

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

January 12, 2025

The Baptism of Our Lord cannot help but recall our own and all baptismal blessings. We recall and celebrate our adoption as daughters and sons, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the promised company of almighty God when we "pass through the waters... the rivers... fire." On this day, the heavens open again and we receive the gift of the beloved Son of God in bread and wine.

Prelude

When Jesus Came to Jordan

arr. Robert Lind (b. 1940)

ENTRANCE RITE

<u>Hymn</u>

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise



Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–1885 Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702, adapt.

Apostolic Greeting

- P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C: And also with you.

Kyrie

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



Hymn of Praise





Salutation and Prayer of the Day



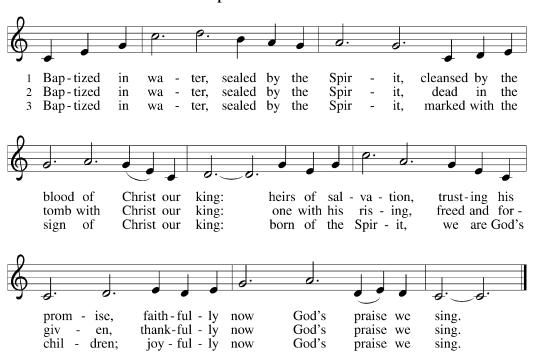
P: Let us pray.

ALL: Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful in their calling to be your children and inheritors with him of everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

LITURGY OF THE WORD

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Baptized in Water



Text: Michael Saward, b. 1932

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune

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P: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. By water and the Word, God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the

Who presents *Noah Joseph* to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism?

R: We do. P: In Christian love you have presented this child for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully bring him to the services of God's house, and teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed and the Ten Commandments. As he grows in years, you should place in his hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for his instruction in the Christian faith, that, living in the covenant of his Baptism and in communion with the Church he may lead a godly life until the day of Jesus Christ.

Do you promise to fulfill these obligations?

R: We do.

P: Using the words of our ancestors in the faith, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

P: Do you renounce all the forces of evil and their empty promises?

R: I do.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

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

C: 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 into hell.
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.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: 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. Amen

P: Noah Joseph, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen



(A prayer for the Holy Spirit is said.)

P: God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your children from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy sacrament. Pour your Holy Spirit upon *Noah Joseph:* 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.

C: Amen

(The sign of the cross is made on the forehead.)

P: *Noah Joseph*, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

(A baptismal candle is presented.)

P: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

(A prayer is said for the family of the child.)

P: Let us pray.

O God, the giver of all life, look with kindness upon the family of this child. Let them ever rejoice in the gift you have given them. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for their children. Strengthen them in their own Baptism so that they may share eternally with their children the salvation you have given them, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

(The newly baptized is welcomed into the fellowship of the congregation.)

- P: Through Baptism God has made this new brother a member of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.
- C: We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, and a worker with us in the kingdom of God.



First Lesson - Isaiah 43:1-7

Near the end of Israel's exile in Babylon, God promises to bring them home. They need no longer be afraid, because the One who formed, created, and called them by name now redeems them from all their enemies.

God declares them precious and honored, and God loves them.

¹But now 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.

²When 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.

³For 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.

⁴Because 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.

⁵Do not fear, for I am with you;

I will bring your offspring from the east,

and from the west I will gather you;

⁶I 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 — ⁷everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29

(sung in unison)

The majesty of God is described in the likeness of a thunderstorm: the Lord is mighty over land and sea.

Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,* ascribe to the LORD glo- ry and strength. ²Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name;* worship the LORD in the beau- ty of holiness. ³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of | glory thunders;* the LORD is upon the | mighty waters. ⁴The voice of the LORD is a pow'rful voice;* the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor. ⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedar trees;* the LORD breaks the ce- dars of Lebanon; 6he makes Lebanon skip | like a calf,* and Mount Hermon like a voung wild ox. ⁷The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire; the voice of the LORD | shakes the wilderness;* the LORD shakes the wilder- ness of Kadesh. 8The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe* and strips the | forests bare. ⁹And in the temple | of the LORD* all are crying, "Glory!" ¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned a- bove the flood;* the LORD sits enthroned as | king forevermore. 11The LORD shall give strength | to his people;* the LORD shall give his people the bless- ing of peace.

Second Lesson - Acts 8:14-17

Peter and John are sent to support the new followers of the risen Christ in Samaria, a group that was recently baptized after hearing the good news of Christ through the preaching of Philip. Here, the Samaritans receive the gift of the Holy Spirit in the laying on of hands.

¹⁴Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia Verse



Holy Gospel - Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third chapter.



The reading opens with questions about the identity of the Messiah. John the Baptist insists that he is not the Messiah; instead, he points ahead to One who is coming: Jesus of Nazareth, God's beloved Son.

