

**A Service of Holy Baptism
April 25, 2021
Fourth Sunday of Easter**



St. James Anglican Church, Calgary

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

CP 508 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

1 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Come unto me and rest.
Lay down, thou weary one,
lay down thy head upon my breast.”
I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn, and sad.
I found in him a resting place,
and he has made me glad.

2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one;
stoop down and drink and live.”
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream.
My thirst was quenched, my soul
revived,
and now I live in him.

3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“I am this dark world’s light;
Look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
and all thy day be bright.”
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I’ll walk
till travelling days are done.

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed: O come, let us worship.

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.**

Psalm 23

¹ The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures;
 he leads me beside still waters;

³ he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths
 for his name's sake.

⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
 I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head
 with oil; my cup overflows.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in
 the house of the LORD my whole life long.

A Reading from Acts 9:36-43

³⁶ Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is
 Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity.

³⁷ At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a
 room upstairs.

³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two
 men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay."

³⁹ So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room
 upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other
 clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them.

⁴⁰ Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the
 body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat
 up.

⁴¹ He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he
 showed her to be alive.

⁴² This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

⁴³ Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CCLI 55205 Father Welcomes All His Children The **Chorus** is sung after each verse.**Chorus**

Father welcomes all His children
 To His fam'ly through His Son
 Father giving His salvation
 Life forever has been won

2. In the water in the Word
 In His promise be assured
 Those who are baptised and believe
 Shall be born again. **Chorus**

1. Little children come to Me
 For My kingdom is of these
 Life and love I have to give
 Mercy for your sin. **Chorus**

3. Let us daily die to sin
 Let us daily rise with Him
 Walk in the love of Christ our Lord
 Live in the peace of God. **Chorus**

A Reading from Revelation 7:9-17

⁹ After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.

¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

¹¹ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,

¹² singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?"

¹⁴ I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶ They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷ for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CP 505 Be Thou My Vision

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
 Naught be all else to me, save that thou art
 Thou my best thought by day or by night
 Waking or sleeping thy presence my light

3. Riches I heed not, nor the world's empty
 praise;
 Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
 Thou and thou only first in my heart,
 High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
 I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 Thou my great Father; thine own may I be,
 Thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

4. High King of heaven, when victory is won;
 May I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun
 Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
 Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

The Gospel

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

John 10:22-30

²² At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter,

²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon.

²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly."

²⁵ Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me;

²⁶ but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep.

²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me.

²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand.

²⁹ What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand.

³⁰ The Father and I are one."

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Thoughts on Baptism - Christa SproulCCLI 82917 Baptized in Water

1. Baptized in water
 Sealed by the Spirit
 Cleansed by the blood
 Of Christ our King
 Heirs of salvation
 Trusting His promise
 Faithfully now
 God's praise we sing

2. Baptized in water
 Sealed by the Spirit
 Dead in the tomb
 With Christ our King
 One with His rising
 Freed and forgiven
 Thankfully now
 God's praise we sing

3. Baptized in water
 Sealed by the Spirit
 Marked with the sign
 Of Christ our King
 Born of one Father
 We are His children
 Joyfully now
 God's praise we sing

Presentation of the Baptismal Candidate

I present **Luisa Salvador Dias** to receive the sacrament of baptism.

Do you desire to be baptized?

I do.

Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

I renounce them.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Saviour?

I do.

Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

I do.

Do you promise to obey him as your Lord?

I do.

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Luisa in her life in Christ?

We will.

Prayers for the Candidate – Betty Johnson

Let us now pray for **Luisa** who is to receive the sacrament of new birth.

Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Open her heart to your grace and truth.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Send her into the world in witness to your love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

We pray for the church worldwide. We pray for our Queen and all in authority.

In Japan, we pray for the Nippon Sei Ko Kai.

In Canada we pray for The Territory of the People: The Rt. Rev. Lincoln McKeon, Bp.

In our Diocese, we pray for Immanuel, Wetaskiwin: Hugh Matheson, Rector.

We pray for the Buyé Synod Office: The Rt. Rev. Sixbert Macumi, Bishop; Audace

Kwizera, Diocesan Secretary; Leonidas Nizigiyimana, Treasurer, Archdeacon of Buyé;

Jean Berchmans Mweningoma, Development Officer; Damascene Bagirubwira, Vice-Development Officer; Nehemie Mbonyimpano, Diocesan Typist.

We pray for the people of the Samson Cree Nation.

We pray for the Search Committee, dedicated to the search for a new bishop and for a smooth transition.

We pray for our St Peters clergy: Heather and Alison and all our St Peters family and especially those for whom our prayers are requested: Sandra; Merle; Mona; Nicole; Lois; Ray; Evelyn; Irene and Sandy; Joyce; Jim and Par; Kathryn; Trevor; Helen; Brent; Jenifer; Gavin, Ginnie and Niall; Judy; Tony; Thelma; Luisa; Carey and Olga.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Compassionate Father, it has been a long while since we have been able to gather as one body in your presence to worship you in fellowship and community. We long for the time that we can gather again in our beloved St. Peter's and experience the joy and fellowship of shared worship in a shared space. We ask for trust and for patience, not only for ourselves, but for all worshipping communities, so that when the time is right, we can open our doors and once again, carefully and with the safety of all in our minds and hearts, come together again in love and fellowship.

Until that time, we thank you for the many opportunities you have granted us to worship in different ways and we ask that you make us always mindful that the church is not the building where worship happens but that the church lives in us as you live in us, we pray,

Lord, hear our prayer.

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

The Celebration of Baptism

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water.

Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through water you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who are here cleansed from sin and born again, may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in God the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

I will, with God's help.

Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

I will, with God's help.The Baptism

Luisa, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

I sign you with the cross, and mark you as Christ's own for ever.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace.

Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit.

Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

The Giving of the Light

Receive the light of Christ, to show that you have passed from darkness to light.

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We receive you into the household of God.

Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

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 482 Come and Journey The Refrain is sung after every verse.

1. 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.

Refrain

Come and journey, come and journey
with a Saviour who has come.
We are all God's beloved children;
in the Spirit we are one.

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

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

4. Come and journey, journey outward,
where that cross calls us to care,
where injustice and where hunger
and the poor call us to share.

5. Come and journey, journey upward.
Sing his praises, offer prayer.
In the storm and in the stillness
find his presence everywhere.

The Dismissal

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed: O come, let us worship.

Let us bless the Lord

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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.**
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!