



ORDER FOR WORSHIP

Baptism of our Lord

January 8, 2023

In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son of God. Through this great epiphany, Jesus fulfills all righteousness and becomes the servant of God who will bring forth justice and be a light to the nations. In the waters of baptism we too are washed by the Word, anointed by the Spirit, and named God's beloved children. Our baptismal mission is to proclaim good news to all who are oppressed or in need of God's healing.

GATHERING

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

WELCOME

PRELUDE

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We wish to acknowledge this land on which St. Philip's Lutheran Church is located. For thousands of years, it has been the traditional land of the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Haudenosaunee, and the Wendat peoples. We are grateful to have the opportunity to meet, worship, and serve on this land.

GATHERING SONG

"This Is the Spirit's Entry Now"

ELW 448

GREETING

KYRIE

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

WORD

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

FIRST READING

Isaiah 42: 1 - 9

God's servant is endowed with God's spirit in order to bring justice to the nations. The servant will not exercise authority boisterously or with violence, nor will weariness ever prevent the fulfilling of the servant's task. God's old promises have been fulfilled; the servant's new assignment is to bring light to the nations.

¹Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. ²He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; ³a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. ⁵Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, ⁷to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. ⁹See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 29

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL

Matthew 3: 13 - 17

Before Jesus begins his ministry, he is baptized by John, touched by the Spirit, and identified publicly as God's child.

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Rev. Tuula Van Gaasbeek

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Crashing Waters at Creation"

ELW 455

CREED

P: Together we affirm our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary, 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,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition ends: Merciful God,

Response: **receive our prayer.**

SHARING OF PEACE

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

PRAYER

Liberating God,
you break the bonds of injustice
and let the oppressed go free.
Receive these offerings in thanksgiving
for all your works of merciful power,
and shape us as people of your justice and freedom.
You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. And so, with all the witnesses of the resurrection, we praise your name and join their never ending song:

HOLY HOLY HOLY

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come and taste the joy of God!

COMMUNION SONG

“Many Will Come”

ACS 982

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you.. **Amen.**

SENDING

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

BLESSING

The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor’s rod † bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

ACS 942

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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ST. PHILIP'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

SERVING TODAY

Rev. Tuula Van Gaasbeek	Pastor
Chris Ritcey-Conrad	Music Director
Marcia Powers-Dunlop	Reader
Janelle Lightbourne, Intern	Prayers
St. Philip's Choir	Music
Dave Pascoe	Audio Visual
Karen Adolph	Livestream Usher



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

IN OUR PRAYERS

Gus Berndt, John Brownlie, Kevin Cartwright, Rodney Erlandson, Mary Hanslep, Al Jacksteit, Matt Kirkpatrick, Mona Kibsey, Mark Kieswetter, John Lindman, Pat Penney, Julie Potocny, Pasquale Rizzo, Ethan Suknundun, Debra, Helen, Lynette, and Marian.

OFFERING

Please place your offering on the plate in the centre aisle. Other options can be found on our website: sphilipstoronto.com/donate-now/

OFFERING ENVELOPES 2023

Please find your offering envelopes for 2023 in your church mailbox.

50+ SOUP LUNCHEON

Please join us on **Thursday, January 19 @ 12:30 pm** for a lunch and program.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Please send committee reports for inclusion in the 2022 Annual Report by **Friday, January 20, 2023**.

LIFE NEWSLETTER

Please submit articles for the Jan/Feb. issue of our LIFE newsletter by **Friday, January 27, 2023**.

MESSY CHURCH

Please join us on **Saturday, January 28 @ 4:00 - 6:00 pm**.

ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES



St. Philip's supports the use of these devices. Please enquire at the audiovisual table.



ST. PHILIP'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

THIS WEEK AT ST. PHILIP'S

Monday	Zumba @ 1:00 pm Joyful Noise Bell Choir @ 7:15 pm
Tuesday	Amal Project @ 10:00 am Girl Guides @ 6:30 pm Bible Study on Zoom @ 7:00 pm
Wednesday	Cover Girls @ 10:00 am Vocal Choir @ 7:00 pm
Thursday	
Friday	

OUR VISION

Freed by the grace of Christ, we seek to connect with God, neighbour and self.

VISION STATEMENT:

We are a diverse and inclusive Lutheran faith community freed by the grace of Christ to find God and self as we connect with our neighbours. We **practise hospitality** of open hearts and open arms. We **unite with partners** to make a difference in our neighbourhood. We **nurture** the community of Christ.

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