

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY
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Worship with the Celebration of Baptism and Holy Eucharist

All Saints' Sunday
Sunday, November 7th, 2021

10:30am

Preacher and Presiding Celebrant - Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Green

We give thanks that the land on which we gather at the Church of the Epiphany is on the traditional territory of Atikameksheng and Anishinabek First Nations.

This territory was the subject of Treaty 61, also known as the Robinson-Huron Treaty. We recognize the enduring presence of Indigenous peoples connected to and on this land and we are committed to forming alliances and solidarity with indigenous peoples. We are grateful for the opportunity to gather on this territory where we stand firm in our commitment to live and work together for the healing and reconciliation of all people.

Greetings and Welcome *The Gathering of the Community*

Presider Grace and peace to you from God.
People **God fill you with truth and joy.**

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **The Lord bless you.**

Presider This is the day which the Lord has made.
People **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Presider There is one body and one Spirit,
People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Presider One Lord, one faith, one baptism,
People **One God and Father of all.**

Presider Almighty God,
All **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 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please remain standing

The Prayer of the Day

We Pray Together in Silence

Presider

Let us pray

Holy God, whose people are knit together in one holy Church, the mystical Body of your Son, grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

We listen for God's Word spoken to us in Scripture

The First Reading *from Revelation* *(Rev. 21:1-6a)*

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.' And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also, he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning, and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

Reader

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 24

(chanted by Samuel Fritz)

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, *
the world and all who dwell therein.

For it is he who founded it upon the seas *
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.

"Who can ascend the hill of the Lord? *

and who can stand in his holy place?”
 “Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, *
 who have not pledged themselves to falsehood,
 nor sworn by what is a fraud.
 They shall receive a blessing from the Lord *
 and a just reward from the God of their salvation.”
 Such is the generation of those who seek him, *
 of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.
 Lift up your heads, O gates;
 lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
 and the King of glory shall come in.
 “Who is this King of glory?” *
 “The Lord, strong and mighty,
 the Lord, mighty in battle.”
 Lift up your heads, O gates;
 lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
 and the King of glory shall come in.
 “Who is he, this King of glory?” *
 “The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.”

Please stand

The Gospel Acclamation *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

The Gospel

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

John 11:32-44

Presider The Gospel of Christ

People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily *Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Green*

Anthem *Jerusalem the Golden* (sung by Marion Collinson)

Text: Bernard of Cluny (12th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.
 Music: Alexander Ewing (1830-1895)

Silence for reflection

Presider Sisters and Brothers, we come to the waters of baptism, an outward and visible sign of God's love at work in human lives. In baptism, the Eternal One who created us claims us for holy living, freeing us from the power of sin and death. In baptism, we are joined to Jesus Christ and to one another in living and dying; for it is said, "As many of you were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ, there is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male or female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus." In baptism, the Spirit of God anoints us for ministry in the world and makes us signs of divine love for the whole creation.

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

Presider The candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Sponsor I present **Noah Chukwuka Chisom** to receive the sacrament of baptism.

Presider Will you do all that you can to ensure that **Noah** is nurtured in the faith and life of the Christian community?

Sponsor ***I will with God's help.***

Presider Will you by your prayers and witness help **Noah** to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Sponsor ***I will with God's help.***

To Noah's Sponsor and Family Members

Question Do you turn from the powers of evil and receive the freedom of new life in Christ?

Answer ***I do.***

Question Do you confess your faith in God, Source of life, Word of love, Spirit of power?

Answer ***I do.***

Question Do you commit yourselves, by the grace of God, to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, turning to the way our Saviour lived and taught, a way of love and justice toward all?

Answer ***I do.***

Question Do you promise, by the grace of God, to share in the life of the Church of Jesus Christ, in its worship and in its witness and work of love and justice, and to be responsive to the gifts and calling of the Holy Spirit?

Answer ***I do.***

Question Do you promise, by the grace of God, to nurture yourselves and this child in the Christian faith, through the love you show, through the life you lead, through the witness of your faith, and through your participation with them in the life of the church?

Answer ***I do.***

Question to the Congregation *please stand*

Presider And now at this time the congregation is invited to stand and promise their love and support of ***Noah***. I ask you, do you, members of the Body of Christ, promise to support ***Noah*** to be baptized; to turn away from evil and to turn to God by welcoming him in love to the community of faith, and sharing with him the ongoing journey of growth in faith, love, and justice?

