

The Baptism of Our Lord

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Welcome | We hope you will participate fully in today's services, as you feel comfortable. Customary times to stand, and sit (as able) are indicated in italic type. Words spoken by the people are indicated in **bold type**. Everything you need to worship is provided in this worship bulletin unless otherwise noted.

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TODAYS MINISTERS | *Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Alan James (both services); Acolyte: Campbell Sharpe (9:00), Joe Ariano (10:45); Lector and Intercessor: Alex Simmons (9:00), Isabel Guzman-Barron (10:45); Greeter: Carol Blendowski (both services)*

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: 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.

SONG OF PRAISE | *Sing We Now of Jesus* Tune: Noël Nouvelet, French Carol, Text: Michael Burkhardt
Sung twice, once in unison, and once in canon

COLLECT OF THE DAY



Sing we now of Je - sus, Born on_ Christ - mas Day. Sing we now of
Je - sus, Born on_ bed of hay. Lift up your voice, With
Ris'n from_ death's dark grave.
all the world re - joice; Sing we now of Je - sus, Born to_ light our way.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The Word of God

Please be seated.

FIRST READING | A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah [43:1-7].

Thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

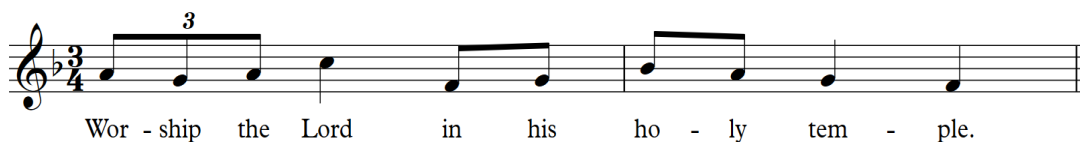
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life.

Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth — everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



RESPONSE | Psalm 29

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters. The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; The voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor. **Refrain**

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon; He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox. **Refrain**

The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, "Glory!" **Refrain**

The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore. The Lord shall give strength to his people; the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Refrain

SECOND READING | A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles [8:14-17].

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL | *Celtic Alleluia* Tune by Fintan O'Carroll (1922-1981)

Please stand, as you are able.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!__

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Gradual 'Celtic Alleluia'. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#), and a 6/8 time signature. The melody is written on a five-line staff with notes and rests. Below the staff, the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!' are written. The second staff continues the melody, with a change in time signature to 9/8 and then back to 6/8. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!__' are written below this staff.

HOLY GOSPEL

Deacon The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke [3:15-22].

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

As the people were filled with expectation and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water, but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

So with many other exhortations he proclaimed the good news to the people. But Herod the ruler, who had been rebuked by him because of Herodias, his brother's wife, and because of all the evil things that Herod had done, added to them all by shutting up John in prison.

Now when all the people were baptized and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a

dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

HOMILY *Please be seated.*

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Please stand, as you are able.

Celebrant Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ ?

People **I do.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **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.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **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.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon Today we celebrate the manifestation of God's love to all the world. With confidence let us bring our petitions to God's altar, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor God of light, and life our prayers rise before you this day in hope and faith. For your church, for our diocese, bishops, clergy, religious, and all people, we pray,
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Flame of abundant love, be our joy in proclaiming your Good News to the world. For all who are coming to faith, all who wonder about faith, and all who are struggling with faith, we pray,
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Light of all creation, guide us to lead, teach, and nurture your disciples. We give you thanks for the many celebrations of this life, including those celebrating birthdays...and anniversaries...; and for those in need of food, shelter, clothing, and of God's healing touch, especially those on our parish intercession list, whom we now name..., we pray,
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Comforter of the suffering, warm our hands to loving service. For the world, especially where there is trouble and suffering, far away or nearby, we pray,
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Ember of steadfast care, fuel our passion to challenge injustice and violence and to pursue peace and reconciliation. For the land on which we stand, the peoples, creatures, plant life and waters around us, we pray,
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Star blaze of glory, lead this spiritual family as we continue the work of building a new parish center and prepare to welcome a new rector. Illumine our shared work and ministry, that we may walk together in faith and hope, we pray,

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Deacon All this we pray to you, O God. Reveal your ever-present light which guides us through the darkness. Hear our prayers according to your will, and give us patience and trust as we await your coming anew in our lives and in the world. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN & ABSOLUTION

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, 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 neighbors 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 on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

People **And also with you.**

The People exchange a sign of peace with one another and sit for the announcements.

