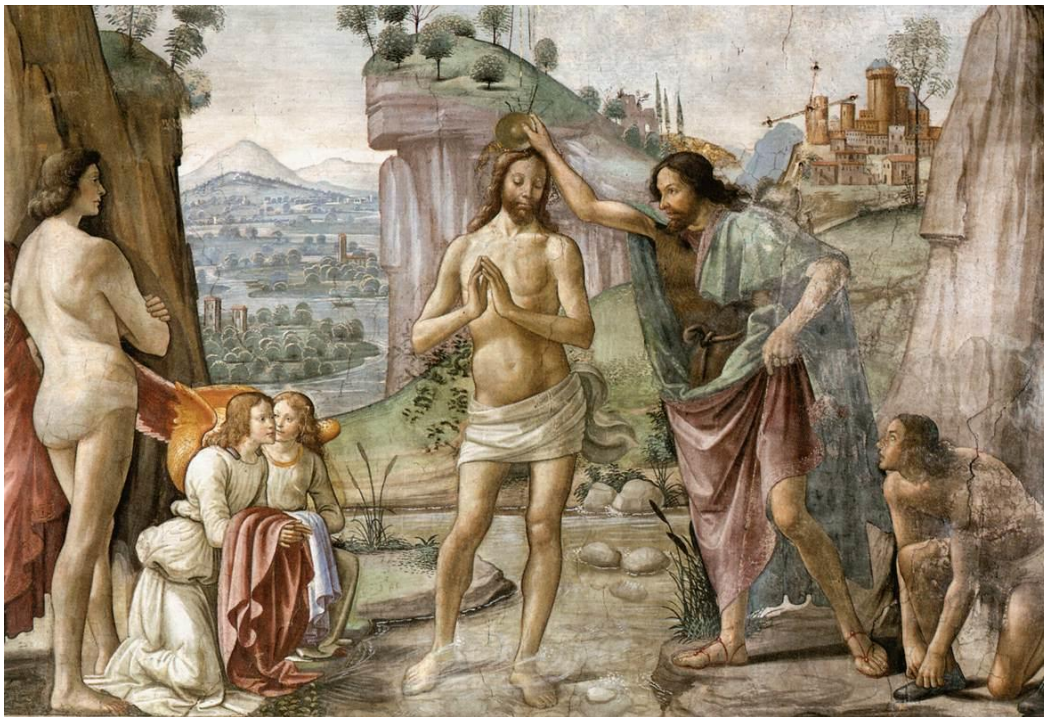




**The Baptism of the Lord
Sunday, January 9, 2022**

Sung Mass at 9:30 am



Baptism of Christ (detail), Domenico Ghirlandaio, c. 1488
Cappella Tornabuoni, Santa Maria Novella, Firenze

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The Altar flowers are given to the honour and glory of almighty God:

*They were given in memory of Robert Gordon and Kathryn Wilma Alice Gordon,
and their children Kathryn Alice Agnes Gordon Tulk and Roberta Holmes Gordon McEachern;*

and

In memory of Marigrace and John David Campbell Ross, and Robert Thorne Bodie, by Robert Ross.

Celebrant & Homilist: Fr. Humphrey
Reader: Ronwen Guest
Organist & Director of Music: Matthew Whitfield

PROVISOS FOR IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE

1. Given recent research, cloth masks on their own, unless worn with two disposable masks, provide insufficient protection. At all times, therefore, everyone in the church must wear an N95, KN95, or an acceptable equivalent mask. If you do not have one of these qualifying masks, the minimum acceptable coverage is two disposable medical face masks properly fitted. If you do not have an acceptable mask, two disposable masks will be issued to you at the door.

2. Congregational singing is still allowed, but we strongly recommend that you do so softly, if at all. Tuneful humming, such as when we are enjoying a piece of music on the radio, is fine; we want you to enjoy the music and to participate in it, but with this new variant that is several times more contagious than others, we can't encourage anything more than gentle singing behind your mask(s).

MUSIC OF THE MASS – Community Mass, *Richard Proulx*

Please stand at the sound of the bell.

GREETING

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

People: **And also with you.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant: Almighty God,

People: **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 IN EXCELSIS DEO

Celebrant: Glory to God in the highest,

and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: Have mercy on us; You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

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. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.**

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43.1-7

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah:

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, 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 eyes, and honoured, and I love you, I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life. Fear not, 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 up, and to the south, Do not withhold; bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth, every one who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 29



The Lord shall give his peo-ple the bless-ing of peace.

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. **R/.**

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. **R/.**

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!" **R/.**

The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king for ever-more. The Lord shall give strength to his people; the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace. **R/.**

SECOND READING: Acts 8.14-17

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and John, who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit; for it had not yet fallen on any of them, but they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Alleluia. A voice came from heaven, saying, "This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased." Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

As the people were in expectation, and all men questioned in their hearts concerning John, whether perhaps he were the Christ, John answered them all, "I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with 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, as a dove, and a voice came from heaven, "Thou art my beloved Son; with thee I am well pleased."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

After the Sermon, please remain seated for a period of silent reflection. Please stand when the Celebrant stands.

THE NICENE CREED

Celebrant: Let us confess our faith, as we say,

People: **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: *(Bow.)* by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. *(Rise.)*

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please remain standing.

INTERCESSIONS

Celebrant: Our God, who at the baptism of your son Jesus, the Christ, in the Jordan river revealed his divine nature; let the light of his presence shine in our hearts, and his glory in our intention as we pray.

