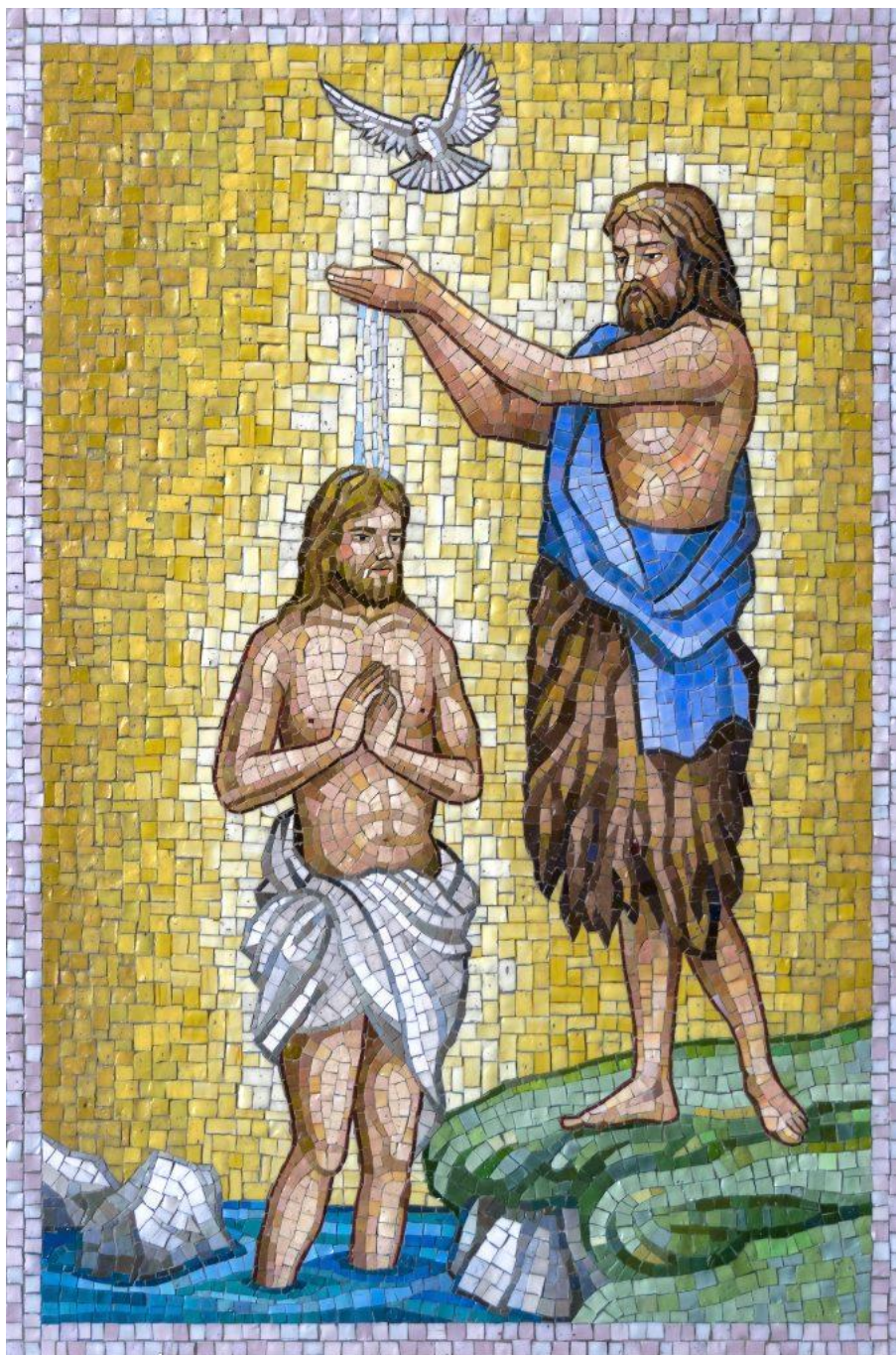


The First Sunday after the Epiphany

Baptism of our Lord

January 12, 2025, 10:30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist, Rite Two



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.

~ Luke 3:21

Welcome! Our worship today follows Rite Two of the Holy Eucharist in the *Episcopal Book of Common Prayer (BCP)*, beginning on p. 355, supplemented by authorized materials such as *Enriching Our Worship (EOW)*. This service takes music from a variety of sources. For hymns not in *Hymnal 1982*, the words and music are printed in this bulletin, or words only if the tune is familiar or simple.

Children are invited to take Prayer Cards for drawing or writing out their prayers, which will be shared during the service. There is no Sunday School today during service.

This service is being **livestreamed** and **recorded** on our [Trinity YouTube channel](#).

Prelude "Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus" Helen Lemmel
Arr. Martha Mier

Liturgy of the Word

Hymn "Oh love, how deep, how broad, how high" *Hymnal 1982 #448 vv. 1-3*

Opening Acclamation (EOW 1)

Presider Blessed be the one, holy and living God.

People **Glory to God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Hymn of Praise Gloria, *Hymnal 1982 S-279*

Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Presider 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.

People **Amen.**

First Reading Isaiah 43:1-3

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm of the Day (*read responsively*) Psalm 16 (selected verses)

1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *
**I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord,
my good above all other."**

2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
upon those who are noble among the people.

5 O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot.

8 I have set the Lord always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.

9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.

