

# St. James United Church

A Community of Friends in Faith

330 Elizabeth Avenue, St. John's, NL A1B 1T9

February 4, 2018/Baptism/5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

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Soloist: Gina Gibbons

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## Musical Prelude

### Welcome and Sharing the Peace:

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.



### Announcements: Life & Work of St. James

**Lighting the Community Candle:** We light our Community Candle to remind us that we are in unity with one another and with Christ, and His light will guide us as we walk together.

**Introit:** *Praise Ye The Lord*

Choir

### Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: Let us praise the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord with all our hearts

**All: Honor and majesty are God's work, and God's righteousness endures forever.**

One: The works of God's hands are faithful and just. God sent redemption to the people.

**All: God's praise endures forever!**

**Opening Prayer:** (together) ) Loving and gracious God, we give You thanks that You have made Yourself known to us in the person of Your Son, Jesus. Grant that our worship today honors His name and feeds our spirits with an awareness of Your presence. Guide us, keep us, and protect us in our life's journey. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

**Hymn:** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

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## Children's Time

### The Sacrament of Holy Baptism



#### Presentation

#### Parents' Baptismal Vows

**Congregational Commitment:** (together) We have heard the will of the parents. We receive this child in Christ's name as we ourselves have been received. We all belong to the one household of faith in Jesus Christ. We will support these parents and this child through prayer, and provide a community of faith in which they are welcome to belong. May we serve God's world together. Amen.

**Affirmation of Faith:** A New Creed

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### Prayer of Thanksgiving and Pouring of the Water

#### Action of baptism: Talia London Taylor Griffin-Myler

(daughter of Elizabeth Rebecca Griffin & Mark Michael Myler)

**Baptism Chorus:** *I'm so glad I'm a part of the family of God.*

*I've been washed in the fountain, filled with God's love;  
joint heirs with Jesus, as we travel this sod,  
for I'm part of the family, the family of God.*

**Solo:** *Ladybird* (sung in German)

Gina Gibbons

### Offertory Invitation

#### Offering

**Offertory Chorus:** *Spirit of Life, come unto me.*

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*Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.  
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;  
move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.  
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;  
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.*

**Offertory Prayer:** (together) Dear Lord, from Your generous hands, we receive all that we need, and even more. In gratitude, we return to You a portion of Your gifts to us. Grant that these gifts may be used in service for You, that Your grace may be known by all. In Jesus' name. Amen.

**Anthem:** *I'm Gonna Sing/Over My Head* Choir

**Scripture Readings**

Isaiah 40: 21-31  
1 Corinthians 9: 16-23  
Mark 1: 29-39

**Meditation:** Stay focused

**Hymn:** *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* 664

**Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer**

**Closing Hymn:** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* 651

**Blessing and Sending Forth:** As we go, we remember that God is with us, God is here beside us, God is the path we follow, the light that guides us and the love that sustains us. Thanks be to God. Amen.

**Choral Benediction:** *Prayer of Dedication*

**Musical Postlude**

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**Ushering this morning is provided by:**

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