

## The Baptism of the Lord

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Oil on wood painting by artists Andrea del Verrocchio and his student Leonardo da Vinci 1472-1475, displayed in the Uffizi Gallery, Florence, Italy

A voice came from heaven, saying, "This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased.  
*Matthew 3:17*

### CP 3 Morning Has Broken

1 Morning has broken like the first morning  
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird  
Praise for the singing,  
Praise for the morning  
Praise for them springing fresh from the  
world

2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from  
heaven  
Like the first dewfall on the first grass  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden  
Sprung in completeness where his feet  
pass

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
And the love of God,  
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
Be with you all.

**And also with you.**

May his grace and peace be with you.

**May he fill our hearts with joy.**

Almighty God,

**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.**

3 Mine is the sunlight  
Mine is the morning  
Born of the one light Eden saw play  
Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning  
God's recreation of the new day.

Psalm 29*Refrain: The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.*

29:1 Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

29:2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendor.

29:3 The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.

29:4 The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

29:5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

29:6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf and Sirion like a young wild ox.

29:7 The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

29:8 The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

29:9 The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl and strips the forest bare, and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

29:10 The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

29:11 May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!

A Reading from Isaiah 42:1-9

42:1 Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.

42:2 He will not cry out or lift up his voice or make it heard in the street;

42:3 a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice.

42:4 He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth, and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

42:5 Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it:

42:6 I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations,

42:7 to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.

42:8 I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols.

42:9 See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

**The Word of the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God.**

**CP 560 God, Whose Almighty Word**

1 God, whose almighty Word chaos and darkness heard, and to their flight:  
hear us, we humbly pray, and where the gospel day  
sheds not its glorious ray, let there be light!

2 Saviour, who came to bring on your redeeming wing healing and sight,  
health to the sick in mind, sight to the inly blind:  
now for all humankind let there be light!

3 Spirit of truth and love, lifegiving, holy Dove,  
speed on your flight!  
Move on the water's face bearing the lamp of grace,  
and in earth's darkest place let there be light!

4 Gracious and holy Three, glorious Trinity,  
wisdom, love, might,  
boundless as ocean's tide rolling in fullest pride  
through the world far and wide let there be light.

**A Reading from Acts 10:34-43**

10:34 Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality,

10:35 but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him.

10:36 You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ-- he is Lord of all.

10:37 That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced:

10:38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

10:39 We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree,

10:40 but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear,

10:41 not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

10:42 He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead.

10:43 All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

**The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.**

**CP 40 O Spirit of the Living God**

1 O Spirit of the living God,  
in all the fullness of thy grace,  
wherever human foot hath trod,  
descend on our rebellious race.

2 Give tongues of fire and hearts of love  
to preach the reconciling word;  
give power and unction from above,  
whene'er the joyful sound is heard.

3 Be darkness at thy coming light;  
confusion, order in thy path;  
souls without strength inspire with might,  
bid mercy triumph over wrath.

4 O Spirit of the Lord, prepare  
all the round earth its God to meet;  
breathe thou abroad like morning air,  
till hearts of stone begin to beat.

5 Baptize the nations; far and nigh  
the triumph of the cross record;  
the name of Jesus glorify,  
till every kindred call him Lord.

The Gospel

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Matthew 3:13-17

3:13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him.

3:14 John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"

3:15 But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented.

3:16 And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him.

3:17 And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

The Gospel of Christ

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon by the Rev. Alison WesterveltCCLI 6223539 Jesus, Son of God

1 You came down from Heaven's throne  
 This earth You formed was not Your home  
 A love like this the world had never known  
 A crown of thorns to mock Your name  
 Forgiveness fell upon Your face  
 A love like this the world had never known

***Chorus***

***On the altar of our praise***  
***Let there be no higher name***  
***Jesus Son of God***  
***You laid down Your perfect life***  
***You are the sacrifice***  
***Jesus Son of God***  
***(You are Jesus Son of God)***

2 You took our sin You bore our shame  
 You rose to life You defeated the grave  
 And a love like this the world has never known  
 'Cause You took our sin You bore our shame  
 You rose to life You defeated the grave  
 A love like this the world has never known

***Bridge***

Be lifted higher than all You've overcome  
 Your name be louder than any other song  
 There is no power that can come against Your love

The cross was enough  
 The cross was enough  
 (The cross was enough)  
 (The cross was enough)

***Ending***

The cross was enough  
 The cross was enough

Affirmation of Faith (The Apostles' Creed)

**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 compiled and led by Betty Johnson

Through our baptism we are joined to Christ as God's beloved children. As sisters and brothers in the Spirit, let us call to God for the needs of the world and the church, saying Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the church.

