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Baptism of our Lord

January 10, 2021

Our re-creation in baptism is an image of the Genesis creation, where the Spirit of God moved over the waters. Both Mark's gospel and the story in Acts make clear that it is the Spirit's movement that distinguishes Jesus' baptism from John's. The Spirit has come upon us as upon Jesus and the Ephesians, calling us God's beloved children and setting us on Jesus' mission to re-create the world in the image of God's vision of justice and peace.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME

PRAYER

PRELUDE

"Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"

ELW 659

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

GOSPEL

Mark 1: 4 - 11

Mark's gospel reports the story of Jesus' baptism with some irony: the one on whom the Spirit descends is himself the one who will baptize others with the Holy Spirit.

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And 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. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He 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. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." ⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And 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. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

THANKSGIVING

*In everything
Give
Thanks.
1 Thessalonians
5:18*

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE

SHARING of the PEACE

OFFERING

SENDING

*God blesses us
and sends us
in mission to
the world.*

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

ELW 671





ST. PHILIP'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

SERVING TODAY

Rev. Tuula Van Gaasbeek	Pastor
Chris Ritcey-Conrad	Music Director
Dave Pascoe	Videographer
Meranda Phannenhour and Dalia Yegavian	The Bible Bunch
Pauline Ivan	Reader
Sarah Pascoe	Hymn of the Day
Emily Walker	Prayers of the People

In our Prayers

Gus Berndt, Rodney Erlandson, Al Jacksteit, Mark Kieswetter, Fran Moore, Marion Morningstar, Pat Penney, Julie Potocny, Lesley Powell, Sydney Ross, Helen Scollnik, and Elga Smidt.

The Bible Bunch

This is the 6th episode of The Bible Bunch. All are available on our website with Activity Pages. Find them here: <http://www.stphilipstoronto.com/bible-bunch/>

Readers List

Pastor Tuula is creating a list of readers for our weekly worship services. The list will be used to schedule readers. Let her know if you'd like to be on the list. You will be notified of the reading, how to send in your recording, and the date needed.

Ways to be involved

While we can't be in the building, there are still ways to stay involved and in community with others. Here are a few:

- Tuesday Bible Study via Zoom @ 7:00 pm
- Participate in the Virtual Worship: play an instrument or sing, read the Gospel, provide a Children's Message, lead the prayers, or tell a Faith Story. Please contact the office.
- Join in the Virtual Coffee Hour @ 11:00 am on Sunday mornings.

Pass the Offering Plate Please

Thanks for giving your offering regularly. Even while our doors are closed, our hearts and hands are open and busy. Our ministries need your support. Details for how to give are on stphilipstoronto.com/donate-now/.