



# Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

*Rest \* Reset \* Renew*

January 29, 2023, 10:30am

## Gathering in the FBCH Sanctuary

Prayer candles are available in the north transept if you would like to light one as part of your prayer this morning. For more information about the life of FBCH, visit our website: fbchalifax.ca or like us on social media.

**Wifi Password for FBCH Guest: youareloved**

## Prelude

**Lynette Wahlstrom, organ**

*Once by an Inland Water - Bevan*

## Ringing of the Trinity

## Welcome

**Paula Zanella Antunes**

*If joining on Facebook Live or YouTube we invite you to say hello to everyone by posting a comment to the live stream.*

## \*Call to Worship:

**Gisela O'Brien**

*This is the Table Blessing that begins our monthly FBCH Kitchen Party.  
We gather again tonight at 5:00pm for dinner and community.*

*See Paula or Rusty if you would like to join us (we will share a potluck breakfast this evening).*

Most Wondrous Creator who creates out of nothing, who shapes beauty out of chaos, breathes life into dust, delights in designing difference, and embodies in each human the image of our Maker:

**Most Wondrous Creator, awaken within us your delight.**

Most Wondrous Christ who forsook heaven to live on Earth, who is flesh of our flesh and bone of our bone, changes water to wine summons joy from despair, Light of the world and Embodiment of Love:

**Most Wondrous Christ, bathe us with the brilliance of your Light.**

Most Wondrous Holy Spirit who fills our world with life, who creates within us something new, takes us on unexpected journeys, opens us to embrace one another, binding us to God, breath of all creation;

**Most Wondrous Holy Spirit, breathe within us the breath of life.**

## \*Prayer of Approach

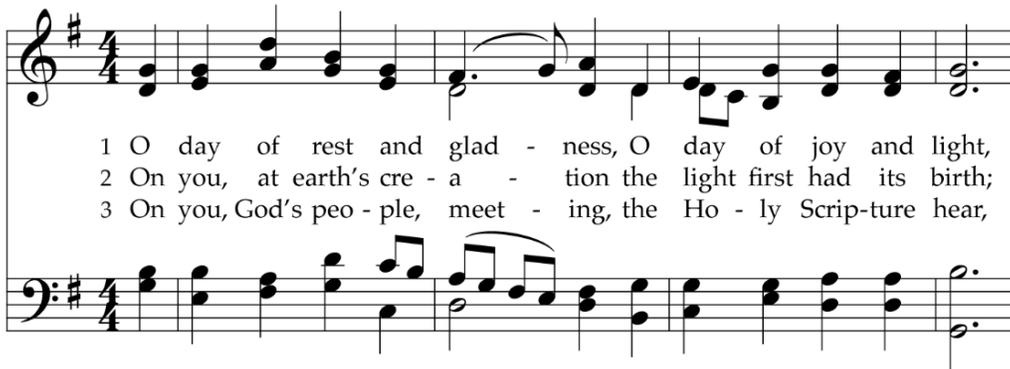
**God-Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit—we give you thanks for the community we share together at First Baptist Church Halifax.  
Guide us to follow in your Way so that we might be salt and light for our beloved city. Amen.**

