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## **Wednesday Service**

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11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

**THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

THE GREETING: Rev. Susan Snelling

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Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is Risen  
People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Celebrant: May his grace and peace be with you.  
All: **May he fill our hearts with joy. Amen.**

**KYRIE:** Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.

**THE COLLECT**

All: **O God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

**THE PSALMS**

**PSALM 38**

Celebrant: O LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger,  
People: **or discipline me in your wrath.**

Celebrant: For your arrows have sunk into me,  
People: **and your hand has come down on me.**

Celebrant: There is no soundness in my flesh because of your indignation;  
People: **there is no health in my bones because of my sin.**

Celebrant: For my iniquities have gone over my head;  
People: **they weigh like a burden too heavy for me.**

Celebrant: My wounds grow foul and fester because of my foolishness;  
People: **I am utterly bowed down and prostrate; all day long I go around mourning.**

Celebrant: For my loins are filled with burning,  
People: **and there is no soundness in my flesh.**

Celebrant: I am utterly spent and crushed;  
**People:** **I groan because of the tumult of my heart.**

Celebrant: O Lord, all my longing is known to you;  
**People:** **my sighing is not hidden from you.**

Celebrant: My heart throbs, my strength fails me;  
**People:** **as for the light of my eyes—it also has gone from me.**

Celebrant: My friends and companions stand aloof from my affliction,  
**People:** **and my neighbors stand far off.**

Celebrant: Those who seek my life lay their snares;  
**People:** **those who seek to hurt me speak of ruin and meditate treachery all day long.**

Celebrant: But I am like the deaf, I do not hear;  
**People:** **like the mute, who cannot speak.**

Celebrant: Truly, I am like one who does not hear,  
**People:** **and in whose mouth is no retort.**

Celebrant: But it is for you, O LORD, that I wait;  
**People:** **it is you, O Lord my God, who will answer.**

Celebrant: For I pray, “Only do not let them rejoice over me,  
**People:** **those who boast against me when my foot slips.”**

Celebrant: For I am ready to fall,  
**People:** **and my pain is ever with me.**

Celebrant: I confess my iniquity;  
**People:** **I am sorry for my sin.**

Celebrant: Those who are my foes without cause are mighty,  
**People:** **and many are those who hate me wrongfully.**

Celebrant: Those who render me evil for good  
**People:** **are my adversaries because I follow after good.**

Celebrant: Do not forsake me, O LORD; O my God, do not be far from me;  
**People:** **make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation.**

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

**FIRST READING:** Colossians 1:15-23

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF COLOSSIANS

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him— provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 3:13-17

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 fulfill 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.”

The Gospel of Christ.

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

## **Sermon**

Rev. Susan Snelling

God who raised Christ from the dead, speak to us through word and thought so that your will may be done, and our nightmare give way to your dream. **Amen.**

This recounting of Jesus’s baptism is the most detailed one we have. While Mark, Luke, and John all recall Jesus being baptized by John and the Holy Spirit descending like a dove and landing on him, the encounter takes place without hesitation. Here there is a brief discussion between John and Jesus.

In the third chapter of Matthew Jesus emerges as an adult after growing up in Nazareth. At the time John was out in the wilderness urging people to repent and turn from their pasts; to recommit themselves to the God of their ancestors. He was trying to prepare the Jewish people for the arrival of the Messiah - who would usher in a

unique period of new teachings about God and how people could relate to God. But first people needed to be transformed through immersion in the river Jordan, to wash them clean and mark the beginning of their changed life. Then they would be ready to accept the Messiah and his teaching.

I suspect John expected Jesus to just show up one day and begin to do his thing - proclaiming Good News to God's people. But this was not what God intended. Certain requirements needed to be fulfilled first.

John does not understand this. He tries to dissuade Jesus. Thinking that Jesus is more important than he is, he says Jesus should baptize him. But that is not who Jesus is. He does not rush in and take over, flaunting the power he has. While he seeks reform within his religious tradition, he also follows the rites and customs of his faith: going to the synagogue, praying, going to Jerusalem for High Holy Days, perhaps, reading the Torah.

So, he comes as everyone else is doing to be baptized by John as a means to make his transformation, to begin his new life. And as he does this, he is identified by God as God's son whom God loves and with whom God is well pleased.

Into this scene we can read the words from the letter to the Colossians. Jesus, when identified as the Son of God holds within his human body - the image of God, the fullness of God. He was present at the beginning of time or creation with God the Creator - helping create the world in which he would now live. And Jesus had come into the world to reconcile all things to God through his words and actions, his ministry of forgiveness, his example of selfless love. This moment at his baptism encapsulates God at work in Jesus - naming him, commissioning him - for the work he will do.

Jesus' example of humility as he comes to be baptized by John, is indicative of the humility which he will retain throughout his life. By humbling himself, he sets himself on equal footing with the others involved in this movement of John's. Jesus is one of them. This also will make the transfer of John's disciples after his arrest and death to followers Jesus easier. He was known to them.

Jesus - fully divine and fully human, born to Mary and Joseph, yet embodying God is part of the mystery of God. How do we reconcile these two things? And how do we reconcile ourselves - human and yet filled with the love and compassion of God? In order to be imitators of God - we must acknowledge the potential that lies within rather than focusing on our limitations and sinful natures. We too are children of God.

We are still in the season of Easter, of Resurrection. Our God is a God of mystery and of power.

