

**The Baptism of Our Lord**  
**January 9, 2022**  
**Living Faith Lutheran Church**  
**Davis Bay, BC**  
**Holy Eucharist for the Epiphany Season**

Preservice Music/Announcements

**GATHERING**

**Welcome**

In this time and place, we gather on the unceded ancestral lands of the shíshálh Nation.  
**With people from many places and times, we come to this house of prayer.**

In this time and place, we give thanks for the light of God that shines in the darkness.  
**A light no darkness can quench.**

In this time and place, we give thanks for the light and peace of Jesus Christ,  
the Word made flesh. **The light of all people.**

In this time and place, we pray that the Spirit of God will be renewed in our hearts and minds.  
**That we might be the light of God in the world.**

In this time and place, together, one people of God.  
**In the name of God, Source of all being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Thanksgiving for Baptism

In the waters of baptism,  
we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation.  
For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God,  
who was, who is, and who is to come.

We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne:  
through the earth, through the city, through every living thing.

You rescued Noah and his family from the flood;  
You opened wide the sea for the Israelites.  
Now in these waters you flood us with mercy,  
and our sin is drowned forever.

You open the gate of righteousness and we pass safely through.  
In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters.  
You nourish us and enclose us in safety. You call us forth and send us out.  
In lush and barren places, you are with us. You have become our salvation.  
Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more.

Claim us again as your beloved and holy people.  
Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.  
To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and our Lamb,  
be honour, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn/Song            #311    “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed” v. 3 – *piano only*

- 1    Hail to the Lord's anointed, great David's greater Son!  
     Hail, in the time appointed, your reign on earth begun!  
     You come to break oppression, to set the captive free,  
     to take away transgression and rule in equity.
- 2    You come with rescue speedy to those who suffer wrong,  
     to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;  
     to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,  
     whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in your sight.
- 3    *You shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth;  
     love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in your path to birth.  
     Before you on the mountains shall peace, the herald, go;  
     and righteousness in fountains from hill to valley flow.*
- 4    Kings shall fall down before you, and gold and incense bring;  
     all nations shall adore you, your praise all people sing.  
     To you shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend;  
     your kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the constant and comforting company of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, **you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son, Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called the children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## WORD

First Reading            Isaiah 43:1-7

<sup>1</sup>But now thus says the LORD, who created you, O Jacob, who formed you, O Israel:  
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

<sup>2</sup>When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

<sup>3</sup>For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.  
I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.  
<sup>4</sup>Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you,  
I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. <sup>5</sup>Do not fear, for I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you;  
<sup>6</sup>I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold;  
bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth —  
<sup>7</sup>everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made."

Psalm 29      *To be spoken responsively by whole verses (Leader begins with v. 1)*

<sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**<sup>2</sup>Ascribe to the LORD the glory of the name of the LORD;  
worship the LORD in holy splendor.**

<sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.

**<sup>4</sup>The voice of the LORD is powerful;  
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**

<sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

**<sup>6</sup> The Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

<sup>7</sup>The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

**<sup>8</sup>The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

<sup>9</sup>The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl,  
and strips the forest bare; and in the temple of the LORD all say, "Glory!"

**<sup>10</sup>The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.**

<sup>11</sup>May the LORD give strength to the people!  
May the LORD bless the people with peace!

Second Reading      Acts 8:14-17

<sup>14</sup>Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God,  
they sent Peter and John to them. <sup>15</sup>The two went down and prayed for them that they might  
receive the Holy Spirit <sup>16</sup>(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only  
been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). <sup>17</sup>Then Peter and John laid their hands on them,  
and they received the Holy Spirit.

