



**The Anglican Parish of Christ Church Bolton**

**4th Sunday after the Epiphany**

**8 am & 10 am Holy Eucharist (Baptism)**

**February 2, 2025**

**Preacher & Celebrant ~ Rev. Don Davidson**



## Processional Hymn

Common Praise – 103, On Jordan's Bank, the Baptist's Cry



### ✘ The Gathering of the Community

Acknowledgement of Territory

**We acknowledge that we are in the traditional territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, the Anishinaabe peoples, on whose land and by whose waters we gather to worship, listen, learn, share and heal together in the name of our creator, the Holy One of Blessing.**

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

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.**

## GLORIA

Refrain

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth.

### Verses

1. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.
2. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.
3. For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God, the Father. Amen! Amen!

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✘ **The Collect of the Day**

*said together*

**God of love, you gave your Son to be a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel. With Simeon and Anna and all who hail redemptions happy dawn, may we sing our praise and proclaim salvation in Jesus Christ, your word made flesh. Amen.**

✘ **The Liturgy of the Word**

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF MALACHI

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

MALACHI 3:1-4

Listen for the leading of the Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**

✘ **PSALM 84**

**How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**

**The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.**

**Happy are they who dwell in your house! they will always be praising you.**

**Happy are the people whose strength is in you! whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.**

**Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.**

**They will climb from height to height, and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.**

**Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; hearken, O God of Jacob.**

**Behold our defender, O God; and look upon the face of your Anointed.**

**For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

**For the Lord God is both sun and shield; he will give grace and glory;**

**No good thing will the Lord withhold from those who walk with integrity.**

**O Lord of hosts, happy are they who put their trust in you!**

Gospel Acclamation

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Halle, Halle, Halle

Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal-le, hal-le, hal-

*Hal-le*

6 - le - lu - jah! Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - *Hal-le-lu-jah!*

*Hal-le*

1 lu - jah! Hal-le - lu-jah! Hal-le - lu - jah!

Lift Up Your Hearts 768

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## ✘ The Gospel

May God be with you. **And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Saviour Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed - and a sword will pierce your own soul too." There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

LUKE 2:22-40

The Gospel of Christ. **Praise be to you, O Jesus Christ.**

## ✘ The Homily

*Presentation and Examination of the Candidate.*

*The candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.*

I present Cooper to receive the sacrament of baptism.

Do you desire to be baptized? *I do.*

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 persons in their life in Christ? **We will.**



## ✘ Prayers for the Candidate

Let us now pray for Cooper who are to receive the sacrament of new birth.

Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Open his heart to your grace and truth. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Send him into the world in witness to your love. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

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 thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through water you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy

Spirit. Now sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who are here cleansed from sin and born again, may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

### ✠ **The Baptismal Covenant**

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**

Cooper, 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.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, 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.

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

Let us welcome the newly baptised.

**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.**

## **Hymn**

Common Praise – 38, This Child of Ours, This Miracle



### ✘ **The Peace**

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

*The members of the community may greet one another in the name of Christ*

### ✘ **The Celebration of the Eucharist**

## **Offertory Hymn**

Gather – 425, All That We Have



### ✘ **The Prayer over the Gifts**

**Almighty God, accept the joyful offering of your Church, and grant that your Son may shine in us as the light that lightens every nation. We ask this in the name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord.**

### ✘ **Eucharistic Prayer**

*sit, kneel or stand for the prayer*

May God be with you. **And also with you**

Lift up your Hearts. **We lift our hearts to God.**

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

It is indeed right that we should praise you, Gracious God, for you created all things. You formed us in your own image: male and female you created us. when we turned away from you in sin, you did not cease to care for us, but opened a path of salvation for all people. You made a covenant with Israel, and through your servants Abraham and Sarah gave the promise of a blessing to all nations. Through Moses you led your people from bondage into freedom; through the prophets you renewed your promise of

salvation. Therefore, with them, and with all your saints who have served you in every age, we give thanks and raise our voices to proclaim 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 God. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise. In the fullness of time, you sent us Jesus Christ, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us to reconcile us to you, the maker and giver of all. Jesus healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners; Christ opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and to those in need. In all things, Jesus fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night Jesus freely gave himself to death, Jesus, our teacher, took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, Jesus broke the bread and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat: This is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; And after giving thanks, 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."

Gracious God, the perfect sacrifice of Jesus destroys the power of sin and death; by raising Jesus to life you give us life for evermore. Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Recalling the death of Christ, proclaiming the resurrection, and looking for Christ to come again in glory, we offer you, God of compassion, this bread and this cup. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy people a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our redeemer.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all glory is yours God of hope now and for ever. **Amen.**

## ✠ The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

**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.**

## ✠ The Breaking of the Bread & the Communion

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

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

# AGNUS DEI

Then the eucharistic bread is solemnly broken and the consecrated bread and wine are prepared for holy communion. The litany "Lamb of God" is sung during the breaking of the bread.

*Cantor:*

1. Je-sus, Lamb of
2. Je-sus, Bread of
3. Je-sus, Prince of

*All:*

God,  
Life, you take a-way the sins of the world: have  
Peace,

*Last time*  
*Cantor:* *All:*

mer-cy on us. Je-sus, Lamb of God; you

take a-way the sins of the world: grant us your peace.

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### ***Communion Hymn***

Gather – 590, Bread of Life, Hope of the World



### ***Postlude***

Common Praise – 458, Seek Ye First



### **✕ Prayer after Communion**

**God for whom we wait, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon, who did not die till he had welcomed the Messiah. Complete in us your perfect will, that we in Christ may share in your eternal kingdom; for he is Lord for ever and ever.**

**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, forever and ever. Amen.**

### **Announcements**

### **✕ Blessing**

### ***Recessional Hymn***

Common Praise – 162, Sing of God Made Manifest



### **Dismissal**

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







## CHRIST CHURCH BOLTON **PRAYER LIST**

Prayer is a powerful way to connect with God and offer support to those in need. We would like to invite you to take just a few minutes each day to pray for our church family, friends, and neighbors listed in our prayer list.

**Laura**

**Jean & Terry**

**Marg & Gary**

**Bill & Dorothy**

**Mike Bewcyk**

**Susan**

**Lisa & Family**

**Virginia & Imants**

**Helen**

**Pat**

**Vera & Family**

**Carol Ohlers**

**Mary Stone**

**Gerri Hill**

**Brian**

**Christina**

**Yvonne & David**

**Margaret**

**Havard**

**Joyce**

**Brianna**

**Janice & Family**

**Darlene**

**Ann**

**Sylvia Rose**

If you wish to have a name added to the prayer list, please go to <https://christchurchbolton.ca/prayer-requests/> or call/email the church office.

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