



St. Mark's Anglican Church

*The Baptism of the Lord*

January 11, 2026

Sung Eucharist at 10:30 am

*Welcome to St. Mark's.*

*The order of service is set forth in this service sheet.*

*Please stand and kneel as you are able—and as is your custom.*

*Please join in singing the hymns and saying the parts printed in bold*

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PRELUDE *Als unser Herr zum Jordan kam*

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

**THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

HYMN

Music: Solothurn Swiss Traditional Melody

Text: George B. Timms (1910-1997)

The sin - less one to Jor - dan came to  
Up - ris - ing from the wa - - ters there, the  
A - bove him see the heav'n - ly Dove, the

share our fal - len na - ture's blame; God's right-eous-ness he  
voice from heav'n did wit - ness bear that he, the Son of  
sign of God the Fa - ther's love, now by the Ho - ly

thus ful-filled and chose the path his Fa - ther willed.  
God, had come to lead his scat-tered peo - ple home.  
Spi - rit shed u - pon the Son's a - noin - ted head.

*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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus  
revealed him to be your Son,  
anointing him with the Holy Spirit,  
keep your children, born of water and the Spirit,  
faithful to their calling;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*People* **Amen.**

*All sit*

#### THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

##### FIRST READING

Isaiah 42:1-9

*Reader:* James Mainprize

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

*Reader* Thanks be to God.

## PSALM

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Chant: Percy Buck (1871-1947)



Ascribe to the / Lord, you / gods:  
 ascribe / to the • Lord / glory • and / strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory; / due his / name;  
 worship the Lord / in the / beauty • of / holiness.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of / glo-ry / thunders:  
 the Lord is u- / pon the / migh-ty / waters.

The voice of the Lord is a / power-ful / voice;  
 the voice of the Lord / is a / voice of / splendour.

The voice of the Lord / breaks the / cedar trees;  
 the Lord / breaks the / cedars • of / Lebanon.

He makes Lebanon / skip • like a / calf,  
 and Mount Hermon / like a / young wild / ox.

The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;  
 the voice of the Lord / shakes the / wilderness;  
 the Lord shakes the / wil-der-/ ness of / Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord makes the / oak trees / writhe  
 and / strips the / for-ests / bare.

**2nd** And in the temple / of the / Lord  
 ---/all are / cry-ing / “Glory!”

The Lord sits enthroned a-/bove the / flood;  
 the Lord sits enthroned as / king for / ev-er- / more.

The Lord shall give / strength to • his / people;  
 the Lord shall give the / people • the / blessing • of / peace.

## SECOND READING

Acts 10:34-43

*Reader:* James Mainprize

Peter began to speak to the Gentiles: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge

of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

*Reader*      Thanks be to God.

**HYMN 164**

*What King Would Wade*

**GOSPEL**

Matthew 3:13-17

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.

*People*      **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

*Celebrant*      The Gospel of Christ.

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

**THE SERMON**

The Rev Dr Susan MacLaren

*All stand*

**THE NICENE CREED**

*Celebrant*      Let us confess our faith, as we say,

*All*      **We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified  
under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father.  
With the Father and the Son  
he is worshipped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic  
and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Leader:* Wendy Steel

*Leader* Jesus calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. Washed clean by the waters of baptism, let us pray that we may live the life to which he has called us.

*People* Lord Jesus, eternal Word,  
proclaimed as the Christ by John the forerunner, hear us as we pray for all who proclaim your word. Lord of truth,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Lord Jesus, baptizing with the Spirit and with fire, strengthen us to withstand all the trials of our faith. Lord of truth,  
**People** hear our prayer.

*Leader* Lord Jesus, bringing forgiveness to all who repent, teach your Church dependence on your grace. Lord of truth,  
*People* hear our prayer.

*Leader* Lord Jesus, fulfilment of the promises of old, give hope to all who suffer or are ignored. Lord of truth,  
**People** **hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Lord Jesus, beloved Son of the Father, anoint us with the gifts of your Holy Spirit.  
Lord of truth,  
**People** **hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Lord Jesus, bringer of hope, share with all the faithful the riches of eternal life.  
Lord of truth,  
**People** **hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant* Lord Jesus Christ, in you the Father makes us and all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory.  
**People** **Amen.**

#### \*CONFESSiON AND ABSOLUTION

*Celebrant* Dear friends in Christ,  
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;  
he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table.  
Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

*All* Most merciful God,  
**we confess that we have sinned against you**  
**in thought, word, and deed,**  
**by what we have done,**  
**and by what we have left undone.**  
**We have not loved you with our whole heart;**  
**we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.**  
**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**  
**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,**  
**have mercy on us and forgive us,**  
**that we may delight in your will,**  
**and walk in your ways,**  
**to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**People** **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* And also with you.

