

A Service of Morning Prayer
January 15, 2023
Second Sunday after the Epiphany



The Baptism of Jesus
by Paolo Caliari (1528-1588), known as Paolo Veronese
an Italian Renaissance painter

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. To all who receive him,
he gave power to become children of God. *See John 1*

CP 383 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

1 Jesus shall reign where e'er the sun
doth its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

3 Blessings abound where e'er he reigns:
the prisoners leap to lose their chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.

2 People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.

4 Let every creature rise and bring
peculiar honours to our King;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud Amen.

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.**

Psalm 40:1-11

40:1 I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry.

40:2 He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

40:3 He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.

40:4 Happy are those who make the LORD their trust, who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods.

40:5 You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you. Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be counted.

40:6 Sacrifice and offering you do not desire, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.

40:7 Then I said, "Here I am; in the scroll of the book it is written of me.

40:8 I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart."

40:9 I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O LORD.

40:10 I have not hidden your saving help within my heart, I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation.

40:11 Do not, O LORD, withhold your mercy from me; let your steadfast love and your faithfulness keep me safe forever.

A Reading from Isaiah 49:1-7

49:1 Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me.

49:2 He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away.

49:3 And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

49:4 But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God."

49:5 And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob

back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength-

49:6 he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

49:7 Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CP 270 Lamb of God, to Thee We Raise (vss. 1-3)

1 Lamb of God, to thee we raise
hymns of holy love and praise
for the saint and prophet born
to be herald of the morn.

3 Filled with grace and sanctity
from his blest nativity,
he, the new Elias, came
bearing zeal's most sacred flame.

2 Like the morning star he rose,
thine appearing to disclose;
like an ensign lifted high,
he declared thy kingdom nigh.

A Reading from 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

1:1 Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

1:2 To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

1:3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

1:4 I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus,

1:5 for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind

1:6 just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you

1:7 so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1:8 He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1:9 God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CP 270 Lamb of God, to Thee We Raise (vss. 4-6)

4 Kinsman of the King divine,
greatest of the prophet's line,
blest forerunner of the Lord,
who his praises can record?

6 Make us, Lord, like him to be
fearless witnesses for thee;
faithful unto death be found,
and at last by thee be crowned.

5 Mighty preacher, by whose word
souls to penitence were stirred
those who long in sin had strayed
then the call divine obeyed.

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 1:29-42

1:29 The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

1:30 This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'

1:31 I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel."

1:32 And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him.

1:33 I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.'

1:34 And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

1:35 The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples,

1:36 and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!"

1:37 The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.

1:38 When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?"

1:39 He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon.

1:40 One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.

1:41 He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed).

1:42 He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon by the Rev. Alison WesterveltCCLI 825356 You Are My All In All

1 You are my strength
 When I am weak
 You are the treasure
 That I seek
 You are my all in all
 Seeking You as a precious jewel
 Lord to give up I'd be a fool
 You are my all in all

Chorus
Jesus Lamb of God
Worthy is Your name
Jesus Lamb of God
Worthy is Your name

2 Taking my sin
 My cross my shame
 Rising again I bless Your name
 You are my all in all
 When I fall down You pick me up
 When I am dry You fill my cup
 You are my all in all

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 Lesley Lambert

Loving God, we give thanks for the opportunity to spend time with You today as we offer up the prayers of our hearts. Allow us to be still and feel Your presence, as we ask You to hear our prayers and grant our desires as is best for us and for those for whom we pray.

Let us give thanks for this nation of Canada, where we enjoy peace and the right to express our beliefs in safety. Bring comfort to those whose lives are being destroyed by war in Ukraine and help us to make welcome those who seek sanctuary in our country.

We pray for Your holy church:

- - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)
- Diocese of Niagara: the Rt. Rev. Susan Bell, Bishop.
- Clergy widows and widowers of the Diocese of Edmonton: Dona Armstrong; Barbara Ash; Pat Bergstrom; Marg Bonertz; Carol Canton; Mary Dyck; Beth-Anne Exham; Kathleen Gale; Ruth Guse; Shirley Hanes; Ron Hörst; Diane Howes; Audrey Irving; Alisa Ketchum-Walker; Ted McClung; Gillian Melbourne; Cynthia Morris; Betty Myles; Janice Roderick; Elizabeth Rushton; Roberta Shell; Dorothy Wilson.
- Buyé Diocese, Giteranyi Parish: Jean Pierre Nsabimana, Rector.
- Samson Cree Nation.

We pray today for our Bishop, Steve, and for our parish family of St. Peter's, for all those who worship in the church and those who worship from home, as we give You thanks for the ability to stay connected with friends old and new. For our Deacon, Alison, our musician, Nadine, and our wardens, Barry and Derek, we ask Your many blessings as they guide us in our worship and seek to bring us the stability of weekly services in a period of change and discernment for our parish home.

Let us remember today all who are afflicted in body, mind or spirit, the homeless, the hungry, the hurting, the addicted and those who feel marginalized in any way. Help us to provide a safe and loving space where all may feel welcome, included and supported. We hold in our prayers today all those whose names are known to You alone, those for whom we pray in silence, and those for whom our prayers have been requested today, remembering that all are precious in Your sight and valued so dearly: for Sandra... Merle..... Mary..... Irene Kathryn..... Helen..... Jenifer..... Tony and Mary Jean..... Luisa..... Miranda..... Bill..... Maxime..... Geraldine.... Florence..... Joan..... Shirley and Cyril..... Mark and Blake..... Lisa..... Marijke..... Chrissie, Cathy, and the family..... Diane..... Janelle..... Rosemary..... Wayne and Roald and those who care for them and comfort them.

We pray this morning for the peaceful repose of the soul of our friend Mona Johnston and Your comfort to those who mourn her loss. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

We thank You for the beauty of this day and the days to come. Be with us as we go about our day and as we rest at night and let our lives reflect the love You have shown us by the life and death of Your beloved son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Collect

Almighty God,
 your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
 is the light of the world.
 May your people,
 illumined by your word and sacraments,
 shine with the radiance of his glory,
 that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed
 to the ends of the earth;
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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 399 Now Thank We All Our God

1 Now thank we all our God,
 with heart and hands and voices,
 who wondrous things hath done,
 in whom this world rejoices;
 who from our mother's arms
 hath blessed us on our way
 with countless gifts of love,
 and still is ours today.

2 O may this bounteous God
 through all our life be near us,
 with ever joyful hearts
 and blessed peace to cheer us,
 and nourish us with grace,
 and guide us when perplexed,
 and free us from all ills
 in this world and the next.

3 All praise and thanks to God
 eternal now be given,
 to Spirit and to Word,
 who reign in highest heaven:
 our ever faithful God,
 whom earth and heaven adore;
 for thus it was, is now,
 and shall be evermore.

The Dismissal

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. To all who receive him,
he gave power to become children of God. See *John 1*

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.