

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

*The First Sunday after The Epiphany
The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ*



Baptism of Jesus by He Qi.

*The Episcopal Church of The Holy Innocents
11 January, 2026 ~ 9:30 AM*

Welcome! In The Episcopal Church all baptized Christians are welcomed to receive Holy Communion. BCP means The Book of Common Prayer (Red Book). You'll find the BCP and Hymnals in the pew rack in front of you.

Prelude

Voluntary

Please use this time for quiet prayer and contemplation

Parish Notices

THE WORD OF GOD

Entrance Hymn #76 *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry* WINCHESTER NEW

Opening Acclamation

BCP, p. 355

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father Son and Holy Spirit

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen**

The 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. *All* **Amen.**

Gloria in excelsis S-280 *(All sing)*

Robert Powell

The Collect of the Day:

BCP, p. 214

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 First Lesson

Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;

I have put my spirit upon him;
 he will bring forth justice to the nations.
He will not cry or lift up his voice,
 or make it heard in the street;
a bruised reed he will not break,
 and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
 he will faithfully bring forth justice.
He will not grow faint or be crushed
 until he has established justice in the earth;
 and the coastlands wait for his teaching.
Thus says God, the LORD,
 who created the heavens and stretched them out,
 who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
 and spirit to those who walk in it:
I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,
 I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
 a light to the nations,
 to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
 from the prison those who sit in darkness.
I am the LORD, that is my name;
 my glory I give to no other,
 nor my praise to idols.
See, the former things have come to pass,
 and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
 I tell you of them.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, *
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; *
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; *
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 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.
- 8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the LORD *
all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; *
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; *
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

The Epistle

Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus

Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn #121 (*All stand*) *Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized* CAITHNESS

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 3:13-17

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

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."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.** (*All are seated*)

The Sermon

The Rev. Peter De Franco

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People *Holy Cross Episcopal Church Dunn Loring, VA*

(The people may stand or kneel)

Celebrant God of light and life our prayers rise before you this day in hope and faith.

Leader We pray for the Holy Church of God, In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Anglican Church of Central America. We pray for Sarah, The Archbishop of Canterbury-designate, for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; for Sally our Bishop; for Erin, our Newly Called Rector and for Peter our supply priest and all bishops, priests, deacons and all other ministers and for unity for all peoples. Flame of abundant love, be our Joy in proclaiming your Good News to the world.

People **God of light and life. Receive our prayer.**

Leader We pray for all who are coming to faith, all who wonder about faith, and all who are struggling with faith. Light of all creation, guide us to lead, teach and nurture your disciples.

People **God of light and life. Receive our prayer.**

Leader We pray for those in need of food, shelter, clothing, and of God's healing touch and especially those on our Parish Prayer List. Comforter of the suffering, warm our hands to loving service.

People **God of light and life. Receive our prayer.**

Leader We pray for the world, especially where there is trouble and suffering, far away or nearby for Colleen our Mayor, Philip our Governor, Mikie our Governor-Elect, Donald our President. Bring peace to places torn by conflict. Ember of steadfast care, fuel our passion to challenge injustice and violence and to pursue peace and reconciliation.

People **God of light and life. Receive our prayer.**

Leader We pray for the land on which we stand, the peoples, creatures, plant life and waters around us. Star blaze of glory, lead us to care for this fragile earth, our island home, and to heal the circle of creation.

People **God of light and life. Receive our prayer.**

Leader We pray for comfort and healing for all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially Great Physician, grant them courage and hope in their troubles.

People **God of light and life. Receive our prayer.**

Leader We pray for all who have died, that they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal. Resurrected God, our lives are yours.

People **God of light and life. Receive our prayer.**

Celebrant God of radiant light, your love illumines our hopes before we know them, And our needs before we ask. Kindle your flame within us, that in our prayers and service, we may know your transforming presence at work in the world around us. All this we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Confession

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

Celebrant & People **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.**

Absolution

BCP, p. 360

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.**

The Peace (*All stand*)

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Hymn #295 *Sing Praise to Our Creator* CHRISTUS, DER IST MEIN LIEBEN

Presentation of the Gifts (*All stand*)

All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee

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 God 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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus **S-129** *(all sing)*

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Robert Powell

Celebrant 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,

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, 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. *All: AMEN.*

The Lord's Prayer

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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, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the Consecrated Bread. The congregation observes a time of silence.

Fraction Anthem: S-154 *(all sing) Christ Our Passover*

David Hurd

(All baptized Christians are welcomed to receive Holy Communion.)

Postcommunion Prayer *(Please stand)*

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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.

Blessing

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Hymn LEVAS #141 *Shall We Gather at the River*

Robert Lowry

Dismissal

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Postlude

Voluntary

Thank you to Barbara Wheeler for playing organ for us while Ellen is away!

Serving Today

Crucifer ~ John Wall **Lector** ~ Pat Peacock **Ushers** ~ Larry Peacock, Dave White
Chalice Bearer ~ Alexa Fahner

*Please join us for our Annual meeting after this worship service!
A light fare of breakfast foods is provided!*



Rich Cashel has officially retired as our Building & Grounds Chair after 20+ years. We will be honoring him today at the Annual Meeting. If you would like to write a card to congratulate him, it would be welcomed.

January 18 – January 25 The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

In 1908, Fr. Paul Wattson, founder of the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement, began a Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Abbé Paul Couturier of France shifted the focus away from unity under the Roman Catholic Pope to “the unity of the Church as Christ wills it, and in accordance with the means he wills.” Throughout the world, Anglicans, Orthodox, Roman Catholics and many Protestant denomination join in this prayer.

The theme for 2026 will be "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling" (Ephesians 4:4). We shall include prayers for unity in the Prayers of the People on January 25.

Father Peter and Carl's last Sunday with us:
January 25th.

We will celebrate Father Peter's ministry
with us at Coffee Hour. Please plan to join us!

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