*\*Stand as you are able*

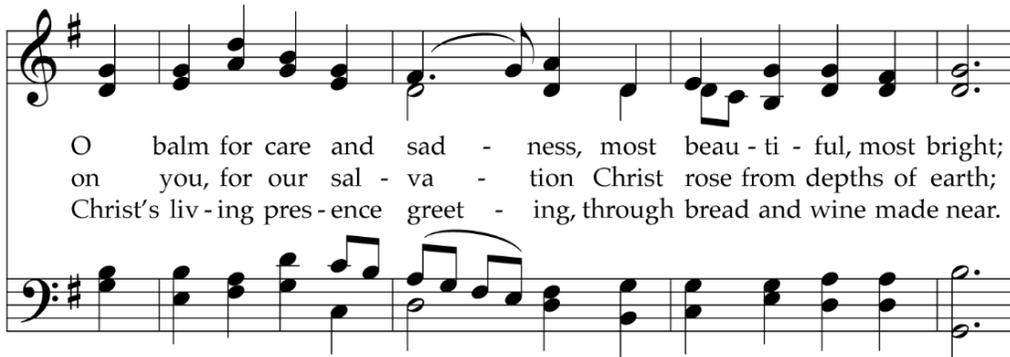
# \*Processional Hymn

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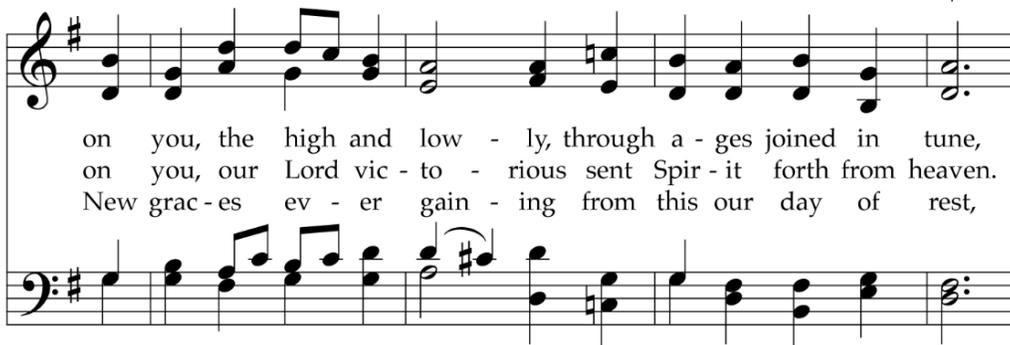
## 393 O Day of Rest and Gladness



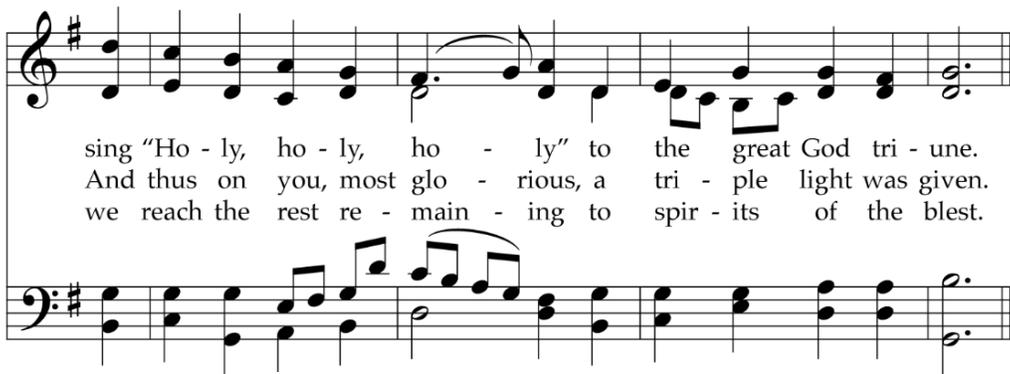
1 O day of rest and glad - ness, O day of joy and light,  
2 On you, at earth's cre - a - tion the light first had its birth;  
3 On you, God's peo - ple, meet - ing, the Ho - ly Scrip-ture hear,



O balm for care and sad - ness, most beau - ti - ful, most bright;  
on you, for our sal - va - tion Christ rose from depths of earth;  
Christ's liv - ing pres - ence greet - ing, through bread and wine made near.



on you, the high and low - ly, through a - ges joined in tune,  
on you, our Lord vic - to - rious sent Spir - it forth from heaven.  
New grac - es ev - er gain - ing from this our day of rest,



sing "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly" to the great God tri - une.  
And thus on you, most glo - rious, a tri - ple light was given.  
we reach the rest re - main - ing to spir - its of the blest.

In this text the first day of the week represents a threefold commemoration of Creation, Resurrection, and Pentecost—each an encounter with Trinitarian activity centered on one of the Three Persons. The tune name recalls the secular German song adapted for use with several hymns.