People **By the grace of God, we promise!**

Please remain standing as you are able

Prayers for Noah and his Family, newly welcomed members of the Church of the Epiphany, and Candidate for Holy Baptism *Led by Normand Blanchard*

Leader We pray for one another, especially for Reuben, Gladys, Zion, Glory, Success and Noah who have entered our faith community, the Church of the Epiphany. May we always be united in service and love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Let us now pray for ***Noah*** who is to receive the sacrament of new birth. Deliver ***Noah*** O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open his heart to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send *Noah* into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory, who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

Thanksgiving over the Water

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise**

Presider We give you thanks, Holy One, fountain of life, that you are faithful to people of all times and places and that you invite all people to join in covenant with you. At earth's beginning, when you created earth, sky and water, your Spirit brooded over creation, hovering over the sea like a mighty bird. When waters flooded the earth, you set a rainbow in the sky and made covenant with Noah to bring not destruction, but new life. When your covenant people were oppressed in Egypt you led them through the Red Sea and across Jordan's River to a new land of freedom and dignity and gave them a law to lead them toward love and justice. Many years passed,

and then, by the streams of Jordan, your child Jesus came to be baptized by John. You declared, "This is my beloved Son; hear him," and the Holy Spirit descended like a dove, empowering Jesus to face temptation and to minister with love. And now, as your covenant people, baptized in the Body of Christ, we gather at the font of holy baptism, seeking the water of new birth. Pour out your Spirit on this water, on all of us gathered here, and on your whole Church, that we may be faithful disciples of Christ and always drink of the living water Christ offers. All glory be to you, Fountain of Life, Living Water, Spirit of New Life, now and forever. **Amen.**

Presider Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant *please stand*

Presider Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Presider Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Presider Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in God the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Presider Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent, and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you strive for justice and peace among **all** people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Please be seated

The Baptism

Presider **Noah**, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. I sign you with the cross to mark you as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Presider God our Creator, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant, the forgiveness of sins, and have raised *him* to the new life of grace. Sustain *him*, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give *him* an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Presider **Noah** receive the light of Christ, to show that you are a child of God.

People **Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Creator in heaven.**

Presider Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People **We welcome you to the life of this church, rejoicing in your new birth in water and the Spirit and in the grace of Jesus Christ already at work in your life. We will join with you in seeking God's word in the scriptures and seeking God's presence in the life of the world, growing together in faithful discipleship and love for all people.**

Please stand

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you!

People **And also with you.**

We greet each other with the peace of Christ.

Anthem ***Come, Let Us Eat*** *(sung by Kevin Doonan and Rev. Elizabeth Green)*

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The Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider Holy God, the earth belongs to you, the world and all its people. For the blessings of this life and the gift of your salvation we give you thanks and praise. As you have sought us out to save us help us to seek your face among our neighbors so that all may know the wonder of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider

It is indeed right to give thanks and praise to you, Almighty God, creator of all that is. Your spirit covered the face of the deep; your voice called light forth from darkness; your words fixed the stars, carved the earth, filled the seas, and fashioned creatures of every kind; your breath gave life to woman and man, bearers of your own image. And, though humanity turned from you, exposing your Creation to decay, destruction, and death, you remained faithful, gathering a people together, delivering them to the land of promise, guiding them firmly, but graciously, by the yoke of your Commandments. In the fullness of time, you brought Salvation to them, and to all people, a new Creation, through the Incarnation of your son, Jesus. By his blessed life, death, and resurrection, you fully revealed yourself and opened the way of your eternal Kingdom. Therefore, with all of your holy people and with all creation, we proclaim the glory of your name together as we say:

All

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.

Presider

We praise you, Creator God, not as we ought, but as we are able, because in your tender love you gave the world your only Son, in order that the world might be saved through him. Jesus made you known by taking the form of a servant, healing the sick, liberating the oppressed, reaching out to the lost. Betrayed, reviled, and nailed to the cross, he confronted the power of sin and disarmed it for ever. In his offering of himself, Jesus became the perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Redeemed by Christ, we have been adopted as your children; by your pardon you have made us worthy to praise you. On the night he was betrayed, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to them, and said, "Take and 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." In obedience to him and with grateful hearts we approach your holy table, remembering our Saviour's sacrifice, and rejoicing in his victory. Confident in his sovereign purpose, we declare our faith.

All

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Presider Send your Holy Spirit on us that as we receive this bread and this cup we may partake of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving. May we be renewed in his risen life, filled with love, and strengthened in our will to serve others; and make of our lives, we pray, a pure and holy sacrifice, acceptable to you, knitting us together as one in your Son Jesus Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider *As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,*

All **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

All **We being many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.

People **Thanks be to God!**

The Communion

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God

People **Thanks be to God.**

All **Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.**

All people of faith are welcome to the table of the Lord.

It is Jesus himself who invites you.

Prayer after Communion *please stand*

Presider Let us pray together

All **Creator God, in the breaking of the bread we experience the living presence of Christ Jesus our Lord. Feed us always in these mysteries, that we may show your glory to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Presider **Glory to God**
All **Whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Sung Blessing

Blessing Dismissal

Lay Leader Let us go forth in peace to love and to serve the Lord, as we love and serve one another.

People **Thanks be to God!**

The flowers on the reredos are in thanksgiving for great granddaughters, Alaïa and Jordyn, and in memory of their ancestors before them, given by Christine & Lee Osmond

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