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John 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 thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His 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." ²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and 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."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



Sermon Pastor Roberts

silence for reflection

<u>Hymn</u>

When Jesus Came to Jordan



The Prayers

- A: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.
- A: O God, you call us by name and form us. We give thanks for the gift of Holy Baptism. Nurture all the baptized and equip us to proclaim the good news of Christ Jesus our Lord. God of grace,
- C: hear our prayer.
- A: Your voice sounds over the waters. Speak words of healing over the rivers and lakes, seas and oceans. Heeding your voice, lead us to care for water, and the land and creatures it nourishes. God of grace,
- C: hear our prayer.
- A: You give strength to your people. Uphold all who serve the common good. Guide federal and state legislators, city and county officials, judges and juries. Strengthen our resolve to serve all in need. God of grace,
- C: hear our prayer.
- A: You are with us in challenging times. Draw near to all who are ill, undergoing treatment, or recovering from surgery. Accompany individuals and families affected by addiction, mental health challenges, or natural disasters. Uphold each person as your beloved. God of grace,
- C: hear our prayer.
- A: You draw us into community. Embolden ministries of racial reconciliation, nurture work on behalf of immigrants and refugees, and equip each to use their gifts for the sake of neighbors near and far. God of grace,
- C: hear our prayer.
- A: You grant us peace. Comfort all who grieve. Dwell with us in this life and, at the last, join us with the saints whom you have created, formed, and named. God of grace,
- C: hear our prayer.
- P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- ALL: Amen



LITURGY OF THE MEAL

The Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

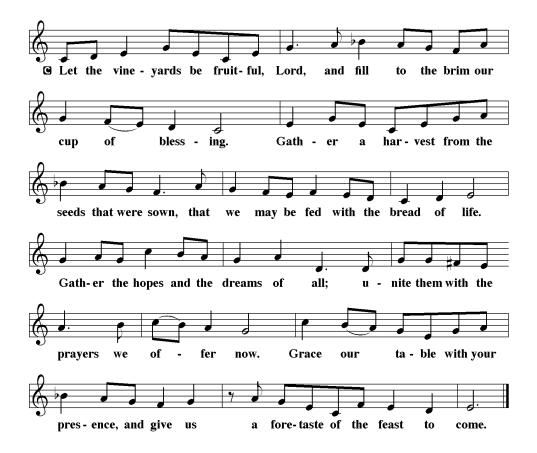
C: And also with you.

Offering

Lord God, the Holy Ghost, In this accepted hour,
As on the day of Pentecost, Descend in all Thy power;
We meet with one accord In our appointed place,
And wait the promise of our Lord, By all adored, The Spirit of grace.
Descend O heavenly Dove, abide with us alway;
And in the fullness of thy Love, come from above, And cleanse us, we pray.

Like mighty rushing wind Upon the waves beneath,
Move with one impulse every mind, One soul, one feeling breathe:
The young, the old inspire With wisdom from above;
O grant us gifts, and tongues of fire, Hearts of desire, To pray, praise, and love.
Descend O heavenly Dove, abide with us alway;
And in the fullness of thy Love, come from above, And cleanse us, we pray.

Offertory

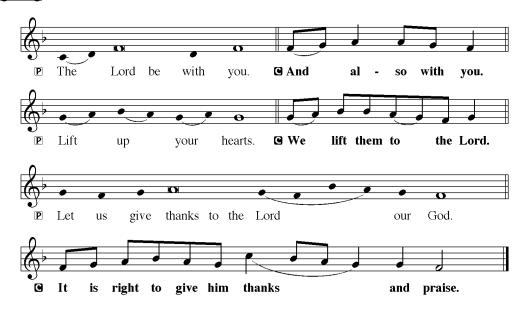


Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

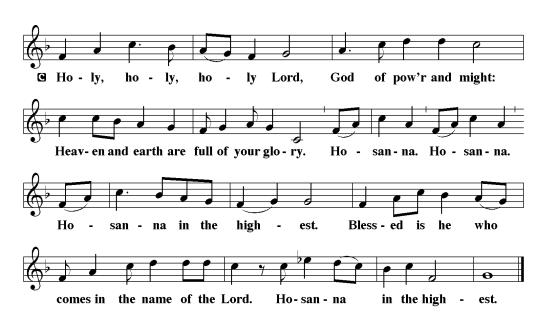
ALL: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Great Thanksgiving



