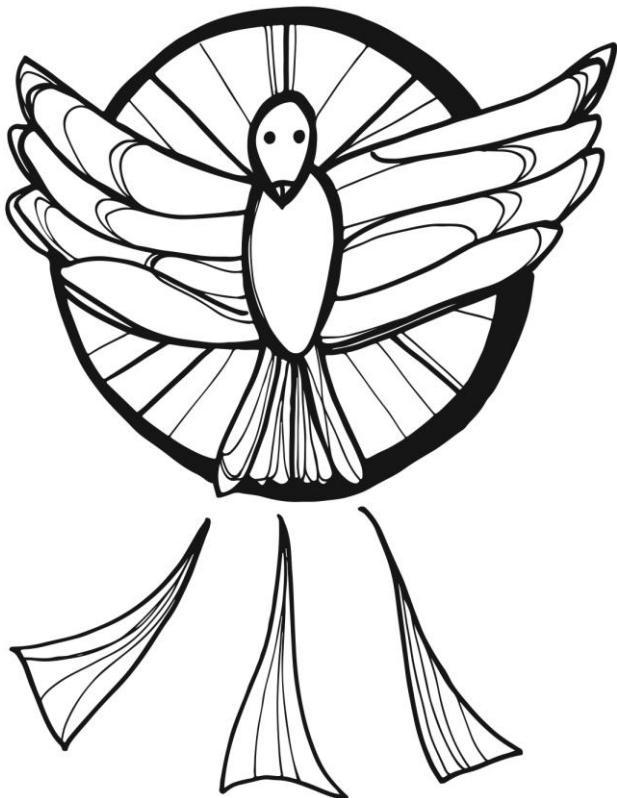


Baptism of Our Lord

January 11, 2026 ▪ 9:30 am



Welcome to Trinity Church

We are committed to being a loving and welcoming community centred in the good news of Jesus. We invite you to join us for worship and to take up your place with us on our journey. We'd be glad of your presence and grateful for your company!

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Holy Communion

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Serving Today

Presiding Minister:	Rev. Dr. Stephen Larson
Assisting Minister:	Monika Kraemer
Greeter:	Audrey Cook
Usher:	Diane Godfrey
Altar:	Diane Godfrey
Musicians:	Jamie Courtney, Trinity Choir
Technology:	Krista Straus
Fellowship:	Pat Schmetzer

We acknowledge that we gather for worship on the traditional territories of the Neutral, Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, and Mississauga peoples.

Gathering Song

Crashing Waters at Creation



1 Crash - ing wa - ters at cre - a - tion, or - dered by the Spir - it's breath,

2 Part - ing wa - ter stood and trem-bled as the cap-tives passed onthrough,
3 Cleans-ing wa - ter once at Jor - dan closed a - round the one fore-told,
4 Liv - ing wa - ter, nev - er end - ing, quench the thirst and flood the soul.



first to wit - ness day's be - gin-ning from the bright-ness of night's death.

wash - ing off the chains of bond-age—chan-nel to a life made new.
o - pened to re - veal the glo - ry ev - er new and ev - er old.
Well-spring, source of life e - ter - nal, drench our dry-ness, make us whole.



First Reading

Isaiah 42:1-9

¹ 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.

² He will not cry out or lift up his voice
or make it heard in the street;

³ a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

⁴ He will not grow faint or be crushed

until he has established justice in the earth,
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

⁵ 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:
⁶ 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,
⁷ to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
 from the prison those who sit in darkness.
⁸ I am the LORD; that is my name;
 my glory I give to no other,
 nor my praise to idols.
⁹ See, the former things have come to pass,
 and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
 I tell you of them.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm Refrain

Psalm 29

The voice of the LORD is up - on the wa - ters.

³⁴ Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ 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. ³⁹ 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, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ 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. ⁴² 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. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹³ Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him.

¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented.

¹⁶ And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God’s Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from the heavens said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Hymn of the Day

I Bind Unto Myself Today

1 I bind un - to my - self to - day the strong name
of the Trin - i - ty by in - - vo - - ca - - tion
of the same, the Three in One and One in Three.

2 I bind this day to me for - ev - er, by pow'r of
3 I bind un - to my - self to - day . . . the vir - - tues
faith, Christ's in - car - na - tion, his bap - - tism in the life -
of the star - lit heav - en, the glo - - ri - ous sun's life -

Jor - dan Riv - er, his cross of death for my sal - va - tion, his
giv - ing ray, . . . the white - ness of the moon at e - ven, the

burst - ing from the spic - ed tomb, his rid - ing
flash - ing of the light - ning free, the whirl - ing

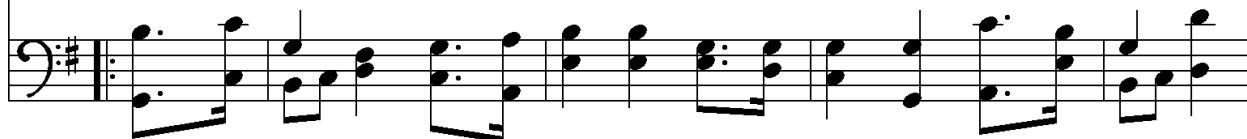
up the heav'n - ly way, his com - ing at the
wind's tem - pes - tuous shocks, the sta - ble earth, the

day of doom, I bind un - to my - self to - day.
deep salt sea, a - round the old e - ter - nal rocks.

