

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2020
HOLY BAPTISM**

**Presider: The Reverend Lynn Courage
Homilist: The Reverend David Burrows
Reader: Krista Burrows
Organist: Mrs. Ina Kearley
Cantor: Rev'd David and Krista Burrows**

**Opening Hymn: *While Shepherds Watch'd Their Flocks By
Night 136 Vs. 1, 3, 4, 6***

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.**

Celebrant: There is one body and one Spirit,

***People:* There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Celebrant: One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

***People:* One God and Father of all.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

1st Reading 1 John 1:1-9

**Psalm 92:1-2,11-14 (*Refrain: The righteous shall flourish like a
palm tree.*)**

Gradual Hymn: *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*

THE GOSPEL John 20:1-8

THE HOMILY

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

The candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

***Parents and sponsors: I present Dominic Christopher to receive
the sacrament of baptism.***

Celebrant: Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is nurtured in the faith and life of the Christian community?

Parents and sponsors: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and sponsors: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Parents and sponsors: I renounce them.

Celebrant: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Parents and sponsors: I renounce them.

Celebrant: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Parents and sponsors: I renounce them.

Celebrant: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Saviour?

Parents and sponsors: I do.

Celebrant: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Parents and sponsors: I do.

Celebrant: Do you promise to obey him as your Lord?

Parents and sponsors: I do.

Celebrant: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support ***Dominic Christopher*** in *his* life in Christ?

People: We will.

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE

The celebrant then says to the congregation,

Let us now pray for ***Dominic Christopher*** who is to receive the sacrament of new birth.

Celebrant Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Open *his heart* to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Fill *him* with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Teach *him* to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Send *him* into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Bring *him* to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant 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

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant: We give you thanks, almighty God and Father, for
by the gift of water you nourish and sustain all
living things.

People: **Blessed be God for ever.**

Celebrant: We give you thanks that through the waters of the Red Sea, you led your people out of slavery to freedom in the promised land.

People: **Blessed be God for ever.**

Celebrant: We give you thanks for sending your Son Jesus. For us he was baptized by John in the river Jordan. For us he was anointed as Christ by your Holy Spirit. For us he suffered the baptism of his own death and resurrection, setting us free from the bondage of sin and death, and opening to us the joy and freedom of everlasting life.

People: **Blessed be God for ever.**

Celebrant: We give you thanks for your Holy Spirit who teaches us and leads us into all truth, filling us with his gifts so that we might proclaim the gospel to all nations and serve you as a royal priesthood.

People: **Blessed be God for ever.**

Celebrant: We give you thanks for you have called ***Dominic Christopher*** to new life through the waters of baptism.

Now sanctify this water that your servants who are washed in it may be made one with Christ in his death and resurrection, to be cleansed and delivered from all sin. Anoint them with your Holy Spirit and bring them to new birth in the family of your Church, that they may become inheritors of your glorious kingdom.

We give you praise and honour and worship through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

People: **Blessed are you, our strength and song, and our salvation.**

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Celebrant: 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.**

Celebrant: 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.**

Celebrant: 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.**

Celebrant: 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.**

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

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

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

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

Celebrant: 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.**

Celebrant: 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.**

THE BAPTISM

Celebrant: ***Dominic Christopher***, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The celebrant makes the sign of the cross saying:

I sign you with the cross,
and mark you as Christ's own for ever.

The celebrant saying,

Heavenly Father,
we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit
you have bestowed upon ***Dominic Christopher***
the forgiveness of sin,
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.**

The Giving of the Light

Celebrant: Receive the light of Christ,
to show that you have passed from darkness to light.

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

Celebrant: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People: We receive you into the household of God.
Confess the faith of Christ crucified,
proclaim his resurrection,
and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

THE PEACE

Offertory Hymn: *Angels From The Realms Of Glory* 143 vs. 1, 2, 5

(Offertory is prepared and received)

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Eucharistic Prayer 4)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant: It is right to give you thanks and praise,
O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe,
you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: At your command all things came to be: the
vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies,
suns, the planets in their courses, and this
fragile earth, our island home; by your will
they were created and have their being.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: From the primal elements
you brought forth the human race,
and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill;
you made us the stewards of creation.

People: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: But we turn against you, and betray your trust;
and we turn against one another.
Again and again you call us to return.
Through the prophets and sages
you reveal your righteous law.
In the fullness of time you sent your Son,
born of a woman, to be our Saviour.
He was wounded for our transgressions,
and bruised for our iniquities.
By his death he opened to us
the way of freedom and peace.

People: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: Therefore we praise you,
joining with the heavenly chorus,
with prophets, apostles, and martyrs,
and with those in every generation
who have looked to you in hope,
to proclaim with them your glory,
in their unending hymn:

People: **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.**

Celebrant: Blessed are you, Lord our God, for
sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on
the night he was handed over to
suffering and death, took bread, said

the blessing, broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said, "Take this, and eat it :this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup of wine; he gave you thanks ,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."

***People:* Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: Gracious God, we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ, we proclaim his resurrection and ascension, and we look with expectation for his coming as Lord of all the nations. We who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring you these gifts. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this offering of your Church, that we who eat and drink at this holy table may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.

***People:* Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth and make it your new creation. Gather your Church together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, where peace and justice are revealed, that we, with all your people, of every language, race, and nation, may share the banquet you have promised; through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all honour and glory are yours, creator of all.

***People:* Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

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

People: *Thanks be to God*

Communion Hymn: *Away In A Manger 126 vs. 1, 2, 3*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant: Glory to God,

People: **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 BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Closing Hymn: *Good King Wenceslas 145 vs. 1, 2, 5*

Resources for Worship from the following sources:

Anglican Church of Canada
One Licence #733242
Book of Alternative Services
The Taize Community
Book of Common Praise

GIA Publications
Wee Worship Book
Iona Community
CCLI Licence #173331

GOOD KING WENCESLAS 145 vs. 1, 2, 5

Good King Wenceslas looked out
On the Feast of Stephen,
When the snow lay round about,
Deep and crisp and even.
Brightly shone the moon that night
Though the frost was cruel,
When a poor man came in sight,
Gathering winter fuel.

Hither, page, and stand by me,
If thou knowst it, telling:
Yonder peasant, who is he?
Where and what his dwelling?
Sire, he lives a good league hence,
Underneath the mountain,
Right against the forest fence,
By Saint Agnes fountain.

In his masters step he trod,;
Where the snow lay dinted
Heat was in the very sod
Which the Saint had printed.
Therefore, Christians all, be sure,
Wealth or rank possessing,
Ye, who now will bless the poor,
Shall yourselves find blessing.