



Welcome to St. George's

The Baptism of the Lord

January 12, 2025

8:30 AM HOLY EUCHARIST

We are a Christian church within the Anglican tradition and we welcome people of all Christian traditions as well as people of other faiths and people of little or no faith. If you are a visitor or newcomer, please introduce yourself to one of our Wardens, Greeters, or Clergy. Welcome to our church family! If you need to have communion brought to you in the pew, please let the Greeter know before the service begins.

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The Anglican Cycle of Prayer

- **Worldwide Anglican Communion** – The Church of the Province of West Africa
- **Anglican Church of Canada** – Chris, National Indigenous Archbishop; Anne, Acting Primate and Archbishop
- **Diocese of Niagara** – Bishops Susan and Colin; the people of St. Paul's Church, Fort Erie
- **St. George's** – let each of us take time this week to reflect on the meaning our baptismal vows and how we are living them out in our daily life: at home, at work and in the wider community

Welcome and Announcements

Collect for Purity

All **Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Commandments

Priest Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Hear O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us, and write both these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

Kyrie

Priest Lord, have mercy upon us.

People **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Priest Lord, have mercy upon us.

Priest The Lord be with you;

People **And with thy Spirit.**

Priest Let us pray.

Collect for the Day

Priest O Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ did take our nature upon him, and was baptized for our sakes in the river Jordan: Mercifully grant that we being regenerate, and made thy children by adoption and grace, may also be partakers of thy Holy Spirit; through him whom thou didst send to be our Saviour and Redeemer, even the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

Lesson

Isaiah 43:1-7

Reader The Lesson is written in the forty-third chapter of the Book of Isaiah, beginning at the first verse.

'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."

Reader Here endeth the lesson.

Gospel Mark 1:4-11

Gospeller The Holy Gospel is written in the first chapter of the Gospel according to Saint Mark, beginning at the fourth verse.

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Gospeller 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.'

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Sermon The Rev. Victor Kischak

Nicene Creed

All I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible: And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of the Father before all worlds; God, of God; Light, of Light; Very God, of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; Through whom all things were made: Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man, And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, The Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

Offertory

Priest Offer unto God the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and pay thy vows unto the Most High.

All Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel, for ever and ever.
All that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine. All

things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee.

Intercessions

Intercessor

Let us pray for Christ's holy Catholic Church.

Let us pray for peace on earth and for the unity of all Christian people.

Almighty and ever-living God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks, for all people: We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our alms and oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant that all they that do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

We beseech thee also to lead all nations in the way of righteousness; and so to guide and direct their governors and rulers, that thy people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace: And grant unto thy servant Charles our King, and to all that are put in authority under him, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the maintenance of thy true religion and virtue. Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and specially to thy servants Susan and Colin our Bishops, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and living Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments: Prosper, we pray thee, all those who proclaim the Gospel of thy kingdom among the nations: And to all

thy people give thy heavenly grace, and specially to this congregation here present, that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

And we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, *especially those for whom our prayers are desired.*

We remember before thee, O Lord, all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear: and we bless thy holy Name for all who in life and death have glorified thee; beseeching thee to give us grace that, rejoicing in their fellowship, we may follow their good examples, and with them be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end.

People Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Priest Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and take this holy sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

All Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all people: We acknowledge and

confess our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy Divine Majesty. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Priest Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

Comfortable Words

Priest Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him.

Come unto me all that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.

St. Matthew 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

St. John 3:16

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

1 Timothy 1:15

Hear also what Saint John saith.
If anyone sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus
Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins.

1 St. John 2:1, 2

HOLY COMMUNION

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Priest Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up unto the Lord.

Priest Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

Priest It is meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, Creator and Preserver of all things. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who, in substance of our mortal flesh, manifested his glory, that he might bring us out of darkness into his own marvellous light. Therefore, with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying:

**All Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.**

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

**Blessed is the One that cometh in the Name of the
Lord: Hosanna in the highest.**

Prayer of Consecration

Priest Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our

nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it; and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me.

Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all, of this; for this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy Bread of eternal life and Cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath

commanded; And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy Communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

Prayer of Humble Access

All We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, Trusting in our own righteousness, But in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy So much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, Whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, So to eat the Flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, And to drink his Blood, That our sinful bodies may be made clean by his Body, And our souls washed through his most precious Blood, And that we may evermore dwell in him, And he in us. Amen.

Agnus Dei

Priest O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
People Have mercy upon us.

Priest O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
People Have mercy upon us.

Priest O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
People Grant us thy peace.

Communion

(if you need gluten-free bread, please request it before extending your hands)

Lord's Prayer

Priest Let us pray.

All 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 them that 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.

Prayer after Communion

Priest Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee that thou dost graciously feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; assuring us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are living members of his mystical body, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom.

All And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable,

holy, and living sacrifice unto thee. And although we are unworthy, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Gloria

All

Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards all. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin on the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou art holy, thou art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Benediction

Priest

May the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you, and those that you love,

All

and those that you should love,

Priest

now and forever.

All

Amen.

Announcements

Coldest Night of the Year

It's time to register to walk in the Coldest Night of the Year, taking place on **February 22** in support of Hope House. This will be our 3rd year participating in CNOY, and we want you to join us! There are two options this year: 2K walk starting at 1:00pm from John F Ross High School; 5K walk at 4:00pm from GCVI. To sign up, go to: <https://cnoy.org/location/guelph> and search for the St. George's teams. You can also email Laura Keller directly at thekellercrew@gmail.com. You can donate to either team on their page! Help us help those who are hurting, hungry, and homeless by supporting our CNOY teams!

St. George's Book Club

The next meeting is on **Tuesday, January 21** at 7:00 pm in the Church Library and on Zoom. The book being discussed is *The Phoenix Crown* by Kate Quinn and Janie Chang. Everyone is welcome! Contact: Ann McGee: amcgee995@gmail.com.

Pickleball League

The Pickleball League continues next **Saturday, January 18** from 7:00 to 9:30 pm.

The regular Pickleball games continue today after the late service.



Evensong Service

Join us for the next Evensong service on Sunday, **February 2** at 4 pm.



Take Heart

@ St. George's Church



Wednesdays from 11:00am-2:00pm
Thursdays from 7:00-9:00pm
beginning January 15, 2025

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A simple idea.

St. George's Church will be open for anyone who wants to enjoy some quiet time, unbothered, in the beauty of our church.

- enjoy the beautiful windows
- light a candle
- read
- knit
- contemplate
- have a minute to yourself

Come and go as you like. We look forward to welcoming you!

If you would like to support this ministry, we will require at least 2 volunteers to be in the church while it is open. Feel free to bring your own book/activity—we simply need your presence in case any visitors have questions. There's a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for those who are interested. If you have any questions, please speak to Laura Keller.

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