In the worldwide cycle of prayer, we pray for the Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America

In Canada, we pray for the Diocese of Central Newfoundland: the Rt. Rev. John Watton, Bishop.

In our Diocese of Edmonton, we pray for our Bishop Stephen and Holy Trinity, Edmonton: Jonathan Crane, Interim Priest-in-Charge; Suzanne Oswald, Deacon; Robin Walker, Honorary Assistant; Michaela Mercer-Deadman, Office Administrator.

In the Diocese of Buye, we pray for the Kigufi Parish: Ezechiel Hatungimana, Rector. We pray for the people and Community of the Cold Lake First Nation.

We pray for our parish of St. Peter's, our Rector Rev Arthur, our Deacons, Rev Alison and Rev. Sandra, our lay readers Emily and Jorges, our Treasurer Julia, our wardens, Vestry and all who work tirelessly behind the scenes to make our Parish a welcoming place to worship. Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for King Charles and all in authority. We pray for the victory of justice among the nations, and for the outpouring if the Spirit's gift of peace, Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the liberation of all oppressed and imprisoned, for the preaching of the liberating gospel, and for reconciliation of all who oppress and persecute others. We especially pray for the people of the Ukraine and Venezuela. Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the healing of all who are gripped by despair and frustration, and for all who inspire them with hope and joy. Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all in this community to be alive to the call of their baptism, for the newly baptized, and for all who guide and teach along the way. Lord in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who in their illness look to us for strength and healing in Christ. We especially pray for those who have specially requested our prayers: Sandra.....

Merle..... Mary..... Irene ..... Tony and Mary Jean..... Florence..... Lisa and Joe.....

Marijke..... Diane..... Janelle..... Sandy..... Evelyn..... Sarah..... Terry..... Ken.....

Monica..... Julie..... Lucas..... Helen..... Cody..... Judy..... Ruth..... Jody and Michael..... David L..... Kathy..... Joy..... Melody and her family..... Pauline..... Jorges and Janine..... Michael S..... Larry..... Christena..... Elsie..... Lynn..... Irvin and Margaret..... those we hold close in our hearts and those known to you alone. Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who have died in the expectation of Christ's full victory in their life and death especially Thelma Hanson, Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Loving God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, as your favour comes upon us, enlighten us to see those who search for the victory of your love. Make of us your gracious servants, that the world may rest in your peace and sing your praises with full hearts and voices, through the same Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who with your and the Holy Spirit is one God, this day and forever. Amen

**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 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.

**And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,**

**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.**

### CP 655 Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

1 Holy Spirit, ever dwelling in the holiest realms of light;  
 Holy Spirit, ever brooding o'er a world of gloom and night;  
 Holy Spirit, ever raising those of earth to thrones on high;  
 living, life-imparting Spirit, you we praise and magnify.

2 Holy Spirit, ever living as the church's very life;  
 Holy Spirit, ever striving through us in a ceaseless strife;  
 Holy Spirit, ever forming in the church the mind of Christ:  
 you we praise with endless worship for your gifts and fruits unpriced.

3 Holy Spirit, ever working through the church's ministry,  
 quickening, strengthening, and absolving, setting captive sinners free;  
 Holy Spirit, ever binding age to age and soul to soul  
 in communion never ending, you we worship and extol.

### The Dismissal

**A voice came from heaven, saying, "This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased."**  
**Matthew 3:17**

**Let us bless the Lord**  
**Thanks be to God.**

May the God of peace enable us to do His will in every kind of goodness  
 working in us what pleases Him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for  
 ever and ever. Amen.

My dear friends, be swift to love, make haste to be kind,  
 and go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**