



CHRIST CHURCH, DARTMOUTH

An inclusive church welcoming everyone

January 9, 2022

10:00am

A Service of Worship Streamed

A Service of Morning Prayer (New Zealand)

Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as the people of God. One of the glories of the Anglican Church of Canada is its liturgical worship. Liturgy refers to the patterns, forms, words, and actions through which public worship is conducted.

Territorial Acknowledgment

We gratefully acknowledge that we are in the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq people.

Announcements

Opening Hymn: River of Glory

Silence

Let us pray, **Loving God, help us to live respectfully on these lands, seeking justice and peace. Help us to pray to you in faith, to sing to you with gratitude, and to listen to your word with eagerness; so that we might follow Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. *1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (adapted)*

Great is the Lord and worthy of all praise. **Amen!**

Praise and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honour, power and might, be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.

Jubilate - Psalm 100 (Inclusive Language Psalter)

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;
serve the Lord with gladness and come into the divine presence with a song.

Know this: the Lord, the Lord, is God;
the One made us is the One to whom we belong; we are God's people, the sheep of God's pasture.

Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving;
go into these courts with praise; give thanks to God and call upon the name of the Lord.

For the Lord is good, whose steadfast love is everlasting;
and whose faithfulness endures from age to age.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us praise and worship God who has called us together. Let us celebrate God's majesty, and delight in the wonder of God's love. Together we shall confess our sins and receive assurance that we are forgiven.

As the scriptures are read, we can allow God's word to speak to us, and ponder its meaning for our lives.

In our prayers, we give thanks for God's goodness, we pray for others as well as for ourselves, and we offer our lives anew in Christ's service.

All this we do,

because we believe in the presence among us of our Saviour Jesus Christ, and in the mighty power of the Holy Spirit.

The Confession

Hear these words of scripture.

If we claim to be sinless, we are self-deceived and strangers to the truth.

If we confess our sins,

God is just and may be trusted to forgive our sins and cleanse us from every kind of wrong.

Spirit of God, search our hearts.

In silence, remember our need for God's forgiveness.

Silence

Let us confess our sins to God.

God of mercy, we have sinned against you and against others. We have sinned in what we have done, and in what we have failed to do.

We are truly sorry.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for our sins, forgive us all that is past and raise us to newness of life. Amen.

Almighty God, who pardons all who truly repent, forgive your sins, strengthen you by the Holy Spirit,

and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. **Amen.**

The Ministry of the Word

O come, let us sing to the Lord,
let us rejoice in the rock of our salvation.

We sing to you, O God, and bless your name;
and tell of your salvation from day to day.

We proclaim your glory to the nations,
your praise to the ends of the earth.

The Readings, Psalm, and Holy Gospel

First Reading: Isaiah 43:1-7

The poem from Second Isaiah is chosen because of its imagery of water, its proclamation of the love of God, its familial language, and the reference to being called by God's name. In baptism, we are washed, we receive God's love, we become sons and daughters, and we are called by the name of Christ. These ideas are echoed in Luke's account of Jesus' baptism.

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 honored, 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."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
The people respond: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 29

We respond to the Genesis creation story by singing Psalm 29, which praises the Lord, that is YHWH, with phrases that appear to have been adapted by the Israelites from the worship of the Canaanite weather deity Baal. The psalm moves from a god of the storm to a God who blesses the people with peace.

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!

Second Reading: Acts 8:14-17

Although Christians have not agreed about the scheduling of baptism in the life of the Christian, all speak of the water as including a proclamation of the word and as conferring the Holy Spirit, that is, the very presence of God, onto the candidate. The practice at baptism of naming the infant or of conferring a baptismal name developed from the idea that at baptism the candidate has been named a Christian.

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.

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Gradual Hymn: Like a Healing Stream

Gospel: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

At the beginning of the year we commemorate both Jesus' baptism and our own. The images of the Holy Spirit as fire and as dove balance each other, and both illumine the meaning of baptism. This gospel is yet another Trinity Sunday, summing up the Christmas cycle, calling us into life with the triune God.

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.”

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The Sermon: The Rev. Dr. Kyle Wagner “When you pass through the waters”

The Apostles Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, 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, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and 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

God of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ you promise to hear us when we pray to you in faith with thanksgiving.

We pray for one another, for our families and friends, through whom we learn to love and to be loved. (In our Parish Family Prayer cycle we pray for....) Thank you for all who care for us. Give us grace to serve Christ by serving our neighbours and our community, loving others as he loves us.

Silence

Lord hear our prayer;
and let our cry come to you.

We thank you for the unfailing love you hold out to everyone in Jesus Christ. Comfort and heal those in sorrow, need, sickness or any other trouble (especially for....). Give them courage and hope in their distress, and bless those who minister to them.

Silence

Lord hear our prayer;
and let our cry come to you.

We remember with gratitude your many gifts to us in creation and the rich heritage of these lands. Help us and people everywhere to share with justice and peace the resources of the earth. Give wisdom to those in authority among us and to all leaders of the nations.

Silence

Lord hear our prayer;
and let our cry come to you.

We pray for your Church throughout the world (praying today for....), thanking you for all who serve Christ and his kingdom. By your Spirit strengthen your people for their work and witness in the world. Unite us in your truth and love, that we who confess your name may also reflect your glory.

Silence

Lord hear our prayer;
and let our cry come to you.

We remember with thanksgiving all who have died in Christ (remembering today....), and we rejoice at the faithful witness of your saints in every age, praying that we may enter with them into the unending joy of your heavenly kingdom.

Silence

Lord hear our prayer;
and let our cry come to you.

Merciful God, you look with compassion on all who turn to you. Hear the prayers of your people.

Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

God of mercy, you have given us grace to pray with one heart and one voice; and have promised to hear the prayers of two or three who agree in your name; fulfil now, we pray, the prayers and longings of your people as may be best for us and for your kingdom. Grant us in this world to know your truth, and in the world to come to see your glory.
Amen.

Collect Prayers

Almighty and everliving God, increase in us your gift of faith, that forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Holy and everliving God, by your power we are created and by your love we are redeemed; guide and strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may give ourselves to your service, and live each day in love to one another and to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect for the Day

**Heavenly Father,
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:
may we recognize him as our Lord
and know ourselves to be your beloved children;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

Common Worship: Additional Collects (2004)

The Lord's Prayer

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your 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, forever and ever. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn: How Firm a Foundation

The Dismissal

Special Prayers:

Those ill or in Hospital, and those in need: Les Halsey, Rick, Jean Thompson, Melba, Bob, Susan, Barbara, Ann Piccott, Shelagh, Cathy, Max, Betty, and Residents of the Admiral, Oakwood, Oceanview, Parkland, and all in Care Homes.

Christ Church Cycle of Prayer: Jean Durrant, Grace Earle, Edith Eddy, Noel Edwards, Marilyn Doyle

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This service is assembled from morning prayer resources found in the New Zealand Prayer book, published by the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia <https://anglicanprayerbook.nz/> and adapted to fit our local context in Canada.

The Psalms are drawn from the Inclusive Language Psalter, commended for use by the Council of General Synod, March 2019 and found online at <https://www.anglican.ca/wpcontent/uploads/GS2016-Liturgical-Psalter-2016-05-04.pdf>

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