Lord, **Hear and have mercy.**

Intercessor: For the church, for the Iglesia Anglicana de Chile, for the Honorary Canons of S James Cathedral, for Andrew our Bishop, and all those who worship and minister under the banner of the Anglican Communion that all, like the people of Samaria, receive the Holy Spirit.

Lord, **Hear and have mercy.**

Intercessor: For the nations, those where the people and their leaders call to the Lord, and all others who seek Him under a different guise that, having hearts afire with love, they join in a crusade for peace and equity

Lord, **Hear and have mercy.**

Intercessor: We offer thanks for the unknown who sing the praises of the reborn Child, the baptized Son, the risen Lord, and aloud or in silence for those that we hold up for the reward of God.

Lord, **Hear and have mercy.**

Intercessor: For the sick, _____, known to us, and those held close in your hearts _____ that, travelling through the flame and the waters, they are not consumed but cleansed, saved as the sons and daughters of God.

Lord, **Hear and have mercy.**

Intercessor: For the others for whom our prayers are asked, ___ that, hearing our God say that he will give people for us, nations in return for you, they behold their value, their glory, and yet do not devalue others

Lord, **Hear and have mercy.**

Intercessor: For the Dead, those who have died recently _____ and those whose years mind occurs today, Ellen Stockwell, Etheldrida Ince, Mina Mapp, Henry McCollum p, Cecil Stuart p, and Ed Lackey bp, that, as the ungodly have not prevailed against them, they accept that the righteous Lord has a place just for them among the saints.

Lord, **Hear and have mercy.**

Celebrant: O God, by whose command the order of time runs its course; forgive us our impatience, perfect our faith, and, while we wait for the fulfillment of your promises, grant us to have a good hope because of your word; through Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

INVITATION, CONFESSION, ABSOLUTION

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Please kneel. Silence is kept.

Celebrant: Most merciful God,

People: **we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All standing, the Celebrant bids the Peace.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Please stand for the hymn during the Offertory.

OFFERTORY HYMN 96 - Songs of thankfulness and praise

- 1 Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesu, Lord, to thee we raise,
Manifested by the star
To the sages from afar;
Branch of royal David's stem
In thy birth at Bethlehem;
Anthems be to thee address,
God in Man made manifest.
- 2 Manifest at Jordan's stream,
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;
And at Cana wedding-guest
In thy Godhead manifest;
Manifest in power divine,
Changing water into wine;
Anthems be to thee address,
God in Man made manifest.
- 3 Manifest in making whole
Palsied limbs and fainting soul;
Manifest in valiant fight,
Quelling all the devil's might;
Manifest in gracious will,
Ever bringing good from ill;
Anthems be to thee address,
God in Man made manifest.
- 4 Sun and moon shall darkened be,
Stars shall fall, the heavens shall flee;
Christ will then like lightning shine,
All will see his glorious sign;
All will then the trumpet hear,
All will see the Judge appear;
Thou by all wilt be confest,
God in Man made manifest.
- 5 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord,
Mirrored in thy holy Word;
May we imitate thee now,
And be pure, as pure art thou;
That we like to thee may be
At thy great Epiphany;
And may praise thee, ever blest,
God in Man made manifest.

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 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.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth, by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a holy people in Jesus Christ our Lord; you renew that mystery in bread and wine and nourish us, to show forth your glory in all the world.

Now with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

The Choir sings:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

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.

Please remain standing.

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 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 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."

Celebrant: Therefore, Father, according to his command:

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

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 for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:

People: **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 for ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

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

HOLY COMMUNION

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Choir sings:

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; grant us peace.

All baptized Christians are invited to come forward to receive Holy Communion as directed by the Sidespeople.

MOTET

O taste and see, *Ralph Vaughan Williams*

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is. Blessed is the man that trusteth in him!

**AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION
WHICH MAY BE SAID BY THOSE NOT RECEIVING**

My Jesus, I believe that thou art truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot now receive thee sacramentally, I beseech thee to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself unto thee, and embrace thee with all the affections of my soul. Let me never be separated from thee. Let me live and die in thy love. Amen.

ANIMA CHRISTI

**Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O good Jesu, hear me.
Within thy wounds hide me.
Suffer me not to be separated from thee.
From the malicious enemy defend me.
In the hour of my death call me.
And bid me come to thee,
That with thy saints I may praise thee,
For ever and ever. Amen.**

Please stand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Gracious God, lover of all, by this sacrament 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.**

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The peace of God which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CONCLUDING HYMN 479 – Spirit Divine, attend our prayers

- 1 Spirit Divine, attend our prayers,
And make this house thy home;
Descend with all thy gracious powers,
O come, great Spirit, come.
- 2 Come as the light; to us reveal
Our emptiness and woe:
And lead us in those paths of life,
Where all the righteous go.
- 3 Come as the fire, and purge our hearts
Like sacrificial flame;
Let our whole soul an offering be
To our Redeemer's Name.
- 4 Come as the dew, and sweetly bless
This consecrated hour;
May barrenness rejoice to own
Thy fertilizing power.
- 5 Spirit Divine, attend our prayers;
Make a lost world thy home;
Descend with all thy gracious powers,
O come, great Spirit, come.

LAMBETH
Wilhelm Schulthes, 1871

Rev. Andrew Reed, 1829