



## **Baptism of Jesus**

**January 9, 2022 | 9:00 am**

**The Rev. Canon Dr. Penny Anderson - Rector**

**The Rev. Michael Coren - Pastoral Associate**

**Andy Elmhirst - Director of Music**

**Sarah Layman - Director of Children's & Youth Ministry**

# Welcome to St. Christopher's

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Thank you for being here this morning!

None of us comes to church by accident and each of us brings the rest of our lives with us. No matter what joys, burdens, or dilemmas you bring with you today, we pray that this time will be a gift to you; that you will encounter God's grace in a way that frees you to experience newness, compassion and hope.

If you are looking for a spiritual home, we have a variety of services and programs to meet your needs. For more information, please visit our website. We are at [www.stcb.ca](http://www.stcb.ca).

With every blessing,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Penny".

Canon Penny Anderson

# Baptism of Jesus Sunday 2022

9:00 am

*Preacher:*

*Canon Penny Anderson*

*Director of Music:*

*Andy Elmhirst*

## Prelude

## Welcome

*Canon Penny Anderson*

## Land Acknowledgement

We gather for worship on the traditional territory of the Anishinaabeg, the Haudenosaunee, and the Métis peoples. In a spirit of reconciliation we call to mind the 2015 Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada Report. This report includes 94 Calls to Action, the twenty-third of which calls upon all levels of government to increase the number of Indigenous professionals working in the health-care fields; ensure the retention of Indigenous health-care providers in Indigenous communities; and provide cultural competency training for all health-care professionals. With respect, may we join our voices with those calling for this action to be implemented.

## Opening Hymn: Down Galilee's Slow Roadways

*CP #45*

1. Down Galilee's slow roadways, a stranger travelled on  
from Nazareth to Jordan to be baptized by John.  
He went down to the waters with soldier, scribe, and slave,  
but there within the river the sign was birth and grave.
2. Arising from the river, he saw the heavens torn;  
It seemed the sky was open to show the Spirit's form.  
The holy dove descended; he heard a glorious voice:  
"You are my own beloved - my child, my heart, my choice."
3. We too have found a roadway; it led us to this place.  
We all have had to travel in search of hope and grace.  
But now beside this water again a voice is heard:  
"You are my own, my chosen, beloved of your Lord."

## The Collect

*Presider* Eternal God,  
who at the baptism of Jesus  
revealed your love for your Anointed One,  
declaring your acceptance  
and pouring out your Holy Spirit,  
keep your children, born of water and the Spirit,  
faithful to our calling;  
through Jesus Christ  
in the power of the Spirit.

*All* **Amen.**

## The Proclamation of the Word

**First Reading: Isaiah 43: 1-3, 5-7**

*Read by Malcolm Ramsay*

### A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah

*Reader* But now thus says the Lord,  
he who created you, O Jacob,  
he who formed you, O Israel:  
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are mine.  
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.  
For I am the Lord your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.  
I give Egypt as your ransom,  
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.  
Do not fear, for I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from the east,  
and from the west I will gather you;  
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—  
everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made.'

*At the conclusion of the passage, the reader says,*

*All* Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## The Holy Gospel: Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22

Canon Penny

*Reader* May God be with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

*Reader* The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*All* **Glory to you, O Christ.**

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, 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. 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.' Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, 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.'

*At the conclusion of the Gospel, the reader says,*

*Reader* The Gospel of Christ.

*All* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Homily

Canon Penny

*Silence for Reflection*

# Hymn: Wade in the Water

Trad. African American



Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa-ter chi-l dren, wade in the



wa - ter, God's gon-na trou-ble the wa - ter. Fine  
Who's that yon-der dre-ssed in red?  
Who's that yon-der dre-ssed in white?  
Who's that Yon-der dres-sed in blue?



God's gon - na trou-ble the wa - ter. Must be the chil-dren tha - t  
God's gon - na trou-ble the wa - ter. Must be the chil-dren of the  
God's gon - na trou-ble the wa - ter. Must be the chil-dren that are



Mo - ses led. God's gon - na trou-ble the wa - ter.  
Isr - a - el - ite. God's Gon - na trou-ble the wa - ter. To Refrain  
co - min' through. God's gon - na trou-ble the wa - ter.

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# The Prayers of the People

Led by Winston Tinglin

Leader

Let us gather all our prayers into one as we say,

All

**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 for ever.  
Amen.**

## Doxology

*All*

**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.**

## Blessing

### Closing Hymn: When Jesus Came to be Baptised

1. When Jesus comes to be baptized,  
he leaves the hidden years behind,  
the years of safety and of peace,  
to bear the sins of humankind.
2. The Spirit of the Lord comes down,  
anoints the Christ to suffering,  
to preach the word, to free the bound,  
and to the mourner, comfort bring.
3. He will not quench the dying flame,  
and what is bruised he will not break,  
but heal the wound injustice dealt,  
And out of death his triumph make.
4. O Spirit help us be like Christ;  
to live in love and charity,  
to walk in truth and justice now,  
and grow in Christian dignity.
5. We praise you, God, source of all life,  
we praise you, Christ, eternal Word,  
we praise you, Spirit, gracious gift,  
your triune presence fills our world.

## The Dismissal

## Postlude



We are a dynamic, inclusive, diverse community  
rooted in the life-giving, life-affirming, life-changing love of God  
reaching beyond ourselves  
caring for creation  
making a difference with others.