



## Christ Church, Rawdon

*Located in the traditional territories of the Haudenosaunee and the Huron-Wendat people.*

### The Baptism of the Lord A Service of the Word for January 10, 2021

*This service will be live streamed on Sunday, at 10am, on <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/789373873> and on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/pg/christchurchrawdon/posts/](http://www.facebook.com/pg/christchurchrawdon/posts/). You can also hear the audio by telephone at 438 809-7799 (when prompted, enter the meeting ID: 789 373 873).*

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Hymn: Thou, whose almighty word chaos and darkness heard, and took their flight;  
hear us, we humbly pray, and, where the Gospel-day  
sheds not its glorious ray, let there be light!

Spirit of truth and love, life-giving holy Dove, speed forth thy flight!  
Move on the waters' face bearing the lamp of grace,  
and, in earth's darkest place, let there be light!

Holy and blessèd Three, glorious Trinity, Wisdom, Love, Might;  
boundless as ocean's tide, rolling in fullest pride,  
through the earth far and wide, let there be light!

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

God in Christ gives us water welling up to eternal life. Let us come to the risen Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

*(a short period of silent reflection is kept)*

**Most merciful God, 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.**

*Priest:* 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. **Amen.**

*Priest:* Let us join with saints and angels in their songs of praise before the throne of God:

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. (2x)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. (2x)

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. (2x)

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us, have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer, receive our prayer.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. (2x)

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. (4x)

*The Collect for the Baptism of the Lord*

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.**

*First Reading: Genesis 1:1-5*

*Read by Elizabeth Nunn*

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **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. **R**

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. **R**

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. **R**

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!" **R**

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. **R**

*Second Reading: Acts 19:1-7*

*Read by Francine Girard*

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied - altogether there were about twelve of them.

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Gloria in Excelsis Deo!

**Gloria in Excelsis Deo, Gloria in Excelsis Deo!** A voice came from heaven, saying, "This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased." **Gloria in Excelsis Deo, Gloria in Excelsis Deo!**

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

*Response:* **And also with you.**

*The Holy Gospel: Mark 1:4-11*

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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."

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Sermon*

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

*(BAS, p 52)*

**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.**

*Intercessions and Thanksgivings*

Jesus calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. Washed clean by the waters of baptism, let us pray that we may live the life to which he has called us.

Lord Jesus, eternal Word, proclaimed as the Christ by John the forerunner, hear us as we pray for all who proclaim your word. We pray for Mary, our Bishop, David our Metropolitan, and Linda, our Primate. Within our diocese we are asked to pray today for the Synod Office and Cathedral staff members. We pray, also, for the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia. In the Anglican Communion we pray for the dioceses of Afikpo, Aguata (Nigeria), North Africa, the Horn of Africa (Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria), Agra and Ahoada (North India). We pray also for the Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, The Reverend Amanda Currie, and all the members of that denomination. We give thanks for the religious witness in all its forms in the Church, and today we pray especially for the Community of St Andrew in the UK. We pray for our companions in the Territory of the People (Central BC) and the Diocese of Masasi and for the Diocese of Jerusalem. We pray for our own Parish, for our Incumbent, Fr Michael J. Robson, and all the members of this parish especially, this week, for Gerald Korb and Tina Marfoglio.

Lord of truth, **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, baptizing with the Spirit and with fire, strengthen us to withstand all the trials of our faith. Lord of truth, **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, bringing forgiveness to all who repent, teach your Church dependence on your grace. Lord of truth, **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, calling all humanity to live together in harmony and peace, guide the leaders of the nations with your wisdom and truth. In our own country, we pray for Elizabeth, our Queen, Julie Payette, our Governor General, and Justin Trudeau, our Prime Minister, J. Michel Doyon, our Lieutenant Governor, and François Legault, our Premier, Bruno Guilbault, our Mayor, and for all MPs, MNAs, and Councillors. We pray that they may govern wisely and for the good of all. We pray also for the people of the United States at this time and for a healing of the bitter divisions exposed in that society this past week. Lord of truth, **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, fulfilment of the promises of old, give hope to all who suffer or are ignored. We pray especially for Shea Kerin, Gerry Bologna, Danny Fogarty, Krista Fleming, Eileen Hale, Glenn Cartwright, Viola Wilde, Muriel Fleming, Debbie Sweeney, Carolyn Maguire, Nash Menard, Pam, Bob Ranger, David Hart, Johnny Purcell, Gilbert Gauthier and David Morris and for their families. Lord of truth, **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, beloved Son of the Father, anoint us with the gifts of your Holy Spirit.

