



**St. James**  
Anglican | Dundas



## **Baptism of the Lord**

### **Sunday, January 12, 2025**

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# Welcome to this time of worship!

Thank you for joining St. James today. It is good that you are here! If you are visiting or looking for your spiritual home, please make yourself known to us. We welcome your presence with us.

Children are welcome here at St. James! Children can gather in 'The Prayer Ground' at the beginning of the service. If this is your first time here, please go with your child to meet the leader and inform them of any allergies or special needs. For those not wanting to leave their parents, the prayer-ground is available throughout the service.

An offering plate is located at the entrance to the church sanctuary. If you wish to make a gratitude offering for the blessings from God in your life, simply place the offering on the plate before the time of the offertory hymn or e-transfer your donation at [saintjamesgiving@gmail.com](mailto:saintjamesgiving@gmail.com). Your gift will be used to support the varied ministries of St. James. Take a moment to give thanks to God for the blessings in your life today.



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The service is being livestreamed and recorded for viewing online.

The congregation responses are in **bold** type.

**Prelude** *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*

*Johann S. Bach*

**Welcome & Announcements**

## **Territorial Acknowledgement**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

One We gather on the territory traditionally inhabited by the Haudenosaunee and the Anishinaabe nations acknowledged in the Dish with One Spoon wampum belt.

**All We commit ourselves to the work of truth and reconciliation with the Original Peoples of this land in a relationship of honour and mutual respect.**

**OPENING HYMN CP 599** *Awake! Awake! Fling Off the Night*

## **The Gathering of the Community**

One God of God,  
Light of Light,  
True God of true God

**All We bless you.**

One Object of the Magi's search,  
subject of an old man's song,  
fulfillment of the Baptist's preaching

**All We bless you.**

One Mary's son,  
Joseph's son,  
God's only Son

**All We bless you.**

## **The Collect**

*The Priest will lead a prayer collecting together our thoughts for the day.*

One Almighty God,  
You anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son.

**All Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

# The Proclamation of the Word

**Reading** (*Is 43:1-7*) *Please be seated*

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.'

One Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

All **Thanks be to God.**

**Reading** (*Acts 8:14-17*) *Please be seated*

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.

One Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

All **Thanks be to God.**

## **GRADUAL HYMN CP 42** *Crashing Waters At Creation*

### **The Gospel** *(Lk 3:15-17, 21-22)*

*Please stand as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.*

One God be with you

All **and also with you.**

One The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke.

All **Glory to you, O 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.'

One The Gospel of Christ.

All **Praise to you, O Jesus Christ.**

## **Homily**

*The Reverend Canon Leslie Gerlofs*

## **Prayers of the People**

*(standing, sitting or kneeling as is comfortable)*

## Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the Priest begins.*

One Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,  
our creator,  
our protector,  
our wellspring of life. **Amen.**

One Trusting that God receives our words  
and the meditations of our hearts,  
let us confess our sin.

### *Silent reflection*

One Merciful God,  
**All you speak blessing and compassion into the world.  
Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment,  
cruelty, or indifference.  
For when we ignore the needs of our neighbours;  
and resist your call to oppose injustice.  
For the times we give in to scarcity and fear  
and assume the worst about one another.  
Cleanse us from our faults  
and release us from their grasp.  
Show us your loving kindness.  
Restore our hearts and repair your world,  
that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.**

One God proclaims these words of assurance:  
"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.  
I have called you by name.  
You are mine."  
In Christ, you are forgiven.  
In the Spirit, you are made free.  
Refreshed by the waters of mercy,  
live anew as beloved children of God. **Amen.**

## The Peace

One The peace of Christ be with you all.

All **And also with you.**

## OFFERTORY HYMN CP 270 *Lamb of God, To Thee We Raise*

### Prayer over the Gifts

One God of grace,  
your love reaches to the heavens,  
and your abundance to the depths of the seas.

All **Bless what we offer to your service:  
our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.  
Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity,  
now and always. Amen.**

### The Great Thanksgiving

One God be with you.

All **And also with you.**

One Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them up to God.**

One Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

All **It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

One God of hope, in your Holy Spirit  
you hovered over the face of the waters in creation,  
and in your pillar of fire led your people to liberation  
across the Red Sea.

Through the waters you brought your people  
into the life and land of promise.

