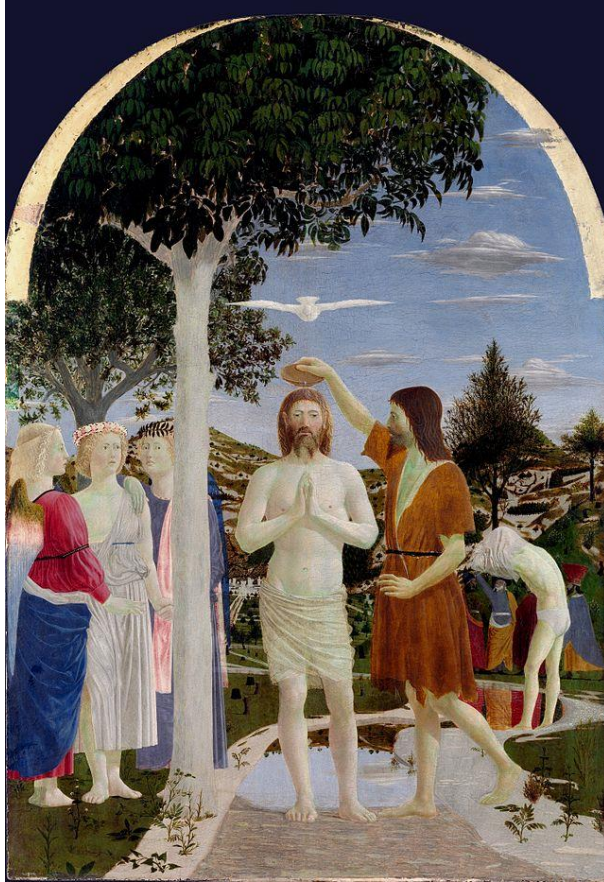


The Anglican Parish of  
St. Peter and St. Paul  
January 12th 2025  
The Baptism of The Lord



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“Nourishing faith and community”

## Prelude

Words of Welcome *(Please stand as clergy enters)*

## Musical opening CP 9 Today I Awake

(Text and Music : John Belt, (1949-), 1989 The Iona Community, One license)

*Today I awake and God is before me.  
At night, as I dreamt, he summoned the day;  
for God never sleeps, but patterns the morning  
with slithers of gold or glory in grey.*

*Today I arise and Christ is beside me.  
He walked through the dark to scatter new light.  
Yes, Christ is alive, and beckons his people  
to hope and to heal, resist and invite.*

*Today I affirm the Spirit within me  
at worship and work, in struggle and rest.  
The Spirit inspires all life which is changing  
from fearing to faith, from broken to blest.*

*Today I enjoy the Trinity round me,  
above and beneath, before and behind;  
the Maker, the Son, the Spirit together –  
they called me to life and call me their friend.*

## The Gathering of the Community

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

**And also with you.**

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**

**Gloria (sung)**

*(Daniel Schutte Mass of Christ One licence)*

**Glory to God, Glory to God,  
Glory to God in the highest  
And on earth, peace on earth  
Peace to people of goodwill.**

**We praise you, we bless You  
We adore you, we glorify You  
We give you thanks,  
For your great glory.  
Lord God heavenly King,  
O God Almighty Father.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Begotten Son.  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.  
You take away the sin of the world,  
Have mercy on us.  
You take away the sin of the world,  
Receive our prayer.  
You are seated at the right hand  
The right hand of the Father  
Have mercy on us.**

**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.**

**Glory to God, Glory to God,  
Glory to God in the highest  
And on earth, peace on earth  
Peace to people of good will.**

**Amen, Amen.**

Kyrie (sung)

**Lord have mercy  
Christ have mercy  
Lord have mercy, have mercy on us.**

**Kyrie Eleison  
Christie Eleison  
Kyrie Eleison, eleison**

**Lord have mercy  
Christ have mercy  
Lord have mercy, have mercy on us.**

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**

## The Proclamation of the Word

### Reading One: 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.'*

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

A Psalm of David.

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 splendour.**

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 for ever.  
**May the Lord give strength to his people!  
May the Lord bless his people with peace!**

Reading Two: 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.*

Hear what the Spirit is saying.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn: SNC109 I was there to Hear Your Borning  
Cry

(Text and Music John Ylvisake 1985 One license)



*I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.  
I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well,  
In a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.*

*When you heard the wonder of the word, I was there to cheer you on;  
You were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.  
If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,  
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun.*

*In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,  
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.*

*When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,  
I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.*

*I was there to hear your bawling cry, I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold."*

### Celtic Alleluia (sung)

(Fintan O'Carroll and Chris Walker OCP Publications One License)

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

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

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

**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.'*

The Gospel of Christ  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Celtic Alleluia (sung)

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*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

Sermon: *The Reverend Gail Rodger*

Musical Moment for Reflection

Announcements

Hear O Israel (*please stand*)

**Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first and the great commandment.**

**The second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.**

## Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving

### Prayers of the People

#### Confession and Absolution

(Evangelical Lutheran Worship Communion setting 6 prayer of confession 2 p388)

Dear friends in Christ, let us confess our sin, in the presence of God and of one another. (*Silence is kept*)

Gracious God,

**Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.**

(*Please stand*)

God who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

Hymn: CP 61 As We Gather At Your Table

(Text: Carl Daw, Jr, (1944-), 1989 Hope Publishing co; Music Alfred Fedak (1953-)1990 Selah Publishing Co. One License)

*As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word,  
help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be  
stirred.*

*Nourish us with the sacred story till we claim it as our own;  
teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's victory  
known.*

*Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life;  
send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is  
strife.*

*Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave;  
may we still be-hold your image in the world you died to save.*

*Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast  
where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and  
least.*

*there no more will envy blind us, nor will pride our peace destroy,  
and we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.*

### Prayer over the Gifts

Let us pray,

God of life and freedom, we celebrate the revelation of Jesus as the  
Christ who makes all creation new. Accept all we offer you this day  
and make us new in him, who is Lord for ever and ever. **Amen**

### Eucharistic Prayer *(Please stand)*

*(Book of Alternative Service EP #1; musical setting CP719 The Great Thanksgiving setting #1)*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; you have revealed your eternal plan of salvation, and have shown your Son Jesus Christ to be the light of all peoples. Therefore, with angels and archangels, we give raise our voices in joyful praise to proclaim the glory of your name:

(sung)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of power and might**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners; he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and to those in need. In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death; by raising him to life you give us life for evermore. Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

(sung)

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his coming again in glory, we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. (sung) **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

### The Lord's Prayer

*(Musical setting VU960 R Langdon)*

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing,

**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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

We break the bread of life and that life is the light of the world.

**God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.**

The table of love is offered for all people. It is Christ who invites us to meet love incarnate here, and all are welcome.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

The Communion

*(Communion is offered at three locations in turn: station one is at the back of the church near the candles for those who prefer to stand and/or are physically challenged by steps without railings; station two, brought to the pew. Please let the usher know if you would like it brought to the pew; station three: at the altar rail for all those who are able)*

Instrumental musical selections during communion

Prayer after Communion *(please stand)*

Let us pray,

Gracious God, lover of all, you make us one family in Christ your Son, one in the sharing of his body and blood, one in the communion

of his Spirit. Help us to grow in love for one another and come to the full maturity of the Body of Christ. We ask this in his name. **Amen.**

### Doxology

Glory to God,

**whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.**

**Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### The Blessing

The blessing of the Holy Trinity; the loving Creator, who is the source of all being, of Jesus Christ who is the love incarnate in the world, and the ever present Holy Spirit, hold you, surround you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### Musical Sending: VU639 One More Step Along the World I Go

(Text and music Sydney Carter 1971 Hope Publishing One Licence)

*One more step along the world I go  
One more step along the world I go  
From the old things to the new  
Keep me traveling along with you  
And it's from the old I travel to the new  
Keep me traveling along with you*

*'Round the corners of the world I turn  
More and more about the world I learn  
And the new things that I see  
You'll be looking at along with me*



*And it's from the old I travel to the new  
Keep me traveling along with you*

*As I travel through the bad and good  
Keep me traveling the way I should  
Where I see no way to go  
You'll be telling me the way, I know  
And it's from the old I travel to the new  
Keep me traveling along with you*

*Give me courage when the world is rough  
Keep me loving though the world is tough  
Leap and sing in all I do  
Keep me traveling along with you  
And it's from the old I travel to the new  
Keep me traveling along with you*

*You are older than the world can be  
You are younger than the life in me  
Ever old and ever new  
Keep me traveling along with you  
And it's from the old I travel to the new  
Keep me traveling along with you.*

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude



## Weekly Cycles of Prayer

We pray for The Church of The Church of Pakistan; for Anne Germond, our acting Primate; Chris Harper, the National Indigenous Archbishop; Diocese of Quebec, Bishop Bruce Myers; for our bishop, Anna Greenwood-Lee and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada.

In our region, we pray for St Mattias Victoria, The Rev. Collen Lassimer.

In our parish we pray for Jan Brister; Cathy Carphin; Blake and Raquel Castelain; Wendy Clapp; Theresa Coutu; Tom Daggett and Annie Kung; Judith Davidson; Lynda and Michael Delaney; Ruth D'Hollander John and Bridget Ducker; Patrick Dunae.

In our community we pray for St John the Divine Food Bank.

For the month of January, we pray for our Pastoral Care Team.

Welcome to all those visiting us at St. Peter and St. Paul.

We welcome saints, seekers and sinners as we live into a life in Christ, learning about and from one another as we worship God together.

Christ binds us together in love through our diversity. If you are comfortable, please give us your name and address so we can add you to our weekly prayer list. We are looking forward to getting to know you better.

Washrooms are found in the hall, up the stairs, on the right.

## Territorial Acknowledgement

We worship on the traditional lands of the Lək̓ʷəŋən speaking peoples, who are the Esquimalt, Songhees and other Nations of the Salish and Coast Salish Peoples. We, who came from many lands to join the line of those worshipping here, commit our Church to continue the journey of truth and reconciliation with our First Nations' neighbours.

AGM IS COMING SOON!

REPORTS ARE DUE BY THE END OF JANUARY.

PLEASE EMAIL YOURS TO THE OFFICE AT [admin@stpeterandpaul.ca](mailto:admin@stpeterandpaul.ca)

Reports that are expected include:

Building Memorial Fund  
Rector's Report  
Wardens' Report  
Nominating Committee Report  
Treasurer's Report

Altar Guild  
Cemetery Trustees  
Church and Hall Maintenance  
Gardening and Landscape  
Knotty Club  
Envelope Secretary  
Pastoral Care  
Safe Church  
Mission, Ministry, and Outreach

*A reminder that anything to be discussed at the AGM must first be cleared by Parish Council to be on the Agenda.*

***A message from Rev Gail.***

***My previous telephone number of 250-665-6814 is NO LONGER IN SERVICE.  
Please check your listing or address book to ensure you have my cell phone!! Cell  
phone number 250-507-9941.***

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