

The Order of Worship

JANUARY 10TH, 2021 AT 10:00 AM

Let the people be in silent meditation and prayer upon entering the Sanctuary.

PRELUDE Chorale Prelude on a Tune by Orlando Gibbons

WESTMINSTER CHIMES

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Michelle Johnson

RESPONSIVE PSALM Psalm 29

***HYMN** This Is the Spirit's Entry Now

This is the Spirit's entry now: the water
and the word, the cross of Jesus on
your brow, the seal both felt and heard.

Let water be the sacred sign that we must die each
day, to rise again by his design as followers of his way.

Renewing Spirit, hear our praise for your
baptismal power that washes us through
all our days. Lord, cleanse again this hour.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Audrey Claire Cox
Daughter of Robert and Haley Cox

Will you nurture one another in the
Christian faith and life and include this
child now before you in your care?

**With God's help we will proclaim
the good news and live according to
the example of Christ. We will surround
this child with a community of
love and forgiveness, that she
may grow in their trust of God,
and be found faithful in their
service to others. We will pray for
her, that she may be true disciple
who walks in the way that leads to life.**

DUET The Blessing Song

***AFFIRMATION** A Statement of Faith

***GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the
Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and
ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME Hannah Bass

PASTORAL PRAYER Rob Grotheer

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

ANTHEM Shall We Gather at the River

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 1:4-11

SERMON Tearing Apart the Heavens Hale Bishop

***HYMN** When Jesus Came to Jordan
(sung to the hymn tune AURELIA "The Church's One Foundation")

When Jesus came to Jordan to be baptized by John,
he did not come for pardon but as the sinless one.
He came to share repentance with all who mourn
their sins, to speak the vital sentence with which
good news begins.

He came to share temptation, our utmost woe and
loss, for us and our salvation to die upon the cross. So
when the dove descended on him, the Son of Man,
the hidden years had ended, the age of grace began.

Come, Holy Spirit, aid us to keep the vows we make;
this very day invade us, and every bondage break.
Come, give our lives direction, the gift we covet most:
to share the resurrection that leads to Pentecost.

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BLESSING** Amen, amen.

POSTLUDE Chorale Tune on MELCHIOR VULPIUS

*Congregation, please stand as able.

PSALM 29

Response (R)

***With joy the Lord of Hosts
proclaim; extol the great
almighty name.***

Ascribe to the Lord,
O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory
and strength.

**Ascribe to the Lord the
glory of his name; worship
the Lord in holy splendor.**

The voice of the Lord is upon the
waters; the God of glory thunders,
the Lord, upon many waters.

**The voice of the Lord is
powerful, the voice of the
Lord is full of majesty. (R)**

The voice of the Lord
breaks the cedars,

**the Lord breaks the
cedars of Lebanon.**

The Lord makes Lebanon
to skip like a calf, and Sirion
like a young wild ox.

**The voice of the Lord flashes
forth 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 oaks to whirl,
and strips the forest bare;

and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"

The Lord sits enthroned
over the flood; the Lord sits
enthroned as Ruler for ever.

**May the Lord give strength to
his people! May the Lord bless
his people with peace! (R)**

A STATEMENT OF FAITH OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Mark 1:4-11

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



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