gospel

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

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Celebrant Dear friends, through the paschal mystery we have been buried with Christ in baptism, so that we may rise with him to a new life. Now let us renew the promises we made in baptism, when we rejected Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in God's holy catholic Church.

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People I do.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

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

People 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.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People 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.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

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

People I will, with God's help.

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

People I will, with God's help.

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

People I will, with God's help.

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

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

People I will with God's help.

Celebrant God the creator, the rock of our salvation, has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, through our Lord Jesus Christ. May he keep us faithful to our calling, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

The Peace

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Hymn 45 Down Galilee's Slow Roadways

Wie lieblich ist der Maien

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer over the Gifts

Eucharistic Prayer No. 3

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The Lord's Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread 2

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Celebrant We break the bread to share in the body of Christ

All We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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Communion Hymn 164 What King Would Wade

Baptism

Prayer after Communion

Doxology
Blessing

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Hymn 162 Sing of God Made Manifest

Salzburg

Dismissal

Postlude God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

John Rutter

Please refrain from applause after the postlude.

Presiding Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Canon Catherine Ascah

Sidespersons: Tony Kellet; Albert Lessiwe

Readers: Janet Uren; Stephen Woolcoombe

Intercessor: Calum Carmichael

Communion Assistants: Sandy Beeman; Julia Turner

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert Charles Butcher by Linda; his daughters Sarah and Amy; and grandchildren Sam, Jack and Charlie.

Please join us in the parish hall for fellowship following the service.

Today (Jan 7) at 4pm: Lessons & Carols for Epiphany

Come and mark the end of the Christmas season with this gentle service of lessons that describe the birth and early days of Jesus' life according to the Gospel of Matthew, along with beloved Christmas and Epiphany Carols and the sonnets of Malcolm Guite. There will be the blessing of chalk for people to take home to "chalk their doors" and bless their homes.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Please consider contributing to Sunday's flowers to celebrate an event or to remember a loved one. Consult the flower chart in the parish hall to select a date and then contact the Pamela Mallon 613-724-0690 or pam.brian.mallon@me.com to confirm and provide details for the bulletin. A \$100 donation is suggested. Mark cheques *Altar Flowers* as tax receipts will be issued.

Pamela Mallon, Altar Guild

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Scottish Episcopal Church

Diocese: We pray for Shane, our Bishop, Anne, our Metropolitan, Linda, our Primate; The Diocese of Jerusalem and Archbishop Hossam Naoum; The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, National Bishop Susan Johnson and Bishop Michael Pryse; The Parish of Huntley and The Reverend Dr. Mary-Cate Garden.

Canada: Members of the Governor General's Foot Guards and those serving in diplomatic missions and NGOs.

Parish: Isabel & Bob, Katie, Lise, David, Francis, Shirley, Susan, Cathy, Joanne, Greg, Michel, Ed, Melodie, John, Angeleigha, Jodi, Harriet and Family, Bill, Joan, and the residents, staff and volunteers of the Garry J. Armstrong Home.

Children are welcome in the liturgies. There are seasonal activity and story packs at the back of the church to keep active minds and hands busy during the service.

2024 offering envelopes are now available for pick up at the back of the church. If you use offering envelopes for your givings, please collect yours today. If you no longer require envelopes because you donate via PAR, e-transfer or quarterly, semi-annually or annually, please advise the envelope secretary stbartholomew.envelopes@outlook.com so that adjustments can be made for next year's order.

THE CALENDAR

Little Gidding (1942)

With the drawing of this Love and the voice of this Calling.