Lord of truth, **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, bringer of hope, share with all the faithful the riches of eternal life. We pray for those who have died, remembering especially Mary Jackson and Roland Searr, both of whom have died recently, and, from our Book of Remembrance, Valentia Arbusoff (née Rahr), and all those whose years' mind falls at this time. Keep us mindful that after the death of our physical bodies we shall stand before the Son of Man, and grant us mercy in that day.

Lord of truth, **hear our prayer.**

Remembering Blessed Mary, the Mother of our Lord, St Joseph, the Holy Innocents, Marguerite Bourgeoys, John Horden, Hilary of Poitiers, Richard Meux Benson and all the Saints and Holy Men and Women of God, we commit ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ our God. **To you, O Lord.**

Lord Jesus Christ, in you the Father makes us and all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory. **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.**

*The Blessing*

*Announcements*

*Hymn:* When Jesus comes to be baptized, He leaves the hidden years behind,  
the years of safety and of peace to bear the sins of humankind.

The Spirit of the Lord comes down, anoints the Christ to suffering,  
to preach the word, to free the bound, and to the mourner, comfort bring.

He will not quench the dying flame, and what is bruised he will not break,  
but heal the wound injustice dealt, and out of death his triumph make.

O Spirit help us be like Christ: to live in love and charity,  
to walk in truth and justice now, and grow in Christian dignity.

We praise you, God, source of all life, we praise you, Christ, eternal Word,  
we praise you, Spirit, gracious gift: your triune presence fills our world.

*Dismissal:* We have come to Christ, the living water. Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*Response:* **Thanks be to God!**

*Please join us, before and right after the service, for a “virtual coffee time” on Zoom, online at (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/789373873> or by phone at 438 809-7799, meeting ID: 789 373 873).*

*A Memorial Service for Roland Searr, will be held on Zoom next Saturday, Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>, at 1 pm. You can link online at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86127120202?pwd=WTISTVdZUllmdTBTWEFNWjZadFZGQT09> and by telephone at 438 809-7799, using meeting ID: 861 2712 0202. If you are asked for a passcode it is: 246960. Local phone numbers for other areas can be found at <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kbRUxJBaXQ>.*

*Wellness Centre: ECOL invites you to a session on **Better Balance**, offered up by their partners at the Cummings Centre, this **Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm**, on Zoom (online at <https://zoom.us/j/95515417602> or by phone at 438 809-7799, using meeting ID: 955 1541 7602). It has become challenging in these times to maintain our levels of activity. But it is possible in the safety of our homes to work on keeping our balance, flexibility and continued mobility. Let's make sure we come out the other side of this pandemic strong and ready to rock and roll.*

***The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:** The Canadian Centre for Christian Unity is organizing an online service for the greater Montreal area, on Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, at 3 pm. You can view it via either Zoom or YouTube. Advance registration is required; to do so, please click on [register here](#).*

***Annual Vestry Reports:** That time is coming up again! Those are asked to provide reports are invited to prepare and submit them to John Clague at anytime from now on and, at the latest, **by late January**.*

#### **CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK AHEAD**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>The Holy Innocents</b> (alternative date)
Tuesday	Marguerite Bourgeoys, Educator in New France 1700 John Horden, Bishop of Moosonee, Missionary, 1893
Wednesday	Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers, Teacher, 367
Thursday	Feria
Friday	Richard Meux Benson, Religious, Founder of SSJE, 1915 Day of discipline and self-denial
Saturday	Feria
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Second Sunday after Epiphany</b>

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