



the **Church**
of **St Peter** and
St Simon-the-Apostle

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The Baptism of the Lord

Sunday, January 14, 2024

Welcome to the Church of St Peter and St Simon-the-Apostle
Please join us for coffee in the Parish Hall after the 10.30 am service.

Cover Image
The Baptism of Christ, by Hans Feibusch (1898 – 1998)
In the Baptistry at Chichester Cathedral, England.

Holy Eucharist at 9.15 am.

Celebrated in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit.

BCP pp. 67ff

Celebrant & Preacher The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine

Choral Matins at 10.30 am.

The service begins on page 1 of the *Book of Common Prayer*.

Officiant	The Reverend Abraham Thomas
Preacher	The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine
Sidespeople	Spencer Higgins, Robert O’Keefe, Al Rands, Betty Scantlebury, Ted Robinson
Director of Music	Robin Davis
Organist	Johan van ‘t Hof



Prelude *Fugue #3 on Bach*

ROBERT SCHUMANN

Processional Hymn 45 *Down Galilee’s Slow Roadways*

WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN

Opening Sentence – *BCP* p. 1

The earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord,
as the waters cover the sea. *Habakkuk 2.14.*

Other sentences may be added at the discretion of the Officiant.

Exhortation *BCP* p. 4

Confession & Absolution *BCP* pp. 4-5

Officiant Almighty and most merciful Father,

All **We have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,
we have offended against thy holy laws,
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done;
and there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord,
have mercy upon us, miserable offenders.
Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults.
Restore thou them that are penitent;
according to thy promises declared unto all people in Christ Jesu our Lord.
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

The Absolution – *BCP* p. 5

The Lord's Prayer – *Sung by the Choir.*

ALFRED HAY MALOTTE

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 them that 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

The Officiant standing continues with the Preces.

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips;

All **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

Officiant O God, make speed to save us;

All **O Lord, make haste to help us.** *You are invited to stand.*

Officiant Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

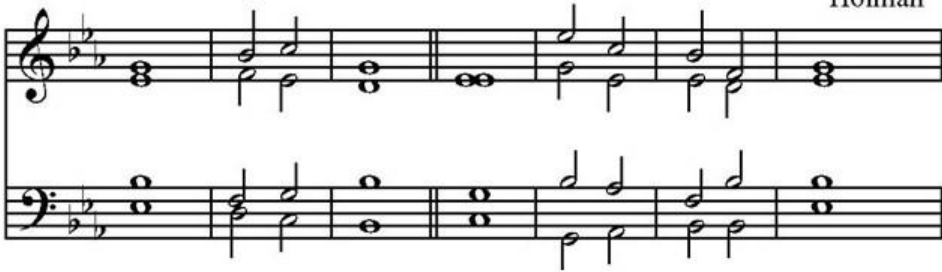
All **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Officiant Praise ye the Lord;

All **The Lord's Name be praised.**

The Venite – Psalm 95 BCP pp. 6-7 Sung by All.

Holman



The Lord hath manifested | forth his | glory:

** O | come, let | us worship.*

O come, let us | sing unto · the | Lord: /

** let us heartily rejoice in the | strength of | our sal | vation.*

Let us come before his | presence with | thanksgiving /

** and show ourselves | glad in | him with | psalms.*

For the Lord is a | great | God /

** and a great | King a·bove | all | gods.*

In his hand are all the | corners · of the | earth /

** and the | strength of · the | hills is · his | also.*

The sea is | his and · he | made it /

** and his | hands pre | pared the · dry | land.*

O come, let us worship and | fall | down /

** and | kneel be·fore the | Lord, our | Maker.*

For he is the | Lord our | God /

** and we are the people of his pasture, | and the | sheep of · his | hand.*

To-day, O that ye would | hear his | voice: /

** ‘Harden not your hearts as in the Provocation, and as in the day of Temp | tation
| in the | wilderness;*

When your fathers | tempted | me, /

** proved | me, and | saw my | works.*

Forty years long was I grieved with that gene | ration, and | said, /

** “It is a people that do err in their hearts, for they | have not | known my | ways”;*

Unto whom I | sware in my | wrath, /
* that they should not | enter | into my | rest.’

