

GRACE ANGLICAN CHURCH
*Joyfully Proclaiming in Word and Action
the Hope in Jesus Christ that is Within Us*

Sunday, January 9, 2022

The Baptism of the Lord

Celebrating Holy Eucharist
Online at 10 am
From The Book of Alternative Services
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Announcements

Voluntary Deux Offertoires sur des Noels Charles-Alexis Chauvet

Opening Hymn Praise My Soul the King of Heaven #381

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

The Grace

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

People And also with you.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant 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.**

Glory to God

Celebrant Glory to God in the highest,

All and peace to his people on earth.

**Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship
you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of
God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant 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.

All Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The First Reading

Candy King

Reader 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 The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, *
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; *
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
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.
The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; *
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
He makes Lebanon skip like a calf *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
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!"
The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; *
the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.
The Lord shall give strength to his people; *
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

The Epistle

Reader: A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS Chris Levett

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

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

All Stand for the Gospel

Gospel Acclamation

The Gospel Reading

Reader The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

People 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." LUKE 3:15-17, 21-22

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Homily

Rev. Paul

The Apostles' Creed

Celebrant Let us confess the faith of our baptism, 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

Renee Anderson

Leader Let us pray for those who are affirming their baptism and for all the baptized everywhere, saying: Lord, hear our prayer. That they may be redeemed from all evil and rescued from the way of sin and death; in your mercy,

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader That the Holy Spirit may open their hearts to your grace and truth; in your mercy,

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader That they may be kept in the faith and communion of your holy Church; in your mercy,

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader	That they may be sent into the world in witness to your love; in your mercy,
People	Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader	That they may be brought to the fullness of your peace and glory; in your mercy,
People	Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader	Let us pray for the peace of the world: the Lord grant that we may live together in justice and faith.
People	Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader	Let us pray for this country, and especially for Queen Elizabeth, the Governor General, the Prime Minister, and all in authority: the Lord help them to serve this people according to his holy will.
People	Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader	We pray for our Bishop, Todd, Anne our Metropolitan, Linda our Primate, Mark, National Indigenous Archbishop and Marinez, Bishop of Amazonia and for all the clergy and people.
People	Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader	Let us pray for children and young people: the Lord guide their growth and development.
People	Lord, hear our prayer.
Leader	Let us pray for the sick: the Lord deliver them and keep them in his love. We especially pray today for: Grace, Michael, Bella, Pat, Jo, Bob, Marnie, Roy, Murray & family, Bud, Mary Lee, Pat.
	We pray for those in our Parish Cycle of Prayer this week: Mary Marsh; Jack & Pearl Marshall; Vic & Erica Martisius; Betty & Gerry Mask; Tom Mees; Dale & Jamie Messecar; Heather Miller.
People	Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Let us pray for all who are condemned to exile, prison, harsh treatment, or hard labour, for the sake of justice and truth: the Lord support them and keep them steadfast.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader We remember the prophets, apostles, martyrs, and all who have borne witness to the gospel: the Lord direct our lives in the same spirit of service and sacrifice.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, especially Marguerite, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

Leader Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant 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.**

Celebrant 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 Jesus Christ our Lord.
People **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

MUSICAL INTERLUDE DURING THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant God of life and freedom, we celebrate the revelation of Jesus as the Christ who makes all creation new. Accept all we offer you this day and make us new in him, who is Lord for ever and ever.
All **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer # 2

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer.
He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death and banish the darkness of sin and despair.

By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant Holy and gracious God, accept our praise,
through your son our Saviour Jesus Christ;
who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death,
took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat:
this is my body, which is broken for you."
In the same way he took the cup, saying,
"This is my blood which is shed for you,
When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer
you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us
worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your ho-
ly Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred myster-
ies, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming
their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and
give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy
Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever.

People Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,
**All 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.**

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant "I am the bread of life," says the Lord. "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst."

**All Taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are they who trust in Him!**

INVITATION

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

People Thanks be to God.

The Communion

The body of Christ, the bread of heaven.

