

First Sunday After the Epiphany

**“The Baptism of Jesus”**

January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 10:00AM

**ST PAUL’S UNITED CHURCH**

The asterisk (\*) invites you to stand in body or in spirit

***GATHERING in the LIGHT***

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS (9:55am)

ACKNOWLEDGING THE TRADITIONAL TERRITORY

PRELUDE

WELCOMING THE WORD, THE LIGHT & THE WATER

CALL TO COMMUNITY:

The voice of God resounds over the waters;

**The God of glory thunders over raging seas.**

The voice of God is full of power.

**The voice of God flashes forth in flames of fire.**

The voice of God shakes the wilderness;

**Give glory to God, give God our praise!**

May God give our people strength.

May God give our people peace!

**Let us worship our awesome God.**

\*HYMN: “Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song” VU205

\*GATHERING PRAYER

JUNIOR CHOIR: “Jesus Is the Rock” CONGI

SHARING TIME: “Thinking About Baptism”

BAPTISM BLESSING: “May God’s Sheltering Wings” MV214

*Choir Sings First Verse then Congregation Joins in  
as the Children Gather Around the Font Hand in Hand*

*The children leave for Sunday School while the congregation sings*

***LISTENING in the LIGHT***

\*HYMN: “I Have Called You By Your Name” MV161

HEBREW SCRIPTURES: Isaiah 43:1-7

RESPONSIVE LESSON: Psalm 29 Refrain VU756

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF LUKE 3:15-17, 21-22

SERMON REFLECTION: “Breathing Under Water”

***RESPONDING to the LIGHT***

ANTHEM: “Rise Up and Sing” WAGNER

INVITATION TO GIVE

\*OUR OFFERINGS GIVEN & RECEIVED

“I Am the Light of the World” v. 2 VU87

To find the lost and lonely one,  
to heal the broken soul with love,  
to feed the hungry children with warmth  
and good food,

to feel the earth below, the sky above!

'I am the light of the world!

You people come and follow me!

If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery  
of what you were meant to do and be.

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*together we pray*)

God of the open font we present our offerings lest they  
be little more than a drop in the bucket. Bless our gifts as  
small as they are together with our neighbour’s ‘drops’ of  
kindness. May they become a raging torrent of energy for  
your justice and good will. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF CARE

PRAYERS OF THE HEART & THE LORD’S PRAYER

***LEAVING in the LIGHT***

\*HYMN: “Unbounded Spirit, Breath of God” MV155

\*SENDING FORTH:

Go into the world as flawed and fractured ones.

**We go as those learning to love ourselves and  
find strength in Christ’s own self-giving.**

Go into the world as loved and cherished children.

**We go as people who snuggle into God’s embrace,  
hugging God back from deep inside our soul.**

Go into the world challenged and equipped to serve.

**We go as disciples with a passion to love  
and a commitment rooted deep  
in the Spirit’s dance of life.**

POSTLUDE

## A Drop of Water for Jesus, for Me

a drop of water from the sea,  
where all life began,  
    on your forehead, beloved,  
to pour abundant life into you  
all the days to come.  
a drop of water from the sky,  
bringing relief to the parched,  
    on your forehead, my beloved,  
that your spirit  
would never thirst  
for God's grace.  
a drop of water from my heart,  
overflowing with joy,  
    on your forehead, our beloved,  
so you feel God's hope  
holding your hand  
with every faltering step you take.  
one drop from the sea,  
one drop from the sky,  
one drop from my heart  
mingle with Father [Mystery], Son, and Spirit,  
the living waters  
flowing with you forever,  
Beloved of God.  
Amen.

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