Glory be to the Father, and | to the | Son,
* and | to the | Holy | Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and | ever | shall be,
* world without | end. | A- | men.

The Lord hath manifested | forth his | glory:
* *O | come, | let us worship.*

First Lesson *Genesis 1.1-5*

Read by Carol Peck

Reader The First Lesson is written in the first chapter of the Book of Genesis,
beginning at the first verse.

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.

Reader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 29 *Afferte Domino. Sung by All.*

WALMISLEY



- ¹ Ascribe unto the Lord, | O ye | mighty,
* ascribe unto the | Lord | worship and | strength.
- ² Give unto the Lord the honour | due un-to his | Name;
* worship the | Lord with | holy | worship.
- ³ The voice of the Lord is up | on the | waters;
* it is the glorious God that maketh the thunder, even the | Lord up-on | many | waters.
- ⁴ The voice of the Lord is mighty in | oper | ation;
* the voice of the | Lord · is a | glorious | voice.
- ⁵ The voice of the Lord | breaketh the | cedar-trees;
* yea, the Lord | breaketh the | cedars of | Lebanon.
- ⁶ He maketh Lebanon to | skip · like a | calf,
* and | Siri-on | like a · young | ox.
- ⁷ The voice of the Lord divideth the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord | shaketh the | wilderness;
* yea, the Lord shaketh the | wilder | ness of | Kadesh.
- ⁸ The voice of the Lord maketh the hinds to bring forth young, and strippeth | bare the | forests:
* in his temple doth | every · thing | speak · of his | honour.
- ⁹ The Lord sitteth a | bove the | water-flood,
* and the Lord re | maineth a | King for | ever.
- ¹⁰ The Lord shall give strength | unto his | people;
* the Lord shall give his | people the | blessing of | peace.

Glory be to the Fa-ther, and | to the | Son / * and | to the | Ho-ly | Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and | ev-er | shall be /
* world with-out | end. A | - - | men.

Second Lesson Acts 19.1-7

Read by Paul Falkner

Reader The Second Lesson is written in the nineteenth chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, beginning at the first verse.

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the inland 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.

Reader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Surge Illuminare *Sung by all. Please stand.*

NICHOLSON



Arise, shine, for thy | light is | come, /
* and the glory of the Lord is | risen up | on thee.
For, behold, the darkness shall | cover the | earth, /
* and gross | darkness the | people.
But the Lord shall a | rise up | on thee, /
* and his glory shall be | seen up | on thee
And the Gentiles shall | come to · thy | light, /
* and kings to the | brightness · of thy | rising.



Thy gates shall be | open con | tinually; /

* they shall not be shut | day nor | night.

The sons also of | them that · af | flicted thee /

* shall come bending | unto | thee;

And all | they that · des | pised thee /

* shall bow themselves down at the | soles of · thy | feet.

And they shall call thee the | City · of the | Lord, /

* the Zion of the | Holy One · of | Israel.

Violence shall no more be | heard in · thy | land, /

* wasting nor destruction with | in thy | borders.

But thou shalt call thy | walls Sal | vation, /

* and thy | gates | Praise.

The sun shall be no more thy | light by | day, /

* neither for brightness shall the moon give | light un·to | thee,

But the Lord shall be unto thee an ever | lasting | light, /

* and thy | God thy | glory.

Glory be to the Father, and | to the | Son, /

* and to the | Holy | Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and | ever | shall be, /

* world without | end. A | men.

Third Lesson *Mark 1.4-11*

Reader The Third Lesson is written in the first chapter of the Gospel according to St. Mark beginning at the verse.

