

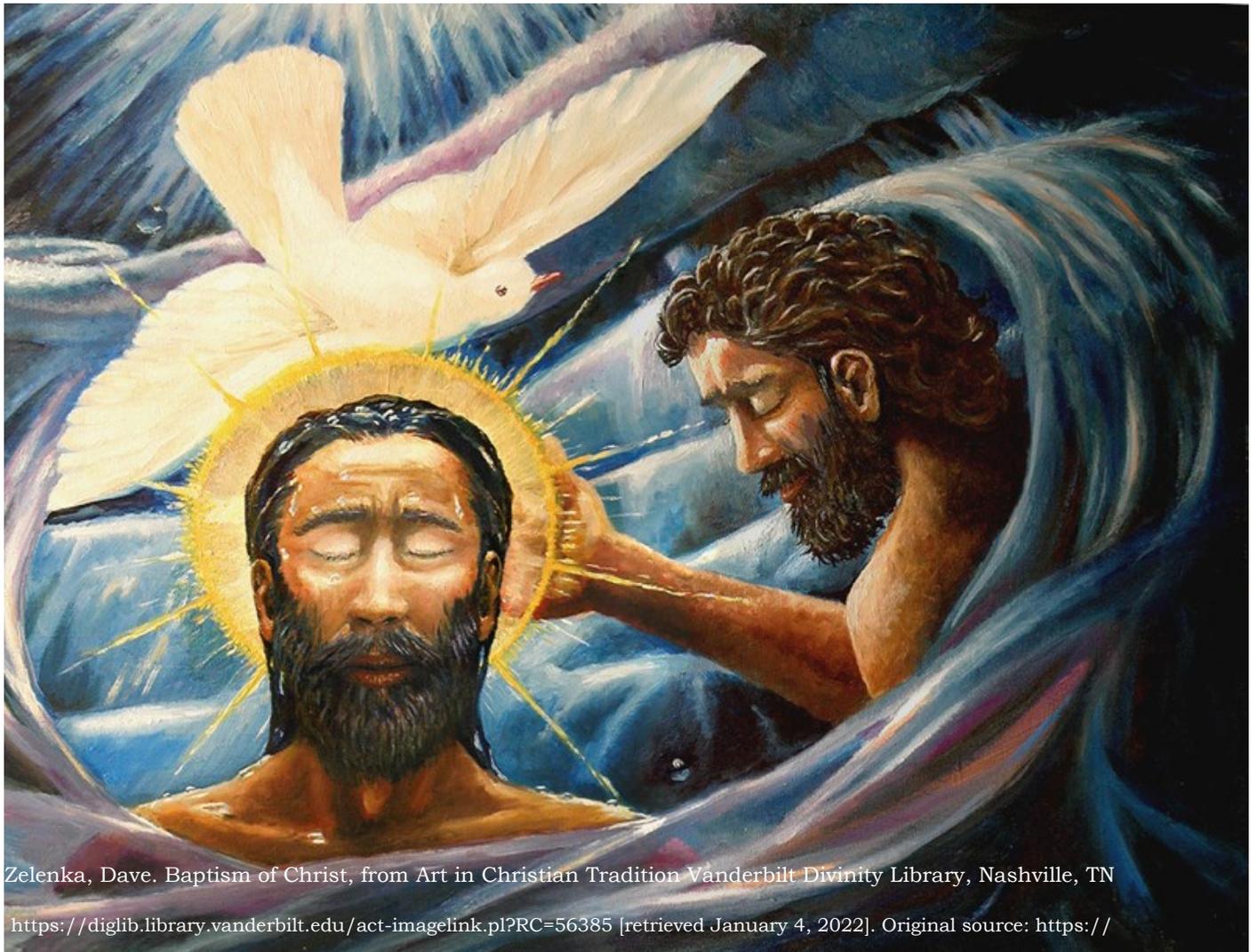


ST. STEPHEN'S

ANGLICAN CHURCH, MAPLE

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Luke 3:21b-22



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Ante-Communion

The Baptism of The Lord

January 9 2022 @ 10:00am

Celebrant & Homilist: Fr. Ian

Prelude Piano Interlude 6- Sarah Bereza

Welcome

St. Stephen's is a missional outpost of the Anglican Diocese of Toronto. We share in Christ's mission to make the mercy, forgiveness, and love of God known in all creation; and to invite all into the household of God! Thank you for joining in worship today. Welcome!

Announcements

Bulletins and YouTube links, included in your Call to Worship are also available at ststephensmaple.ca .

Prayers of the People-Please send prayer requests to church@ststephensmaple.ca

Thank you for helping to publicize St. Stephen's website, YouTube channel and Facebook page.

We give thanks for the Chancel Guild, Readers, Community Pantry and Closet volunteers .

Sunday School Online: York Simcoe Sunday School, on Zoom, weekly at 9:30am. [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82142029783?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82142029783?pwd=K2tuYnVnVnVzZUdtY3NoYSthdWg0Zz09)

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Meeting ID: 821 4202 9783. Passcode: 339161

We give thanks for Youth @ St. Stephen's meeting biweekly, Wednesdays, 5:30 -6:30 pm on [Zoom](#):

Upcoming Services: January 16, 2022, The Second Sunday after the Epiphany. Lessons: ISAIAH 62:1-5; PSALM 36:5-10; 1 CORINTHIANS 12:1-11; JOHN 2:1-11

1. 10am, Ante Communion on YouTube . Stream *premieres at 9:45 am.*
Worship begins at about 10:00 am. Video then available on demand .