But God also needs us in order to bring to reality the future that God envisions. We are called to be open to the reordering of our lives, our habits, and customs. To be open to God's imagination and plans for us (which may differ greatly from our plans for ourselves). And to be ready to humble ourselves before others so that we can be served and ministered to.

There is a mutuality about John and Jesus. A give and take - a back and forth. Respect for the other's calling and the task put before them. An opportunity to learn and to grow together - to deepen their relationship with God through increased awareness and understanding. A difference in gifts and abilities that enabled them to each carry out the ministry they had been given.

In both of their lives we see God at work - establishing new possibilities for all who could see or hear and understand what was really happening.

Gracious God - we thank you for the mystery that surrounds us and for the clues we uncover that help us to understand you and ourselves better. Grant us curiosity and imagination, the will to love and to serve you, and the ability to continue to follow on a path that is unclear. In Jesus's name we pray.

**People:**        **Amen**

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**Hear, O Israel**

**Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first and the great commandment. The second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.**

## **INTERCESSIONS AND THANKSGIVINGS**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (#15 Litany)

(In joy and hope let us pray to the source of all life, saying, "Hear us, Lord of Glory!")

**Reader:**        That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his holy and life-giving resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:**        **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

**Reader:**        That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the Easter gospel, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:**        **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

**Reader:**        That he may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:**        **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

**Reader:**        That he may provide for those who lack food, work, or shelter, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:**        **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

**Reader:**        That by his power wars and famine may cease through all the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:**        **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

**Reader:**        That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak, and the dying, that they may be comforted and strengthened; let us pray to the Lord.

**People:**        **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

**Reader:**        That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people, that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:**        **Hear us, Lord of glory! 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.

*(Silence is kept.)*

Celebrant: Most merciful God,

**People: 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.**

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

### PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS:

**All: Creator of all, you wash away our sins in water, you give us new birth by the Spirit, and redeem us in the blood of Christ. As we celebrate the resurrection, renew your gift of life within us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen.**

### EUCHARISTIC PRAYER #3:

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true paschal lamb who has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us eternal life. Therefore, joining our voices with the whole company of heaven, we sing our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

**All:** **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.**

**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."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

**All:** **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 break 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. Unit 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 for ever.

**People:** **Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Celebrant:** Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

**People:** **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.**

BREAKING OF BREAD #8:

Celebrant: Lord, we died with you on the cross.

**All: Now we are raised to new life.**

Celebrant: We were buried in your tomb.

**All: Now we share in your resurrection.**

Celebrant: Live in us, that we may live in you.

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

LAMB OF GOD:

**All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

**THE COMMUNION**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

**All: Author of life divine, in the breaking of bread we know the risen Lord. Feed us always in these mysteries, that we may show your glory to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

THE DOXOLOGY:

**All: Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask of imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**NOTICES:**

**BLESSING:**

Officiant: The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make his face shine on us and be gracious to us. The Lord look upon us with favour and grant us peace.

**People: Amen.**

**DISMISSAL:**

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

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**Assisting today:**

Celebrant/Preacher: The Rev. Susan Snelling

Video: David Paradis

**This morning in our worship we remember in our prayers those of our family and friends who have immediate needs and concerns:**

Gail Jones; Brenda & Family; John & Family; Bruno, sons & all the family; Parents & Family of EV; Matthew Canning; Bill Canning; Quinn, Cass & Cory; Donna, Ray, Nancy & Chris Wilson; Ida; Cecilia Mowat & Family; Lorraine Whitwell; Celeste & parents; Stephanie; Alvin Maynard; Nova; Colleen; Irene; John; Kayla; Dorothy McIlravey & husband Chuck; Kim Middaugh; Wilma; Sally; Steve & Jade; Jim & Barb Tomkins; Ron and Karen; Braedy; Karyn; Rev. Janet Mitchell; Sharron Snider; Peter Hubbard; Sally Smith; Marilyn Lloyd.

**The names below are people in need of ongoing prayers for various reasons so we ask you to please continue to pray for them and their continuing need of God's healing touch and grace:**

Colleen; Elizabeth Cresswell; Martin Bertelsen; Stephen Bertelsen; Theresa & Pete; Valerie; Darlene Jessem; Doreen; Brenda & Brian; Derek; Jaxon Croft; Sean; Rose McIntyre; Vayda; Daniel Leibovich; Barb Semsch; Rose Court; Mark Ralston; Jackson; Phil & Kathy C.; Bob Anderson; Nancy Perault; Marco Romita & Rose; Sharon Z; Adesh; Lisa Marie; Joyce Antony; Bill & Cathy Gray; Dave Lawrence; Livia & Neil Purcell; Sheila Green; Carrie Snow; Sheri Scott; Carl; Mark & Erin; Wally Raymond; Christine; Audrey Moody; Lynda Raye; Garn Mennell; Lee & Jeannie Martin; Michelle Sinclair and mom; Jane & Ron Lewis; Marilyn Foley; Bill Snow; Deborah Hall; Jen Galicinski; Arlene; Joan Gough; Eunice Merrett; Jean Wallace; Nancy Dodds; Wendy Goodyer; Do Saunders; Jefferson Jr.; June Osolin; Tanya Wade-Vargas.

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for:**

St. Lukes, Price's Corners

**In the Toronto Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for:**

Diocese of Lebombo (Southern Africa)