

WELCOME
TO ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

EASTER BAPTISM



He is Risen from the
dead, just as he said
would happen. Come see
the place where he lay.

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

The words of the people are in bold.

As you are able, please stand.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

May his grace and peace be with you.

May he fill our hearts with joy.

GATHERING HYMN

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WELCOME

In this time and place, we gather on the ancestral and unceded lands of the Neutral, Mississauga, and Haudenosaunee peoples.

From many places and peoples we come to this house of prayer.

Almighty God,

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.

**Glory to God on high,
and peace to all on earth.**

**We worship you, we give you thanks,
our heavenly king.**

**We give you praise,
almighty God and Father
blessed in glory bright.**

**Our saviour, Jesus Christ,
the Father's only Son,
the sacrificial lamb
who saves the world from sin:
have mercy Lord;
beside the Father's hand enthroned,
now hear our prayer.**

**You only are the Lord,
you only are most high;
you only are the holy one,
Lord Jesus Christ.
And now you reign
with Father and with Spirit one
in glorious light.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Silence is kept for prayer, and then the people respond:

Amen.

Please be seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

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This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

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Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
**as it was in the beginning, is now,
and shall be forever. Amen.**

SECOND READING

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This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

As you are able, please stand.

GRADUAL HYMN

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THE GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Gospel is read, and then the reader says:

The Gospel of Christ.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Halle, halle, halle-luia!
Halle, halle, halle-luia!
Halle, halle, halle-luia!
Halleluia, halle-luia!

SERMON

Rev. Allison Courey

Silence is kept.

SWAHILI HYMN

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THE PRESENTATION OF BAPTISMAL CANDIDATES

The candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

We present _____ to receive the sacrament of baptism.

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

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

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

I renounce them.

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

I renounce them.

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

I renounce them.

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

I do.

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

I do.

Do you promise to obey him as your Lord?

I do.

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these children in their life in Christ?

We will.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please kneel or remain seated. The response in the prayers is:

Lord, hear our prayer.

THE LITURGY OF BAPTISM

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

Blessed be God for ever.

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.

Blessed be God for ever.

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.

Blessed be God for ever.

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.

Blessed be God for ever.

We give you thanks for you have called (these children) 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.

Blessed are you, our strength and song, and our salvation.

Let us join with (these children) who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

As you are able, please stand.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

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

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

THE BAPTISM

_____, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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

Holy One, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin,
and have raised them to the new life of grace.
Sustain them, O God, in your Holy Spirit.
Give them 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

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

When all of the newly baptized have received candles, we say:

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and give glory to God.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

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.**

Alleluia! The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you. Alleluia!

We share that peace with one another.

We greet one another with a sign of peace.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY HYMN

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Risen Lord Jesus Christ,
we believe you, and all we have heard is true.
When you break bread,
may we recognize you as the fire that burns within us,
that we may bring light to your world.
Amen.

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.

We give you thanks and praise...

Now with all creation we raise our voices
to sing the glory of your name:

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.
Hosanna in the highest.

Hymn #719

Holy and gracious God...

All glory and honour are yours,
Father and Son,
with the Holy Spirit
in the holy Church,
now and for ever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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Rejoicing in God's new creation,
Let's pray together now as Jesus taught us:

Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-low-ed be your
name, your king-dom come, your will be done on
earth as in heav-en. Give us to-day our
dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins as we for-give
those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the
time of trial and de-liv-er us from e-vil, for the
king-dom, the pow'r and the glo-ry are yours,
now and for ev-er.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

This is the Body of Christ:
behold what you are,
become what you receive.

Amen.

THE COMMUNION

These are the gifts of God for you, the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

*Please let the priest know if you require a gluten-free wafer.
If you wish to receive a blessing instead of communion, please cross
your arms over your chest when you come forward.
Children are welcomed to receive communion or a blessing.*

COMMUNION HYMN

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CLOSING PRAYER

Please stand as you are able.

Let's pray:

O Christ, we thank you for this feast of life.

Fed by your love,

and strengthened by your life,

we humbly accept your call to go

into this world to live with hope,

and to share your joy.

You commission us to feed as we have been fed,

forgive as we have been forgiven,

and love as we have been loved.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Glory to God,
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 now may Jesus,
who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future,
fill you with his new life;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and go ahead of you, today and always.
Amen.

Please be seated for the announcements.

SENDING HYMN

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As you are able, please stand.

DISMISSAL

Go forth into the world,
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Please join us in the parish hall for coffee following the service.

INTRODUCTION TO THE SEASON OF EASTER

The Great Fifty Days of Eastertide form a single festival period in which the tone of joy created at the Easter Vigil is sustained through the following seven weeks, and the Church celebrates the gloriously risen Christ.

We light the pascal (Easter) candle at the beginning of Easter, and the lit candle stands prominently in church for all the Eastertide services. The Alleluia appears frequently in liturgical speech and song; Morning Prayer begins with the traditional collection of Pauline texts known as the Easter Anthems, and white or gold vestments and decorations emphasize the joy and brightness of the season.

In the fourth century, we began to celebrate Christ's ascension on the fortieth day. Jesus commissions his disciples to continue his work, promises the gift of the Holy Spirit, and then is no longer among them in the flesh. The ascension is therefore closely connected with the theme of mission. The arrival of the promised gift of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost completes and crowns the Easter Festival.

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