## WORDS OF WELCOME

### THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

#### HYMN

Music: *This Endris Nyght* 15<sup>th</sup> century English Carol  
Text: *Christian Hymnbook*, 1865, alt.

"I come," the great Re - deem - er cries, "To  
"Thus is be - comes us to ful - fill all  
Hark, a glad voice! The Fa - ther speaks from  
The Sa - viour Je - sus, well be - loved! His  
No more we'll count our - selves our own but

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do thy will, O Lord!" at Jor - dan's stream, be -  
right - eous - ness," he said. Then faith - ful to the  
heav'n s ex - al - ted height: "This is my Son, my  
name we will pro - fess, like him de - sir - ous  
his in bonds of love. Oh, may such bonds for -

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hold! He seals the sure pro - phe - tic word.  
Lord's com - mands through Jor - dan's flood was led.  
well be - loved, in whom I take de - light."  
to ful - fill God's will in right - eous - ness.  
ev - er draw our souls to things a - bove.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant*      Blessed are you, gracious God,  
                  creator of heaven and earth;  
                  by water and the Holy Spirit  
                  you have made us a holy people  
                  in Jesus Christ our Lord;  
                  you renew that mystery in bread and wine and nourish us,  
                  to show forth your glory in all the world.  
Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the holy people  
who have served you in every age,  
we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD

*Common Praise*, no. 689

*All remain standing or kneel*

*Celebrant* We give thanks to you, Lord our God,  
for the goodness and love  
you have made known to us in creation;  
in calling Israel to be your people;  
in your Word spoken through the prophets;  
and above all in the Word made flesh,  
Jesus your Son.  
For in these last days you sent him  
to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.  
In him, you have delivered us from evil,  
and made us worthy to stand before you.  
In him, you have brought us  
out of error into truth,  
out of sin into righteousness,  
out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over  
to suffering and death,  
a death he freely accepted,  
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;  
and when he had given thanks to you,  
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples  
and said, “Take, 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.

*All* Therefore, Father, according to his command,  
**we remember his death,**  
**we proclaim his resurrection,**  
**we await his coming in glory;**

*Celebrant* and we offer our sacrifice  
of praise and thanksgiving  
to you, Lord of all;  
presenting to you, from your creation,  
this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God,  
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,  
that they may be the sacrament  
of the body of Christ  
and his blood of the new covenant.  
Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,  
that we, made acceptable in him,  
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time,  
reconcile all things in Christ  
and make them new,  
and bring us to that city of light  
where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
the firstborn of all creation,  
the head of the Church,  
and the author of our salvation;  
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,  
now and forever.

*People*

**Amen.**

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Celebrant* And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
**All** **Our Father, who art in heaven,**  
hallowed be 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

*Celebrant* We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
**People** **We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

*Celebrant* The gifts of God for the people of God,  
**People** **Thanks be to God.**

#### LAMB OF GOD

*Common Praise*, no. 690

#### THE COMMUNION

*Please follow the directions of the greeters as you make your way to the altar  
Kneeling and standing are both appropriate postures to receive the Eucharist*

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Kathryn Rose (b. 1980)

Over the land freckled with snow half-thawed  
The speculating rooks at their nests cawed  
And saw from elm-tops, delicate as flowers of grass,  
What we below could not see,  
Winter pass.

- Edward Thomas (1878-1917)

*After communion, all stand for*

## THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Celebrant* All your works praise you, O Lord.  
*All* **And your faithful servants bless you.**

**Gracious God**  
**we thank you for feeding us**  
**with the body and blood of your Son**  
**Jesus Christ.**  
**May we, who share his body,**  
**live his risen life;**  
**we, who drink his cup,**  
**bring life to others;**  
**we, whom the Spirit lights,**  
**give light to the world.**  
**Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,**  
**So that we and all your children shall be free,**  
**and the whole earth live to praise your name;**  
**through Christ our Lord. Amen**

## THE BLESSING

*Celebrant* May God, who in Christ gives us a spring of water welling up to eternal life, perfect in you the image of his glory; and the blessing of God almighty: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.  
*People* **Amen.**

## THE DISMISSAL

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## HYMN 45

***Down Galilee's Slow Roadways***

VOLUNTARY *In you have I Hoped, O Lord* BWV 712

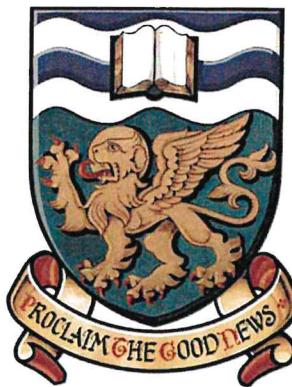
J S Bach



**The flowers in the church are given to the Glory of God  
and in loving memory of**

**Donald H. and Brian MacDonald  
From  
Barbara MacDonald**





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