11 You will show me the path of life; *
**in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.**

Second Reading

Acts 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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

“Baptized in water”

Hymnal 1982 #8

sung to the tune of “Morning has Broken”

1. **Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
Cleansed by the blood of Christ our King:
Heirs of salvation, trusting his promise,
Faithfully now God’s praise we sing.**

2. **Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
Dead in the tomb with Christ our King:
One with his rising, freed and forgiven,
Thankfully now God’s praise we sing.**

3. **Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
Marked with the sign of Christ our King:
Born of one Father, we are his children,
Joyfully now God’s praise we sing.**

Proclamation of the Gospel

Luke 3:15-17. 21-22

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

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 thong 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."

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

The Prayers of the People

(ANZPB, pp. 413-414)

Children are invited to bring forward their Prayer Cards to be shared at the beginning of our prayers. We then enter into a litany of prayer, as follows.

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son.

Therefore in trust we pray for the Church:

Father, help us to know new life in the risen Christ.

Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.

We pray for the world:

Creator of all, lead all people into ways of justice and peace.

That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.

Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.

Teach us to care for its resources.

We pray for the community:

God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others

that all may act with integrity and courage.

Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.

May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.

We pray for those in need:

God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit.

May they know the power of your healing love.

Help us have your compassion.

Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.

We remember those who have died and those who mourn:

We remember with thanksgiving those who have died.

Father, into your hands we commend them.

Comfort those who mourn.

Bring them peace in their time of loss.

We praise you for (N and) all your saints who have entered your eternal glory.

May their example inspire and encourage us.

We pray for ourselves and our ministries:

Lord, you have called us to serve you.

Grant that we may walk in your presence:

your love in our hearts,

your truth in our minds,

your strength in our wills;

until, at the end of our journey,

we know the joy of our homecoming

and the welcome of your embrace,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

(EOW 1)

The Presider begins, then all join in the Confession

Let us confess our sins to God.

God of all mercy,

we confess that we have sinned against you,

opposing your will in our lives.

We have denied your goodness in each other,

**in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

Absolution and Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

All are invited to share a sign of Christ's peace. Announcements follow. Gifts of bread and wine for the table, and contributions toward the ministries of the church, are brought forward to be consecrated and blessed.

Offertory Hymn

"How firm a foundation"

Hymnal 1982 #636 vv. 1-3

All are invited to rise as the gifts are brought to the altar.

Liturgy of the Table: Holy Communion

All are welcome to come to the altar rail. All who are drawn to God in the way of Jesus Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion in the community of Trinity Church. Instructions for joining in Holy Communion follow the Great Thanksgiving.

The Great Thanksgiving

(Eucharistic Prayer 3, EOW 1)

The People remain standing. The Presider begins, the People responding

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Presider and People

(Sung to the tune of "Land of Rest")

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

The Presider continues

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Presider and People

**Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

The Presider continues

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with [blessed _____, and] all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Presider and People

Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,**

**as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours,
now and ever. Amen.**

The priest breaks the bread in silence and then says

The bread we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

**We who are many are one body,
for we all share the one bread.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

To join in Holy Communion, please come to the altar rail and stand or kneel. Gluten-free wafers are available by request at the rail. Wine-Host may be taken by sipping from the first chalice or by "intinction" (dipping the wafer) in the second chalice. To receive a spoken blessing only, simply cross your arms in front of your chest. To have the elements of Holy Communion brought to you in your pew, please inform an usher.

Communion Hymn

"Christ, when for us you were baptized"

Hymnal 1982 #121

Communion Solo

"My Son, the Beloved"
Chelsea Haynes, *soprano*

David Blackwell

After Communion

Presider and People

(ANZP, pp. 248-9, modified)

**Creator of all, giver of life,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off,
you met us in your Son
and brought us home.**

**Born into the world,
living among us,
dying and yet alive again,
he declared your love,
gave us grace
and opened the gate of glory.**

**May we who share Christ's body
live his risen life;
we who drink his cup
bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights
give light to the world.**

After the prayer, the Presider may offer a blessing

Closing hymn

"Lord, I want to be a Christian"

LEVAS II #138 vv. 1, 2 & 5

1. **Lord, I want to be a Christian,
In my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.**

Refrain:

**In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.**

2. **Lord, I want to be more loving,
In my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart. *Refrain***

5. **Lord, I want to be like Jesus,
In my heart, in my heart.
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart. *Refrain***

Dismissal

A Deacon or Priest concludes the Eucharist with a call to bless or serve God, the People responding

People **Thanks be to God. (Alleluia, alleluia)**

Postlude

"Jesus Is All the World to Me"

Will Thompson
arr. Bill Wolaver

*Fellowship continues with our "Take Ten" refreshment and fellowship time
in the Shero Room (through the double doors).*

We give thanks for all children and youth serving in leadership roles today, including

Cole Dangerfield, Jensen Englebach, Hannah Garin, Sam Garin, Bridget Golden, Thomas Golden,
Ezra Hill, Liam Hill, Colin Spencer, Hannah Spencer, John Turbiville, Tillie Turbiville

Also:

Adult Greeters/Ushers	Claire Larson, Barb Swartz
Verger	AnnMarie Stanton
Crucifer and Acolyte	Cole Dangerfield
Chalice Bearers	Bella Englebach, Gale Donoghue
Altar Guild	Rich Englebach, AnnMarie Stanton, Lance & Mary Donaldson-Evans
Organ/piano	Jared Agee, Director of Music
Guitar, Song leader	Nate Hill, Natalee Hill
A/V	Oliver Stockman

Fr. Ted Thompson, preaching and presiding

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