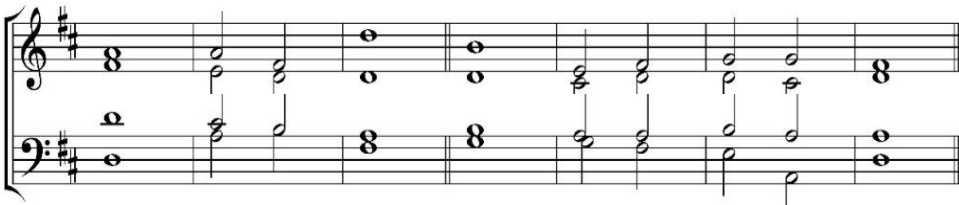
John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed 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.'

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **thanks be to God.**

Jubilate Deo *Sung by all. Please stand.*

Jonathan Battishill
(1738-1801)



¹ O be joyful in the Lord, | all ye | lands:

* serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his | presence | with a | song.

² Be ye sure that the | Lord · he is | God;

* it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, |
and the | sheep of · his | pasture.

³ O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his | courts with | praise;

* be thankful unto him, | and speak | good of · his | Name.

⁴ For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is | ever | lasting;

* and his truth endureth from gene | ration to | gene | ration.

Glory be to the Father, and | to the | Son, * and | to the | Holy | Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and | ever | shall be, * world without | end. A|- -| men.

The Apostles' Creed – BCP pp. 10-11

Officiant I believe in God,

All **the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth:
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried:
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church;
the Communion of Saints; the Forgiveness of sins;
the Resurrection of the body, and the Life everlasting. Amen.**

Officiant The Lord be with you;

All **And with thy spirit.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant Lord, have mercy upon us.

All **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Officiant Lord, have mercy upon us.

Officiant Our Father

All **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 them that trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.**

Officiant O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

All **And grant us thy salvation.**

Officiant O Lord, save the King;

All **And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

Officiant Endue thy ministers with righteousness;

All **And make thy chosen people joyful.**

Officiant O Lord, save thy people;

All **And bless thine inheritance.**

Officiant Give peace in our time, O Lord;

All **And evermore mightily defend us.**

Officiant O God, make clean our hearts within us;

All **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

The Collects

Officiant O HEAVENLY Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ did take our nature upon him, and was baptized for our sakes in the river Jordan: Mercifully grant that we being regenerate, and made thy children by adoption and grace, may also be partakers of thy Holy Spirit; through him whom thou didst send to be our Saviour and Redeemer, even the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect for the Baptism of the Lord

Officiant O GOD, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect for Peace

Officiant O LORD, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect for Grace

Anthem *Tribus Miraculis*

PALESTRINA

*Tribus miraculis ornatum, diem sanctum colimus:
Hodie stella Magos duxit ad praeseptum:
Hodie vinum ex aqua factum est ad nuptias:
Hodie in Jordane a Joanne Christus baptizari voluit,
ut salvaret nos, Alleluia.*

*We observe this holy day, ornamented with three miracles:
Today a star led the Magi to the manger;
Today wine was made from water at the wedding;
Today in the Jordan Christ desired to be baptised by John,
so that He might save us, Alleluia.*

Sermon

Hymn 163 *When Christ's Appearing Was Made Known*

ST. VENANTIUS

The Prayers

Led by Spencer Higgins

Other prayers may be added at the discretion of the Officiant.

General Thanksgiving – BCP pp. 13-14

Officiant Almighty God,

All **Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all people.
We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world
by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful,
and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives;
by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.**

Prayer of St Chrysostom – BCP p. 15

Officiant Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

The Grace

All **The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.**

Announcements

Hymn 388 *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

AUSTRIA

Postlude *Psalm Prelude No. 1 (Set One)*

HERBERT HOWELLS

In our Prayers this Week

The Anglican Communion: Church of the Province of South East Asia

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: The New Dean and Canons of St. James Cathedral

Outreach & Advocacy Cycle of Prayer: Pray for Christ Church-St. James, its refugee sponsorship, food pantry, and support of Stonegate Community Ecumenical Ministry; for Christ Memorial Church, Oshawa, its support of the Gate 3:16 drop-in centre, Luke's Place, Simcoe Hall Settlement House food bank, Cornerstone men's hostel, St. Vincent's Kitchen, Mary Street School snack program, and the Pikangikum Water Project; and for the Parish of Churchill and Cookstown, its monthly community and seniors' lunches, refugee support, and "Christmas for Kids Year-Round" program of practical and spiritual support for vulnerable families.