Little Gidding is the fourth of *Four Quartets* and the last poem T.S. Eliot published. It was written in wartime: parts of it are directly drawn from experience of bombing; these lines resonate when we turn to Ukraine or Gaza today. The poem begins, as with the others, in time and time out of time: *Midwinter spring is its own season/ / Suspended in time, between pole and tropic.* Its meditation sprang from the poet's visit in 1936 to the tiny, secluded, church of St John, that had been from 1625 the focus of the Little Gidding community led by Nicholas Ferrar, friend of George Herbert. It was an antebellum experiment in family life centred on *prayer, observance, discipline, thought and action*, as Eliot put it previously. The Book of Common Prayer provided the framework for almost perpetual prayer in the chapel, a place to kneel/ Where prayer has been valid. Eliot came to the church to pray: And prayer is more/ Than an order of words, the conscious occupation / Of the praying mind, or the sound of the voice praying, he says. Encountering Divine Love, a theme that runs through the Quartets, is one of the purposes of prayer. Eliot turned to Mother Julian of Norwich to point the reader towards this: And all shall be well and/ All manner of thing shall be well/ By the purification of the motive/ In the ground of our beseeching, phrases that come from her 13th and 14th revelations. Dame Julian's 15th Revelation: Wouldst thou learn thy Lord's meaning in this thing? Learn it well: Love was His meaning, is not quoted but sums up the poem. *Little Gidding* presents the choice that we all have between self-love and the love of God, both portrayed as fire, We only live, only suspire/ Consumed by either fire or fire. And living, as he has mentioned earlier, is the passage of moments, in each of which we are presented with this choice. The most well-known words of the poem, perhaps of all Eliot's writing, We shall not cease from exploration/ And the end of all our exploring/ Will be to arrive where we started/ And know the place for the first time begin the last verse of the Quartets, just after the line that is here the epigraph. It comes from the unknown author of the 13th century mystical text *The Cloud of Unknowing*. Eliot has gone to the great English mystics to draw together Divine Love and our earthly experience. The Magi came to the manger at the end of their exploring. We may do too.

Submitted by: Chris Burn

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRIDGE CLUB PLUS MONDAYS 2-4PM

There is bridge, and more! Bridge Club Plus invites seniors who would like a chance to enjoy some fellowship to drop by for tea and treats. You can join in a game of bridge, or other card games, bring your knitting or stitching projects, or just come to enjoy some company. Please contact Mary and Richard Capson at richardcapson.is@rogers.com for further details.

PINT AND A PASSAGE MONDAYS 7PM

We will resume our conversation around the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday at the Clocktower Pub (Beechwood & MacKay) on Jan 8. The passage for discussion is John 1:43-51. Bring your Bible and an open mind.

BIBLE STUDY Thursdays at 10 am on Zoom.

Contact Michael Revere at mrevere@magma.ca for details.

WEEKLY MEDITATION Thursdays at 8am on Zoom. Meditation Creates Community - Our meditation group is a member of the WCCM (wccm.org), a global spiritual community united in the practice of meditation in the Christian tradition. Please contact Stephen Woollcombe for more information and Zoom co-ordinates. swoollcombe@sympatico.ca

VESTRY REPORTS

This year's annual Vestry meeting will be held on **February 11, 2024**. Parish groups, committees and organizations are asked to have their reports submitted to the parish office by January 15. Please send them in editable electronic format to stbartsottawa@gmail.com

SATURDAY JANUARY 20: WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Save the date. "Has Ecumenism Succeeded Entirely TOO Well?" Dr. Murray Watson will delve into the problem of how the Church's success with ecumenism over the past 50 years has inhibited momentum around understanding theological differences and working towards reconciling them. Dr. Murray Watson is a Catholic Biblical scholar and interreligious activist. He currently serves as the adult faith formation Animator for the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board, based in the city of Barrie, Ontario, and lectures for Huron University College's Licentiate in Theology. More information to follow.

COVID, COLDS AND 'FLU A REMINDER

Even if vaccinated, mask wearing is strongly encouraged when in crowded public spaces, so please consider wearing a mask while attending events and worship at St. Bartholomew's. Surgical masks generally protect people around you, while an N-95 optimizes protection of the wearer. Ensure your vaccinations are all up to date, including Covid, 'flu and for those eligible, the pneumococcal vaccine. Test if you become symptomatic to determine if you have Covid or the 'flu, as there is treatment for Covid in the form of Paxlovid if you are eligible.

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The Feast of the Epiphany, marking the visit of the magi is celebrated on January 6.

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