

Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Metcalfe  
Morning Prayer  
January 11, 2026  
The Baptism of the Lord

The Gathering of the Community

Greeting

Blessed are you, O Christ, Son of God, you were before time began and came into the world to save us.

Blessed are you, Sun of righteousness; you shine with the Father's love and illumine the whole universe.

Blessed are you, Son of Mary; born a child, you shared our humanity.

**Let heaven and earth shout their praise.**

Land Acknowledgement

Let us be grateful for the land on which we gather to worship today, and acknowledge it as the ancestral, unceded territory of our neighbours, the Algonquin-Anishinaabe.

**All: In a spirit of reconciliation, may we always seek to respect the history, spirituality, and culture of Indigenous Peoples and uphold our continuing responsibility as treaty people.**

Invitatory

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Venite

Come, let us sing to the Lord; **let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.** Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving **and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

For the Lord is a great God, **and a great king above all gods.** In his hand are the caverns of the earth, **and the heights of the hills are his also.** The sea is his for he made it, **and his hands have moulded the dry land.**

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, **and kneel before the Lord our maker.** For he is our God, **and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.** Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice.

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Our first reading is from the Book of Isaiah, Chapter 42, Verses 1-9

“Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; will put my Spirit on him, and he will bring justice to the nations. He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets. 3 A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice; he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth. In his teaching the islands will put their hope.” This is what God the Lord says—the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out, who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it, who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it: “I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness. “I am the Lord; that is my name! I will not yield my glory to another or my praise to idols. See, the former things have taken place, and new things I declare; before they spring into being I announce them to you.”

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Our Psalm appointed for today is Psalm 29

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.**

**God of mystery and power, open our eyes to the flame  
of your love, and open our ears to the thunder of your  
justice, that we may receive your gifts of blessing and  
peace, to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ  
our Lord.**

Our second reading is from the Book of Acts, Chapter 10, Verses 34-43

Then Peter began to speak: “I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached -how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

“We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew  
(Chapter 3, verses 13-17)

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness."

Then John consented. As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

The Gospel of Christ.

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

#### GOSPEL REFLECTION

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

**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**

### Prayer over the Gifts

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.**

### The Litany

Creator God, we praise and worship you for your infinite power and love. We thank you that you have washed us clean and that you continue to inspire and refresh us with your presence. Remind us daily of our baptism in Christ and the ever present possibility of a fresh start and new beginning in Him day by day.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear Our Prayer.**

At the beginning of this new year, we pray that you will fill your church throughout the world with your holy spirit. Mindful that Christians worship and gather in many different settings and circumstances, we pray for a church which reaches out not just to those who find faith easy but those who struggle with faith.

For a church that practices compassion and inclusion.

Gracious God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified, send your guidance upon us as we prepare to elect a bishop for our diocese. Grant wisdom to those discerning a call, to those who are candidates, to Members of Synod, and to our diocesan administrator, Bishop Michael Bird; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We pray for Archbishop Shane Parker, Primate of Canada; Archbishop Anne Germond, Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario, as well as Our Diocesan Partner: Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and Archbishop Hosam Naoum.

We pray for Our Community Ministries:

\*Belong Ottawa: Centre 454; St. Luke's Table: The Well/La Source

\*Centre 105 (Cornwall)

\*Cornerstone Housing for Women

\*Ottawa Pastoral Counselling Centre

\*Refugee Ministry Office

We pray especially for our Parish of Holy Trinity, Metcalfe, and for our neighbour Parish, St. Mary's, Russell, and our Priest, The Reverend Tom Hubschmid.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Let us ask the Lord for a day of fulfilment and peace.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Let us ask the Lord to teach us to love others as he has loved us.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Let us ask the Lord for peace and justice in the world.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Let us ask the Lord to strengthen and relieve those who are in need. We remember especially those who have asked for our prayers, Lorena, Julie, Liesa, Willy, Marjorie, Kelly, Louise, Zabrina, Zachariah, Randy, Deb, Richard, Howard, Beth, Jeanette, Cheryl, and those known to You.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for Irene James, her family, and all who mourn her.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

Let us ask the Lord to renew the Church through the power of his life-giving Spirit. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

### The Collect

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.

### The Lord's Prayer

Believing in the promises of God and gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,  
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 Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

May the God of Peace enable us to do his will in every kind of goodness, working in us what pleases him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