[Choir sings stanza 4]



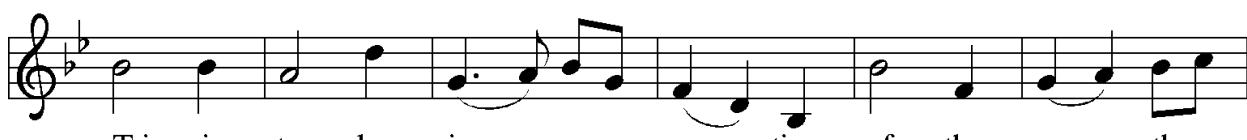
4 Christ be with me, Christ with-in me, Christ be-hind me, Christ be-fore me,
Christ be-neath me, Christ a-bove me, Christ in qui - et, Christ in dan - ger,



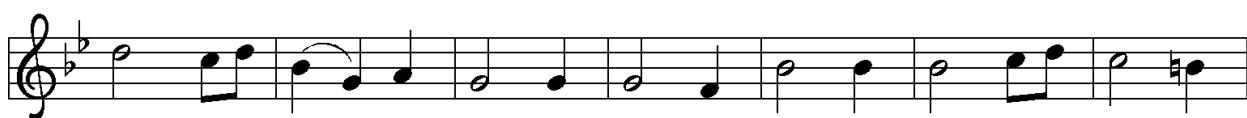
Christ be-side me, Christ to win me, Christ to com - fort and re-store me,
Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and strang-er.



5 I bind un - to my - self the name, the strong name of the



Trin - i - ty by in - vo - ca - tion of the same, the



Three in One and One in Three, of whom all na - ture has cre -



a - tion, e - ter - nal Fa - ther, Spir - it, Word. Praise to the



Lord of my sal - va-tion; sal - va - tion is of Christ the Lord!

Affirmation of Baptism

PRESENTATION

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism as we come before God to make public affirmation of baptism into Christ.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you that you have made us your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called us to yourself, enlightened us with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished us in the community of faith. Uphold us and all your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

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, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

AFFIRMATION

The presiding minister continues.

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:
to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ
through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?
I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence both now and forever.

Amen.

The ministers return to their places.

Prayers of Intercession

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Steadfast God, give courage to your servant church. Heal our divisions and unite us in mission. Uphold our lay leaders, missionaries, pastors, and bishops, and all who proclaim hope in a broken world.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Restoring God, cleanse the life-giving waters of rivers, seas, and springs, especially the Nith and Grand Rivers and the Great Lakes. Create in us an urgent desire to preserve the beauty and bounty of your good creation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Righteous God, you guide the nations. Reconcile warring enemies and end cycles of violent retribution, especially in Ukraine, Russia, Gaza, Israel, Sudan, Myanmar, Syria, Cameroon, Thailand, Cambodia, and Venezuela. Defend the rights of prisoners, detainees, and all who flee from persecution. Sustain international aid workers and peacemakers.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Compassionate God, you care for all in distress. Provide safety and support for those seeking asylum or in need of shelter. Be near to the dying, and comfort all who are grieving or ill, especially Stan, Josiah, Mary, Bob, Nan, Myles, Amy, Dorothea, Marg, and those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts. [a pause]

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Loving God, awaken the gifts of the Spirit in this congregation, that we may serve Christ by loving one another, our neighbors, and our enemies. We pray for travelers and those who are homebound.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Promising God, in baptism we die and rise with Christ. We give thanks for those who have gone before us, and we trust that we will join them in your everlasting peace.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

Amen.

Offering Song

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and dreams of
all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble
with your pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Dialogue

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

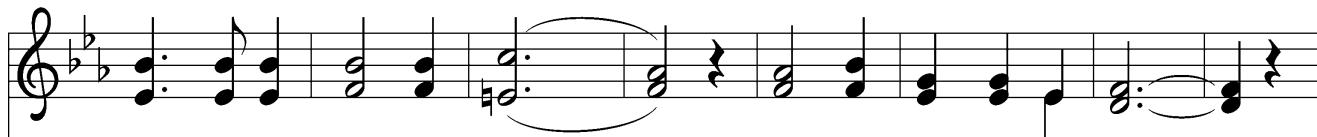
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