In your Son's baptism at the Jordan  
we see your creative and liberating purpose at work amid  
our human flaws and failures,  
and we hear anew with hope, the promise of your voice.  
In our own baptism you number us among your saints,  
created and redeemed for your glory.

Through baptism you bury us in death with Christ  
yet raise us to new life with him forever.  
And so we gladly thank you, with saints and angels and  
archangels, and all the company of heaven,  
singing the hymn of your unending praise.

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. CP 732**  
**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**  
**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**  
**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.**  
**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

One Blessing God,  
who sent down your Holy Spirit like a dove upon your  
Beloved, send your Spirit among us now to sanctify us by  
your grace. By the power of that same Spirit, may these  
gifts of bread and wine be for us the body and blood of  
your Son Jesus Christ;  
who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you  
thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying,  
"Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me:"

After supper he took the cup.  
Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples,  
saying  
"Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new  
covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the  
forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

One Great is the mystery of faith.  
**All Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

One Father of glory, you have opened your heaven  
and come among us.  
Be close to those who ache for your liberating power in  
the midst of travails and seek your open heaven.



Visit all who need the healing, forgiving, peacemaking, and restoring touch of your Spirit and look for your kingdom to come. Bless all who long to be called beloved, by sibling or parent or spouse or friend or child, and any who are searching for the love that only you can bring, until all stand in your presence, and sing your name, and are enfolded in your embrace, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, ever one God.

**All Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

One Jesus, remember us in your kingdom and teach us as we sing:

**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.**

### **Invitation to the Table**

One The joy of Jesus is our strength.  
Come, eat this meal of gladness.

The gifts of God, for the people of God.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*All are welcome at God's table.  
If you require gluten-free wafers please indicate  
to your server.*

**COMMUNION HYMN CP 86** *More Than We Can Ask or Imagine*

**More than we can ask or imagine,  
more than we can ever dare to dream,  
we are the children of heaven's creation,  
God's own beloved, each called by name.**

**And we cry Glory! Glory!  
Glory to God who calls us by name!  
Glory! Glory! Glory to God!  
Glory we sing!**

**More than we will ever imagine,  
more than we will ever understand;  
we are sent to walk with compassion,  
to live out God's love by heart and by hand.**

**And we cry Glory! Glory!  
Glory to God who presses us on!  
Glory! Glory! Glory to God!  
Glory our song!**

**More than we can ask or imagine,  
more than we could ever desire;  
out of the dust God's building a kingdom,  
like wine from the press, like bread from the fire.**

**And we cry Glory! Glory!  
Glory to God! Glory we cry!  
Glory! Glory!  
Glory on earth, Glory on high!  
Glory! Glory! Glory to God!  
Glory we cry!**

**Glory! Glory! Glory on earth!  
Glory on high!  
Glory on earth! Glory on high!**

## Prayer after Communion

*(Standing as we are able)*

One Nourishing God,  
at this table you have refreshed us  
with holy gifts of food and drink.

All **Strengthen us for service,  
and send us out to embody your good news  
of liberation and healing for the sake of the world.  
In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.**

## Blessing

One The Spirit of the triune God  
bless you with joy,  
anoint you with compassion,  
and send you in love. **Amen.**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN CP 160** *As with Gladness Men of Old*

## Dismissal

One Go in peace. Live in hope.

All **Thanks be to God.**

**Voluntary** *A Festive Trumpet Tune*

*David German*



***Flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of  
God and in loving memory of Nancy and  
George Roper, Alex, Irene, Tony and Robert  
Alexander and Dave Aiken, from Angela and  
Paul Roper.***

## **Cycle of Prayer**

**In the ACC** *Dr. Andrea Mann, Director, and the staff of Global Relations; Ryan Weston, Lead Animator, Public Witness for Social and Ecological Justice; Executive Director, Will Postma, and staff of the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund/Alongside Hope*

**ELCIC** *Chief Executive Officer, Karin Achtelstetter, and staff of Canadian Lutheran World Relief, the Assistants to the Bishop and the staff of the Eastern Synod*

**MOR** *The people and ministries of Edmonton Moravian Church in Edmonton*

**In the Diocese:** *St. Paul, Fort Erie*

**In the Parish:** *Daniel, Sarah, Ella, and Grace Conner*

## **Today's Ministry Team**

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