Gospel verse      #171 "Hallelujah"      *To be sung twice*

Holy Gospel      Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

<sup>15</sup>As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup>John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

<sup>21</sup>Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup>and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

## Sermon

Hymn of the Day #305 "When Jesus Came to Jordan"

## Prayers of Intercession

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made. *A brief silence.*

By the Holy Spirit, you gather your church and send it out in mission to share the good news of Jesus. Inspire your faithful people to be fervent in prayer and service, that all people know they are precious in God's sight. We pray particularly for our new Bishop, the Rev. Kathy Martin. Be with her wherever she goes; strengthen her when she grows weary; give her patience, wisdom, vision and courage for whatever is set before her in the days ahead. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You reveal your love and power through water and the Spirit. Guard rivers, seas, and all bodies of water from destruction and pollution. Secure access to clean water for all, and protect the land from drought and flood. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Establish among the nations the blessings of peace. Raise up leaders of communities and nations who will protect vulnerable people in their care. Strengthen advocates who risk reputation or retaliation for the sake of mercy and justice. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You protect us through the fires and troubled waters of this life. Assure us that we will not be cut off from you by illness or despair, anxiety or pain, confusion or weakness. Comfort all who are in need (*especially those we name now aloud or in the silence of our hearts*). God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We are joined in baptism to Christ and to one another. Bless those who are newly baptized and those who are preparing for baptism. Help us to be faithful in fellowship, worship, evangelism, service, and justice-seeking. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You created each and all of your saints for your glory. We give thanks for those you have called by name into your eternal embrace (*especially Gwen Hawkins and Desmond Tutu*). Comfort those who grieve and release us all from fear from the fear of dying and the fear of living. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace/Offering

Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe.

**You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey.**

**Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food,**

**and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world,**

**in the name of Christ our light. Amen.**

## MEAL

Great Thanksgiving

God is with you. **And with you too.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to heaven.**

Let us give thanks to our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,

through our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and, speaking in full voice, we join their unending hymn:

**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.**

Prayer over the gifts of field and vine

Blessed are you, O holy God: you are the Life and Light of all.

By your powerful word you created all things.

Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.

Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son. He is your Light, shining in our darkness and revealing to us your mercy and might.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people  
for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his preaching and healing, his dying and rising,  
and his promise to come again, we await that day  
when all the universe will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.

By your Spirit bless us and this meal, that, refreshed with this heavenly food,  
we may be light for the world, revealing the brilliance of your Son.  
Through him all glory and honour is yours, Eternal One,  
with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever. **Amen**

Lord's Prayer (sung)

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

Fraction (Breaking of the Bread)

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world  
**God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.**

Invitation to the Meal

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.  
There is a place for you, so come and share this food for the journey.

Song before the Supper      #446    "I'm Going on a Journey"


## I'm Going on a Journey



1 I'm go-ing on a jour-ney, and I'm start-ing to-day. My



head is wet, and I'm on my way. Christ's mark is on me;



it's on you, too; it says he loves me, and he loves you, too!



2 I'm be-com-ing this day a saint of God. It



real-ly does-n't mat-ter what roads I trod, Wher-ev-er I go, God's



been there, too. God's love has touched me and will car-ry me through.



3 There are oth-er saints who have said a-men. They'll



keep me faith-ful to my jour-ney's end. A - long the way



I want to be the kind of per-son that God set free.

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Prayer after Communion

God of all the nations of the earth, **guide us with your light. Help us to recognize Christ as he comes to us in this eucharist and in our neighbours. May we welcome him with love, for he is Lord now and forever. Amen.**

## SENDING

Blessing

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, ✝ bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Song #299 “Cold December Flies Away” (see last page)

Dismissal

Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude



## Cold December Flies Away



1 Cold De - cem - ber flies a - way at the rose - red splen - dor.  
2 In the hope - less time of sin shad - ows deep had fall - en.  
3 Now the bud has come to bloom, and the world a - wak - ens.



A - pril's crown - ing glo - ry breaks while the whole world won - ders  
All the world lay un - der death. Eyes were closed in sleep - ing.  
In the lil - y's pur - est flow'r dwells a won - drous fra - grance.



at the ho - ly un - seen pow'r of the tree which bears the  
But, when all seemed lost in night, came the sun whose gold - en  
And it spreads to all the earth from the mo - ment of its



flow'r. On the bless - ed tree blooms the red - dest flow'r. On the tree blooms the  
light brings un - end - ing joy, brings the end - less joy of our hope, high - est  
birth; and its beau - ty lives. In the flow'r it lives, in the flow'r, and it



rose here in love's own gar - den, full and strong in glo - ry.  
hope, of our hope's bright dawn - ing, Son be - lov'd of heav - en.  
spreads in its heav'n - ly bright - ness sweet per - fume de - light - ful.

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