

HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH METCALFE, ON.  
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Celebrant: We acknowledge that our parish sits on the unceded territory of the Ashanabee Algonquin peoples.

People: **May we share the land with peace, harmony, and reconciliation.**

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

All: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: There is one body and one spirit.

People: **There is one hope in God's call to us.**

Celebrant: One Lord, one faith, one baptism.

People: **One God and Father of all.**

Celebrant: Eternal God who caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning, grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and for ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life which you have given to us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

All: **Amen**

Faithful and Loving God, look upon Leo with your grace and mercy. Bless Aaron and Connie and everyone who will care for Leo throughout his life. Give them the gift of love, wisdom and faith. Fill them with the Holy Spirit and protect their homes from all the powers of evil. Shine the light of your presence upon them, that they may follow your path. May the peace of Christ reign in their hearts, the love of God surround them, the Spirit of God empower them and the joy of God uphold them. We ask all this in your Son's precious name.

Amen

The Proclamation of the Word - A Reading From Jeremiah 31: 31-34

"The days are coming," declares the Lord, "when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah.

It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them," declares the Lord. "This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time," declares the Lord. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. No longer will they teach their neighbour, or say to one another, 'Know the Lord,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," declares the Lord. "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 23 The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul

and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;  
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Glory to you, Jesus Christ, our good shepherd. In the waters of baptism you give us new birth,  
at your table you nourish us with heavenly food, and in your goodness and mercy, you guide us  
beyond the terrors of evil and death to your Father's home to dwell in eternal light. Glory to you  
for ever.

Second Reading is a reading from 2 Corinthians 5: 17-20

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!  
All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of  
reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's  
sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We  
implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Holy Gospel

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ according to the blessed St.  
Matthew

All: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

Then people brought little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for  
them. But the disciples rebuked them. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do  
not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." When he had placed his  
hands on them, he went on from there.

The Gospel of Christ.

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

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Celebrant: I would now ask the parents and sponsors to present their child to God and this  
community for baptism.

Parents and Sponsors: We present Leonardo Aaron to receive the sacrament of baptism.

Celebrant: Will you be responsible for seeing that this child whom you present is nurtured in  
the faith and life of the Christian community?

Parents and Sponsors: We will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you by your prayers and witness help Leo to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Sponsors: We will with God's help.

Celebrant: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against  
God?

Parents and Sponsors: I renounce them.

Celebrant: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world that corrupt and destroy the creation  
of God? Parents and Sponsors: I renounce them.

Celebrant: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you away from the love of God?

Parents and Sponsors: I renounce them.

Celebrant: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Saviour?

Parents and Sponsors: I do

Celebrant: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Parents and Sponsors: I do

Leader: Let us now pray for this child who is to receive the sacrament of baptism. Deliver him, O Lord from the way of sin and death.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Open his heart to your grace and truth.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Fill Leo with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Teach him to love others in the power of your Spirit.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Send Leo into the world as a witness to your love.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Bring him to the fulness of your peace and glory.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of the resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns with you now and forevermore. Amen

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant: We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over water the Holy Spirit moved at the beginning of creation; through water you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as Messiah, the Christ, to lead us through his death and resurrection from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism.

In it, we are buried with Christ in his death; by it, we share in his resurrection. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Now sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit that those who are here cleansed of their sin, may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus our Saviour. To him, to you and to the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, now and forevermore. Amen

Celebrant: Let us now join with Leo who is committing himself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Leader: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: **I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth**

Leader: Do you believe in God the Son?

People: **I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord. He was conceived by 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 God. He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Leader: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: **I believe in God the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting.**

Leader: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and in the prayers?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Leader: Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Leader: Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Leader: Will you strive for justice and peace among all persons, loving your neighbours as you love yourself?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Leonardo Aaron, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen I sign you with the sign of the cross to show that you are Christ's own, now and forever. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your child Leonardo Aaron the forgiveness of sins, and have raised him to new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an enquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and love you and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Amen

Celebrant: Receive the light of Christ to show that you have passed from darkness to light.

People: **Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.**

Celebrant: Let us welcome Leo our newly-baptized brother in Christ.

People: **Leo, we receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection and share with us in his eternal priesthood. Amen and Alleluia!**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Holy God, in this Eucharist, we renew our baptismal covenant. Help us through our offering this day, to renounce all things that draw us away from your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: : Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth. You are the source of light and life for all your creation; you made us in your own image and call us to new life in Jesus Christ our Saviour. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices to proclaim the glory of your name

People: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant: We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days, you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and the Redeemer of the world. In him you have delivered us from evil and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, 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 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink this, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore Father, according to his command,

People: **we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming again in glory,**

Celebrant: and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the church and the author of our salvation; by whom and with whom and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now as your Lord has gifted to his Church, so we pray,

**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.**

Celebrant: "I am the bread of life", says the Lord. "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst."

People: **Taste and see that the Lord is good. Happy are they who trust in the Lord.**

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the children of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE SHARING OF THE EUCHARISTIC FEAST

Celebrant: Living God, through this Eucharist, you have filled us with new hope. May the power of your love, which we have known in word and sacrament, continue your saving life among us, and bring us to the joy of your promise. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Amen

Heavenly Father, through the name of Jesus Christ we come before your presence at this hour to thank you for this day, thank you for every one of us, making it possible to congregate here for this purpose you have given us to be your family.

You call us to remember the death and resurrection of Jesus and his gift of new life through the waters of baptism and the empowering cover of the Holy Spirit. We thank you for calling Leo into this your family here in Metcalfe; we anticipate with joy and wonder all the gifts and talents he will share with us in the years to come and we pray that we may be faithful to him, his parents, brothers and sisters in their journey into faith. Bless us all this new day Lord and give us hope, love, joy and peace now and forever. Alleluia!

And glory to God,

People: **whose power working in us can do 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**

Celebrant: The blessing of God, the eternal goodwill of God; the shalom of God and the wildness and warmth of God be among us and between us now and forevermore.

Amen (St. Hilda Community)