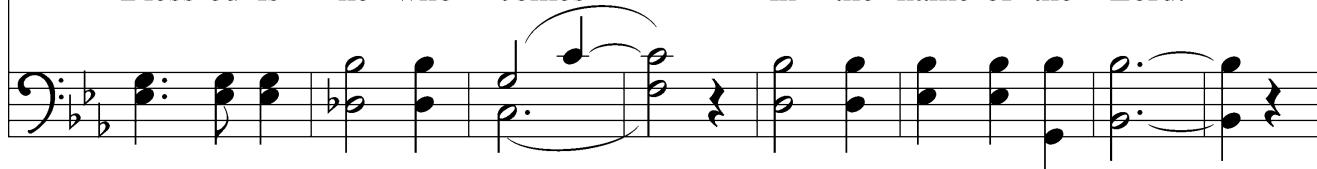
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy, Holy, Holy

The musical score consists of three staves of music in G clef, B-flat key signature, and common time. The first two staves are identical, featuring a soprano line and a bass line. The soprano line consists of eighth-note chords (G, B-flat, D, E-flat) with a fermata over the E-flat note. The bass line consists of quarter-note chords (D, G, B-flat, E-flat). The lyrics for these two staves are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might," with a repeat sign and a fermata over the final "ho - ly." The third staff begins with a soprano line consisting of eighth-note chords (G, B-flat, D, E-flat) with a fermata over the E-flat note. The lyrics for this staff are: "heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry." The bass line consists of quarter-note chords (D, G, B-flat, E-flat). The final staff begins with a soprano line consisting of eighth-note chords (G, B-flat, D, E-flat) with a fermata over the E-flat note. The lyrics for this staff are: "Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est." The bass line consists of quarter-note chords (D, G, B-flat, E-flat).



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Communion Song

Shall We Gather at the River

1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
3 Ere we reach the shin-ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
4 Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim-age will cease;

with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow-ing by the throne of God?
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;

gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

Communion Song

Spirit of Gentleness

Refrain



Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness



call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,



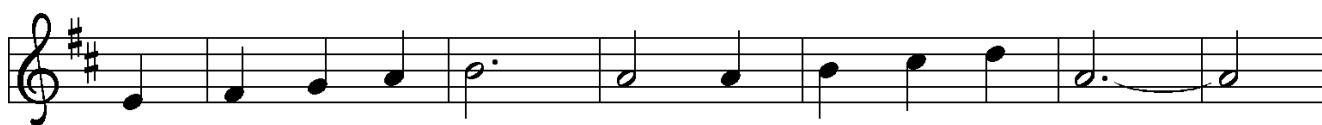
stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.



- 1 You moved on the wa - - ters, you called to the deep,
- 2 You swept through the des - - ert, you stung with the sand,
- 3 You sang in a sta - - ble, you cried from a hill,
- 4 You call from to - mor - - row, you break an - cient schemes.



then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;
and you goad - ed your peo - - ple with a law and a land;
then you whis - pered in si - - lence when the whole world was still;
From the bond - age of sor - - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the e - - ons you called to each thing:
and when they were blind - - ed with i - dols and lies,
and down in the cit - - y you called once a - gain,
our wom - en see vi - - sions, our men clear their eyes.



Refrain

“A - - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings.”
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.
With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo-ple a - rise.

1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, proph-et, priest, and king su - preme;
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole weak-ened bod - y, faint-ing soul;
 4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;

man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,
 and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell-ing all the dev - il's might;
 grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;

branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
 man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring-ing good from ill:
 that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,

an - themes be to thee ad - dressed,
 an - themes be to thee ad - dressed,
 an - themes be to thee ad - dressed,
 and may praise thee, ev - er blest,

God in flesh made man - i - fest.

⊕ Sunday to Sunday

11 – Sunday	9:30 am	Hybrid Worship + Baptism of Our Lord
	10:30 am	Coffee, Juice, and Conversation
12 – Monday	5:00 pm	Karate
	6:30 pm	Handbell Ensemble Rehearsal
13 – Tuesday	4:15 pm	Karate
14 – Wednesday	3:00 pm	Wilmot Indigenous Relations Interfaith Working Group
15 – Thursday	7:00 pm	Trinity Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 pm	Ecumenical Choir Rehearsal
17 – Saturday	7:30 pm	AA
18 – Sunday	10:00 am	Hybrid Worship + Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
	11:00 am	Coffee, Juice, and Conversation
	2:00 pm	Nithview Worship

⊕ New Member Sunday

On Sunday, January 25th, Trinity will host a “new member Sunday” where we welcome individuals as new or returning members in a simple Affirmation of Baptism rite. If you would like to be counted among these folks, please speak to Pastor Tanya or Jamie Courtney in the church office. We’d love to have you “make it official” as you join us in our mission and ministry!

⊕ Annual Meeting & Annual Report

Trinity’s Church Council has set the date for our next annual meeting, Sunday, February 22nd at 10:45 am. Please join us for our yearly review of mission and ministry and as we look ahead to the coming year. For those folks who normally submit reports and information for the Annual Report, please note that the deadline for submissions is Monday, January 19th. Reports in electronic format are preferred and can be sent via email to Jamie Courtney in the church office: courtney@telc.ca.

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