The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

Amen.

Communion Hymn For the Bread Which You Have Broken #74

All stand

Prayer After Communion

Celebrant Gracious God, lover of all, by this sacrament you make us one family in Christ your Son, one in the sharing of his body and blood, one in the communion of his Spirit.

Help us to grow in love for one another and come to the full maturity of the Body of Christ. We ask this in his name.

All Amen.

The Doxology

Celebrant 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.

The Blessing

Celebrant The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

The Dismissal

Leader Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn Joy to the World

#154

Voluntary Fugue on the Kyrie Francois Couperin

If you would like to place flowers or light the candle, in memory or in thanksgiving of a loved one, please contact Sheila Eisler at 519.304.1110, or email her at sheila.eisler@gmail.com.

Alternately, if you would like to make a donation to the Window Restoration project in memory of or in thanksgiving for a loved one, please email Helene Steer at admin@graceanglicanbrantford.ca

PREPARING FOR JANUARY 16:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS-JANUARY 9, 2022

ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING

The annual meeting of Vestry will be held on **Sunday, February 6th, 2022.**

Please watch for details. ***Reports are now due to the office.***

BUDGET UPDATE

Thank you for your ongoing donations and support. As of the end of October, our offerings were short \$7,500. Please keep this in your prayers as we hope to make up this deficit by the end of the year. We all must live within a budget, including the church. As you go through your budget for next year, please consider making a pledge to your home church.

Completing a pre-authorized giving form or making a private pledge to the wardens helps us plan.

RENTAL ACCOMMODATION NEEDED

A Grace Church parishioner has a family member who is looking for rental accommodation at the end of January. If you know of anyone who may have a room for rent, please call Christine Crossley at 519.752.9640.

THE DAILY BREAD PROGRAM NEEDS YOUR HELP

Our daily bread program needs some help on the 3rd Tuesday of each month in the mornings to pick up donations from the food bank warehouse for re-distribution at Grace. Heavy lifting is involved and a van or truck is required. Contact Maureen Brook (mjbrook11@gmail.com) for more info.

BOOK & BIBLE STUDIES

Studies will be coming soon. Please watch for details!

PARISH SURVEY AVAILABLE

Thank you for all your support in 2021!

As we make plans for 2022, we need your input.

Please take a copy of minutes to complete this survey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DSNM5M8>

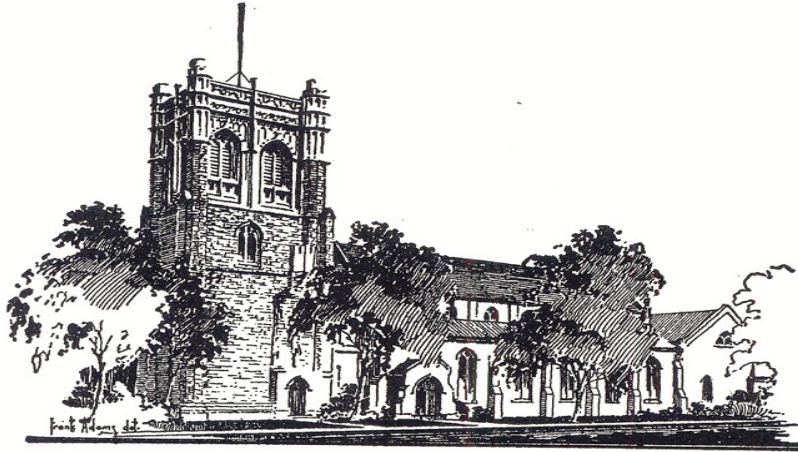
If there are other issues that concern you, let us know and we will release an anonymous survey for you to submit your comments.

Thanks! Chris Levett, Rector's Warden (cell) 226-387-3129

ST. JUDE'S EMERGENCY FOOD CUPBOARD

The Emergency Food Cupboard will be closed for the next two weeks.

*Welcome to historic Grace Church. Greetings in the name of Christ!
We are a fully accessible, child friendly community.*



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