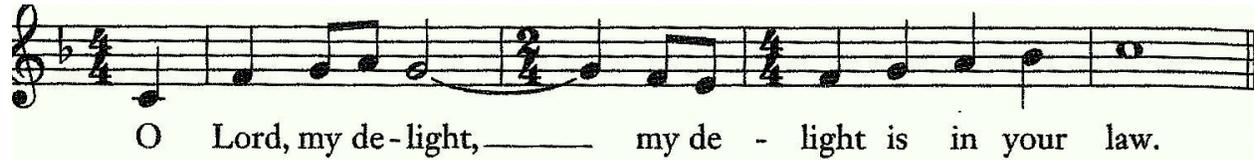
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Text St. 3 © 1985 Charles P. Price

## Lighting of the Christ Candle

Psalm Reading: Psalm 1:1-6

Gisela O'Brien

*The Inclusive Bible*



Happiness comes to those who reject the path of violence, who refuse to associate with wrongdoers or even to sit with people who belittle others.

**Happiness comes to those who delight in the Law of the LORD and meditate on it day and night. They are like trees planted by flowing water—they bear fruit in every season, and their leaves never wither: everything they do will prosper. R**

But not wrongdoers! They are like chaff that the wind blows away. They will not have a taproot to anchor them when judgment comes, nor will corrupt individuals be given a place at the Gathering of the Just.

**The LORD watches over the steps of those who do justice; but those on a path of violence and injustice will find themselves irretrievably lost. R**

Children's Story

Rhonda Schofield

*Children going into Primary-Grade 6 are invited to go to Godly Play.*

*Today's Godly Play story: Parable of the Great Pearl*

**\*Doxology - OLD HUNDREDTH**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Christ, all people here below, Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:1-16**

*New Revised Standard Version*

<sup>5:1</sup>When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup> 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup> 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup> 'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup> 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup> 'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup> 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup> 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup> 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup> 'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

<sup>13</sup>'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. <sup>14</sup>'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup>No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Creator in heaven.

### **Spoken Reflection**

**Rusty Edwards**

*New Start: Great Communities*

### **Anthem**

**Senior Choir**

*Otche Nash (The Lord's Prayer) -Kedrov*

*The choir shares this prayer as a plea to end war and aggression*

### **Prayers of the People**

**Gisela O'Brien**

### **Lord's Prayer**

**Our Creator, 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.**

**\*Recessional Hymn (next page)**

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## Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) (G) (D/F#) (A7) (D)  
 E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>/G B<sup>b</sup>7 E<sup>b</sup>



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;  
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;  
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) (D) (G) (A)  
 B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>



naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;  
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) (D) (F#m7) (G) (A)  
 A<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> Gm7 A<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>



thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;  
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) (D/F#) (G) (D)  
 Cm E<sup>b</sup>/G A<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.  
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

**Amen**

**Postlude**

**Lynette Wahlstrom, Organ**

*Nachspiel im klassischen Stil - Merkel*



**Offerings**

*All contributions to FBCH support our mission and ministry and are greatly appreciated. Many choose to give by setting-up recurring contributions. You may also give to FBCH by making an e-transfer or by giving on-line through a link on our website. You can go to our website [www.fbchalifax.ca](http://www.fbchalifax.ca) and click on the Ways to Give link on our homepage for instructions on how to give.*

**Truth & Reconciliation**

*Each Sunday, we list one of the Calls to Action issued by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada. These Calls to Action remind us of Jesus' calling to love God and love our neighbours. May they guide us to put loving justice into action.*

**Reconciliation: Museums and Archives**

67. We call upon the federal government to provide funding to the Canadian Museums Association to undertake, in collaboration with Aboriginal peoples, a national review of museum policies and best practices to determine the level of compliance with the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* and to make recommendations.



**Thank you to our live stream worship leaders**

Gisela O'Brien, Deacon  
Jean Ferguson, Coordinator of Congregational and Community Engagement  
Arla Johnson, Minister of Inclusive Community  
Rhonda Schofield, Interim Minister of Faith Development  
Lynette Wahlstrom, Director of Music  
Paula Zanello Antunes, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Coordinator  
Rusty Edwards, Senior Minister



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## HALIFAX

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### Breaking Stereotypes Since 1827

The story of the early church in the New Testament is a story of the ever-expanding circle of those included in the community of Jesus. We believe that circle expands to include all people.

Because we are followers of Jesus, First Baptist Church Halifax welcomes all people into the full life of the church community. This means we will not discriminate on the grounds of gender, age, race, national or ethnic origin, colour, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or economic circumstances.

We really do want you to join us. Our diversity helps us all expand our understandings of God.

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