

Virtual Worship from St. Paul's Anglican Cathedral, Kamloops BC

Sunday, January 10, 2021 – Baptism of the Lord

The Dean and Melissa Green officiate today. Jim Waldie leads music. David Lidster shares.

Our service today originates from the traditional territory of the Tk'emlúps te Secwepemc – Kamloops & Area First Nation. We acknowledge their care for and working of the land prior to contact with Europeans. As Canadian Anglicans, we continue to work toward healing and reconciliation and a new experience of sharing the land together.

Flowers on the altar today are given to the Glory of God as we witness blessings all around us.

Prelude music today includes "God is Light" by Martin Manns

VIDEO Sure on this Shining Night
Morton Lauridsen | Vox Humana, Dallas, TX, USA
<https://youtu.be/UwxIMvV6LkE>
Permission for broadcast sought

Sure on this shining night
Of starmade shadows round,
Kindness must watch for me
This side the ground.

The late year lies down the north.
All is healed, all is health.
High summer holds the earth.
Hearts all whole.

Sure on this shining night
I weep for wonder
Wandering far alone
Of shadows on the stars.
James Agee

*(At your convenience watch the composer discuss his artistic approach at
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8XdAr03sKYY>)*

GREETINGS INSPIRATION AND CONNECTION

Melissa Green

In the beginning,
God created the heavens and the earth.
The Spirit of God
swept over the face of the waters;

then God said: Let there be light,
and God saw that it was good.

At the beginning of his ministry,
Jesus was baptized by John.

The heavens opened,
and the Spirit descended like a dove;
then God said: This is my beloved Son,
in whom I am well pleased.

Send down your Holy Spirit, O God
tear open the veil of heaven
and speak to us as beloved children
so that we may hear and believe
the good news of your Word made flesh,
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** FOW

HYMN CP 482 (Select verses)

Jim Waldie

Come and journey with a Saviour
who has called us from our birth,
who has washed us in the waters,
and who loved us on the earth.
COME AND JOURNEY, COME AND JOURNEY
WITH A SAVIOUR WHO HAS COME.
WE ARE ALL GOD'S SONS AND DAUGHTERS;
IN THE SPIRIT WE ARE ONE.

Come and journey, journey inward,
come and seek him deep within,
where he meets us in our living,
in our striving and our sin.

Come and journey, journey outward,
telling others of his name,
telling others of his glory,
of his cross and of the shame.

Come and journey, journey upward.
Sing his praises, offer prayer.

In the storm and in the stillness
find his presence everywhere.

Come and journey, journey onward;
all our gifts we now shall bring
to the building of a city
that is holy, Christ its King.

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COLLECT

Creator God,
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.**

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF GENESIS

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. GENESIS 1:1-5

Hear what the Spirit says to all 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.

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

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. ACTS 19:1-7

Hear what the Spirit says to all people **Thanks be to God**

HYMN CP 164

What king would wade through murky streams
And bow beneath the wave,
Ignoring how the world esteems
The powerful and brave?
Water, River, Spirit, Grace,
Sweep over me, sweep over me!
Recarve the depths your fingers traced
In sculpting me.

Christ gleams with water brown with clay
From land the prophets trod.
Above while heaven's clouds give way
Descends the dove of God.

Water, River, Spirit, Grace,
Sweep over me, sweep over me!
Recarve the depths your fingers traced
In sculpting me.

Come bow beneath the flowing wave.
Christ stands here at your side,
And raises you as from the grave
God raised the crucified.

Water, River, Spirit, Grace,
Sweep over me, sweep over me!
Recarve the depths your fingers traced
In sculpting me.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MARK

Glory to You Lord Jesus Christ

David Lidster

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." MARK 1:4-11

The Gospel of Christ **Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ**

TESTIMONY - Jesus

David Lidster

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Dean Ken

Let us pray to the Lord, saying,
Give strength, O Lord, **and bless us with peace.**

All-glorious God,
maker of heaven and earth,
hear us as we pray:
Give strength, O Lord,
and bless us with peace.

We pray for the world you have made. . . .
Move again over these troubled waters,
steeped in chemicals and stained with blood.
Where carelessness and violence bring chaos
restore order, goodness, and life.
Give strength, O Lord,
and bless us with peace.

We pray for the church you have redeemed. . . .
Renew in us the gifts of your Spirit
and the call to Christian discipleship.
Where history and heresy have divided us,
make us one in the baptism we share.
Give strength, O Lord,
and bless us with peace.

We pray for the peoples you have created. . . .
Give to the leaders of all nations
the wisdom to know what is good.
Where people are poor and hungry
provide justice and daily bread.
Give strength, O Lord,
and bless us with peace.

We pray for the loved ones you have given us. . . .
Bless our families, friends, and neighbors;
keep them safe from trouble and danger.
Where there is sorrow, sickness, or suffering
send your Spirit of comfort and healing.
Give strength, O Lord,
and bless us with peace.

All this we pray in the name of the Lord Jesus,
whose voice is our strength and salvation,
whose breath is the Spirit of peace. **Amen.**

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

(St. Teresa of Avila wrote: "When you do not receive communion and you do not attend Mass, you can make a spiritual communion, which is a most beneficial practice; by it, the love of God will be greatly impressed on you.")

Spiritual communion is defined by St. Thomas Aquinas as "an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament and in loving embracing him as if we had actually received him."

This ancient tradition of spiritual communion is available to all of us when we are not able to receive the bread and wine. After the prayer asking Jesus to come to us spiritually please quietly while music is played)

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Sung*)

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

Jim Waldie

**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.**

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Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: **Have mercy upon us.**
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: **Have mercy upon us.**
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: **Grant us your peace.**

The Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

**My dear Jesus, in these times,
I cannot receive you sacramentally as I wish.
Come into my soul now, as you came into your world.**

**Bring healing and peace. Give comfort and joy.
Restore your Church in Love. Strengthen us for service
that when our wanderings end,
we may in courage and confidence
bring your love to the world. Amen.**

Quiet time – Wexford Carol – Esther Ruth Teel (McGill University School of Music)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2LAAP1t7NCs>

CLOSING PRAYERS

David Lidster

Let us pray.

Gracious God
we thank you for feeding us in this spiritual way
with Jesus Christ.

**May we who follow Christ,
bring life to others;
we, who the spirit lights,
give light to the world.**

**Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us;
so that we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Glory to God,
**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**

A PRAYER

O God, you spoke your word
and revealed your good news in Jesus the Christ.
Fill all creation with that word again,
so that by proclaiming your joyful promises to all nations
and singing of your glorious hope to all peoples,

we may become one living body,
through Jesus Christ
who with you and the Holy Spirit live and reign,
God for ever and ever. **Amen.** Liturgy Pacific

BENEDICTION (Sung)

Jim Waldie

Go now in peace, never be afraid
God will go with you each hour of every day
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true
Know He will guide you in all you do
Go now in love and show you believe
Reach out to others so all the world can see
God will be there watching from above
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love
Amen. Amen. Amen.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dean Ken

Postlude: Toccata - by Martin Manns - played by Gail Ovington