Parish Cycle: Malcolm Jackson, Charlie Jiao, Ambrose Joe, Ivaline Jonas

Home Bound Parishioners: Marie Adams, Nancy Byers, Alice Fox, Dennis Gittens, Lorraine Griffith, Sabrina Hogan, Everton Morris, Denise Orioux, Lucy Simons, Miriam Smart, Vernita Theobolds, Barbara & Duncan Towe, Lila Vamosi, Daphne Webster, Vashti White.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coffee Hour | We hope you will join us for coffee hour which is in the Parish Hall immediately after the service. If you would like to help with this important ministry of hospitality, please speak with Fran Brown or Laurie Sanderson.

Altar Flowers | We are inviting members of the congregation to provide memorial/thanksgiving altar flowers. Available dates are *January 21 and 28*. Please contact the Church Office or Sheila Thomas, 416.921.2593.

Wardens Meeting | This Wednesday at 7pm by ZOOM.

Annual Vestry Report for 2023 | The vestry meeting is scheduled for *February 25th*. Please submit all materials to be included in the annual report by ***Tuesday February 6th, 9am***.

Food Insecurity & Food Bank Needs | In 2022 over 2 million people in Canada accessed food banks. 33.1% were children, 45.4% were singles, 8.9% seniors, 49% were on social assistance and 1 in 7 were employed. In 2023 the numbers are even higher in Ontario.

Help SPSS build our food bank offerings! Check your local grocery flyers. Even one item you might buy on sale and drop in our food box is important. The need falls into these non-perishable categories: **Grains**- cereals, granola bars, rice, pasta, flour. **Proteins**- canned fish and meat, beans, lentils, peanut butter. **Children's fruit snacks**. **Diet food**- for gluten, dairy and nut free needs. **Household products**- toilet paper, cleaning products, toothpaste, deodorant, tampons, etc. **Canned** fruit and vegetables, especially tomatoes and soups. Help us up our food bank delivery from once a month to once a week. Thank you.

June Clark Art Exhibition | Opening *Saturday January 20th* at the AGO. June Clark (b. 1941, Harlem, New York; Lives and works in Toronto) is a Toronto-based artist working in photography, sculpture and collage. Best known for her photo etchings and sculptural assemblages, Clark's autobiographical practice investigates themes of black diasporic identity, exile and memory work through reflections on her Harlem childhood and subsequent migration to Canada as a young adult. She began developing her early photography work through the Baldwin Street Gallery of Photography, co-founding The Women's Photography Co-op there in the early 1970s. Since then, her work has been exhibited in Toronto, Oakville, Burlington, Guelph, Montréal, New York City, Paris, Kiev and Quito, Ecuador.

**ORDINATION OF THE REVEREND ABRAHAM THOMAS
TO THE SACRED ORDER OF PRIEST**

The Feast of the Presentation (Candlemas)

Friday, February 2, 2024 at 7 pm.

Reception to follow in the Parish Hall

The Right Reverend Kevin Robertson, Celebrant

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Featuring

Zev Stone (Boy)

Geoffrey Sangwine (Melchior)

Denise Williams (Mother)

Daniel Lagover (Balthazar)

Ian Corlett (Kaspar)

Alex Chan (Page)

Musically directed by William Shookhoff

Choreographed by Kathleen Mills

Hazel Boyle, oboe

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*We acknowledge that in gathering to worship Almighty God,
we are in the traditional territory of many First Nations peoples
including the Mississaugas of the New Credit,
the Anishinaabe, the Haudenosaunees, and the Huron-Wendat.*

"The earth is the Lord's, and all that therein is, the world and all who dwell therein." Psalm 24.1.