2. Evening Prayer via Zoom @ 5:00 pm.

Acknowledgment of Indigenous Territory

This sacred land is the territory of several Indigenous Nations: the Wendat, the Haudenosaunee, and the Anishinaabe, with special recognition to the Mississauga of New Credit.

We also acknowledge that we are on the shores of Niigaani-gichigami/Lake Ontario.

This territory is governed by the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Treaty¹, an agreement between the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and the Anishinaabe Confederacy to peaceably share and sustain the life of the Great Lakes.

In the spirit of that Treaty we seek to place at the centre of our gatherings the values of respectful reciprocity, diversity, peace, responsibility, and mutual

aid. ¹[A Dish with One Spoon | The Canadian Encyclopedia](#)

The Gathering of the Community

Opening Hymn: O Spirit of the Living God CP40

O Spirit of the living God, in all the fullness,
Of thy grace, wherever human foot hath trod,
Descend on our rebellious race.

Give tongues of fire and hearts of love to preach
The reconciling word; give power and unction from
Above where're the joyful sound is heard.

Be darkness at thy coming, light; confusion,
Order in thy path; souls without strength
Inspire with might; bid mercy triumph over wrath.

O Spirit of the Lord, prepare all the round
Earth its God to meet; breathe thou abroad like
Morning air, till hearts of stone begin to beat.

Baptize the nations; far and nigh the triumphs
Of the cross record; the name of Jesus glorify,
Till every kindred call him Lord.

Greeting

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray,
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.**

Glory To God Glory in the Highest Glory. CP 366

Glory in the highest glory, peace to all, in all their days.
Worship, thanks and praise unceasing to the Source of all we
raise:
reigning in the sapphire height, hidden from our mortal sight,
now receive our adoration, as we make our supplication.

Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer, Lamb of God, for sinners
given,
Word eternal, born of Mary, Word made flesh, the face of heaven:
Holy one, to you we pray, here as in the realms of day,
with the Spirit there united, and the God-head high exalted.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: Let us pray,
Eternal Father,
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**

Will you please sit.

The Proclamation of the Word

THE FIRST READING ISAIAH 43:1-7

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

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: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 29

Refrain. The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

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.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Refrain. The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

THE SECOND READING ACTS 8:14-17

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

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.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All: Thanks be to God

Will you please stand.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 3:15-17, 21-22

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

People: Glory to you, Lord 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."

Deacon: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Homily: Fr. Ian

Interlude - Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring. J.S Bach Clyde McLennan

Will you please stand.

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant: Let us confess our faith, as we say,

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth, of

all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God, eternally

begotten of the Father, God from God,

Light from Light, true God

from true God, begotten, not made,

of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came
down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became
incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and
is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Leader: In joy and humility let us pray to the creator of the universe,
saying, "Lord, grant us peace."

Silence

Leader: By the good news of our salvation brought to Mary by the
angel, hear us, O Lord
Lord, grant us peace.

Silence

Leader: By the mystery of the Word made flesh, hear us, O Lord.
Lord, grant us peace.

Silence

Leader: By the birth in time of the timeless Son of God, hear us, O Lord.
Lord, grant us peace.

Silence

Leader: By the manifestation of the King of glory to the shepherds and magi, hear us, O Lord.
Lord, grant us peace.

Silence

Leader: By the submission of the maker of the world to Mary and Joseph of Nazareth, hear us, O Lord.
Lord, grant us peace.

Silence

Leader: By the baptism of the Son of God in the river Jordan, hear us, O Lord.
Lord, grant us peace.

Silence

Leader: Grant that the kingdoms of this world may become the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; hear us, O Lord.
Lord, grant us peace.

Silence

Leader: God of compassion,
be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation.
In their loneliness, be their consolation;
in their anxiety, be their hope;
in their darkness, be their light;
through him who suffered alone on the cross,
but reigns with you in glory,
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Silence

Leader: God of glory,
immerse us in your grace,
mark us with your image,
and raise us to live our baptismal promises,
so that, empowered by the Holy Spirit,
we may follow the example of Christ your beloved
in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
he welcomes sinners
and invites them to his table.
Let us confess our sins,
confident in God's forgiveness

Silence

Celebrant: Most merciful God,

All: we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant: Dearly Beloved in Christ, the Peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to 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 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.

Spiritual Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: I worship and adore you, Lord Jesus Christ,

present in the Holy Sacrament and in your people, who are gathered in spirit. In this moment I join with them to receive you in my heart, and in our community. May you, enthroned on the altar, be now enthroned in my heart; may you, present in bread and wine, feed and renew my soul; may you, who give yourself to us again, fill us with grace, and heavenly blessing. Even as I am fed, may my hunger for you and for your reign of justice and peace increase, that I may, with your Spirit, work for that day when your reign shall come on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

Blessing

Closing Hymn: Breathe on Me Breath of God CP 649

Breathe on me, breath of God;
Fill me with life anew, that I may love what
Thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, breath of God,
Until my heart is pure, until my will is
One with thine to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, breath of God,
Till I am wholly thine, until this earthly
Part of me glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, breath of God,
So shall I never die, but live with thee the
Perfect life of thine eternity

Dismissal

Deacon: let us go in peace to love and to serve the Lord!.

All: Thanks be to God!

Postlude. Piano Interlude 10 Sarah Bereza

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