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Celebrant Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM | *Shall We Gather at the River* Tune: Hanson Place, and text by Robert Lowry (1826-1899), arr by Russell Robinson

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

SANCTUS | *Sanctus, Mass of Spirit and Grace* by Ricky Manalo

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord, God of hosts.____

Heav-en and earth are full of your glo- ry.____ Ho - san - na, ho-

san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.____ Bless-ed is

he whøcomes in the name of the Lord.____ Ho - high- est.____

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of 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 Savior 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 before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father:

People **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, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread 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. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of 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 him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People **AMEN.**

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ taught us, we are bold to sing,

LORD'S PRAYER | *The Lord's Prayer* by Nan Avant

Our Fa-ther which art in heav- en, Hal-low-ed be Thy name.
Thy king-dom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in
hea-ven Give us this day our dai - ly bread. And for
give us our debts, As we for-give our debt-ors. And lead us
not in-to tem-ta-tion; But de - li - ver us from e - vil. For
Thine is the king-dom, and the pow-er and the glo-ry, for e - ver;
For Thine is the king-dom and the pow - er and the
glo - ry for e - - - ver.

FRACTION ANTHEM | *Fraction, Mass of Spirit and Grace* by Ricky Manalo

Lamb of God you take a way the sins of the
world, have mercy on us. world,
grant us peace. Grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Note—Everyone is invited to receive communion. If you wish to intinct (to dip the wafer into the wine instead of consuming from the common cup), please do so from the small cup of wine in the center of the paten (plate) when you receive the wafer and not from the common cup others drink from. Please let the priest know if you desire a gluten-free wafer. If you prefer, you may receive a blessing instead of Communion; to indicate your desire for a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest.

COMMUNION ANTHEM | *My Son, the Beloved* by David Blackwell

POST COMMUNION PRAYER & FINAL BLESSING

Please stand, as you are able.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN | *Take Me to the Water* African American Spiritual (all verses)

1. Take me to the wa - ter, take me to the
 2. None but the right - eous, none but the
 3. I love Je - sus, I love
 4. He's my Sav - ior, He's my

1. wa - ter, take me to the wa -
 2. right - eous, none but the right -
 3. Je - sus, I love Je -
 4. Sav - ior, He's my Sav -

1. ter to be bap - tized.
 2. eous shall see God.
 3. sus, oh yes, I do.
 4. ior, oh yes, He is.

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MUSICAL MEDITATION | *Wade in the Water* arr. By Dennis Ruello

DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People **Thanks be to God.**



Announcements

Epiphany Small Group Bible Study | This year, during Epiphanytide, small groups will explore the gospel of Luke. Sign up for those groups online.

Morning Glories and Morning Prayer on Zoom | Morning Glories and Wednesday Morning Prayer will be online for the next two weeks due to work noise at the Rectory. The Zoom links are on the website and in the eNews.

This Week at COS

1/12 Sunday Epiphany 1

7:45am Spoken Eucharist (Chapel)

9:00am Eucharist featuring Music Ensemble (Salvatore's)

10:00am Sunday School (Rectory)

10:45am Eucharist featuring Music Ensemble (Salvatore's)

1/13 Monday

6:30pm Men's Open AA Group (Chapel)

8:30pm Compline (Zoom)

1/14 Tuesday

7:30am Morning Glories Bible Study (Zoom)

12:00pm Weekly Eucharist (Chapel)

7:00pm Senior Conversations (Rectory)

1/15 Wednesday

10:00am Morning Prayer (Zoom)

1/16 Thursday

7:00pm Education for Ministry (EfM) (Rectory)

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