Proper Preface

Sanctus



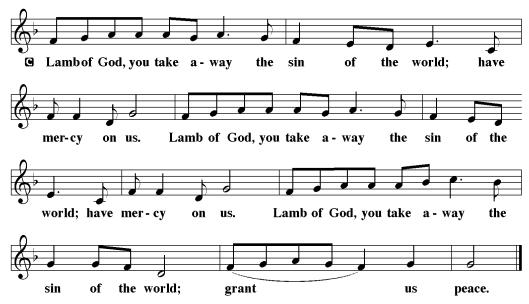
Eucharistic Prayer

Lord's Prayer

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

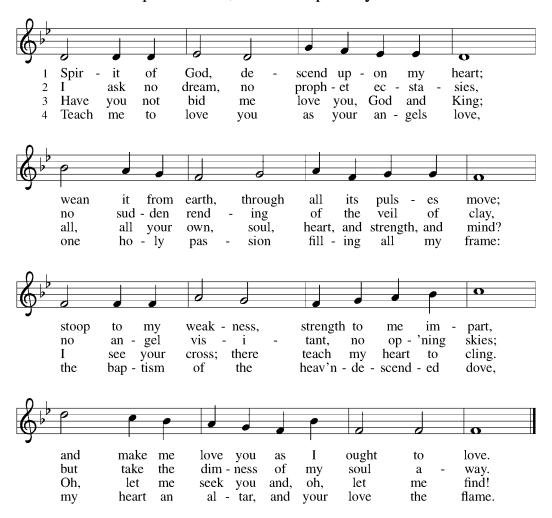
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

Communion with our Risen Lord Agnus Dei



Hymns

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart



Text: George Croly, 1780–1860 Music: MORECAMBE, Frederick C. Atkinson, 1841–189

Let All Things Now Living

1 - Let all things now living

A song of thanksgiving

To God the creator triumphantly raise,

Who fashioned and made us,

Protected and stayed us,

Who still guides us on to the end of our days.

God's banners are o'er us, His light goes before us,

A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,

Till shadows have vanished

And darkness is banished,

As forward we travel from light into light.

2 - His law he enforces,

The stars in their courses

And sun in its orbit obediently shine;

The hills and the mountains,

The rivers and fountains,

The deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.

We too should be voicing

Our love and rejoicing;

With glad adoration a song let us raise

Till all things now living

Unite in thanksgiving:

To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"

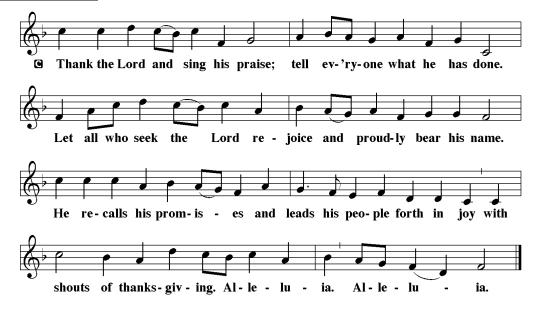
Text: Katherine K. Davis, b. 1892 Tune: Welsh folk tune

Post-Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen

Post-Communion Canticle



Post-Communion Prayer

A: Let us pray.

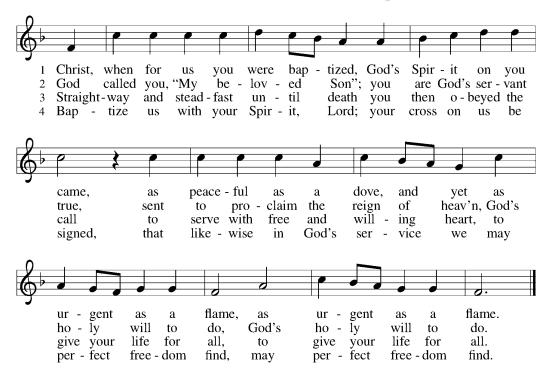
Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

Benediction



Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized



Text: F. Bland Tucker, 1895-1984, alt.

Music: LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN, Nikolaus Herman, 1480-1561

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Dismissal

A: Our service now begins. Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized

arr. Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)



We welcome **Noah Joseph Davis** into our fellowship today through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Noah is the son of Katie and Graeme Davis.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Sally and Jeff Schneider in honor of their fifty-fourth wedding anniversary.

The candles are given to the glory of God by Katie and Graeme Davis in honor of Noah's baptism today.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY		
Sunday, January 12	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m.	Service of Holy Communion and Home Communion Sunday Church School Service of Holy Communion with Livestream via YouTube and Home Communion Senior Youth (grades nine - twelve; meet at Youth House) Parish Nurse Education Program Junior Youth (grades six - eight; Youth House) Confirmation Class (grades six - eight)
Monday, January 13	9:30 a.m.	Strength and Balance Exercise Class Chair Yoga Class Connecting with God (via Zoom) - <i>An Enneagram Study</i>
Tuesday, January 14	5:40 p.m.	Bible Study - <i>The Gospel According to Luke</i> Handbell Choir Rehearsal Table Talk - <i>Signs of Belonging</i>
Wednesday, January 15	12:10 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	Women's Sewing Group Service of Holy Communion Wednesday Children's Ministry Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, January 16		Parish Nurse in office (until 10:00 a.m.) Discussion Group - Living the Questions
Friday, January 17	9:30 a.m.	Strength and Balance Exercise Class Chair Yoga Class Book Discussion Group - Jesus' Alternative Plan
Saturday, January 18	9:00 a.m.	Red Cross Bloodmobile (until 2:00 p.m.)
Next Sunday, January 19	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Service of Holy Communion Sunday Church School Service of Holy Communion with Livestream via YouTube Intermediate Youth (grades three - five) Junior and Senior Youth (grades six - twelve) Thomas Mass Third Sunday Program

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