

The Baptism of Our Lord



The First Sunday after the Epiphany
St. Peter's Episcopal Church
Glenside, Pennsylvania
January 12, 2025
10:00 A.M.

Gathering In Joy

Prelude: Cleansing Fountain

John Stallsmith

Opening Hymn: *The Hymnal 1982, #76 On Jordan's Bank. Vs. 1, 2, 4, 5*

The Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

Presider: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

The Presider says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

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.**

Listening for God's Word

The First Reading - 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. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 29 (*please use your red Book of Common Prayer*)

BCP 620

The Epistle-*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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn: *Lift Every Voice and Sing II, #143* **Wade In The Water**

The Gospel - *Luke 3:15-17, 21-22*

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

The Sermon

Kyle Evans, Episcopal Community Services

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

BCP 292

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

People: I do.

Presider: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Presider: 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.

Presider: 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.

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

People: I will, with God's help.

Presider: 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.

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

People: I will, with God's help.

Presider: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

Presider: 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.

Presider:

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 Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Adapted from "Glimpses of Glory" by David Adam

The response to *Give strength to your people* is **immerse us in your presence and peace.**

The Presider offers a concluding prayer

Loving God, we offer you our prayers, some in words, others written in our hearts. Break open our hearts, hear our prayers and continue to give us your light, Christ Jesus, this day and forever. **Amen.**

The Confession and Absolution

BCP 360

The Presider says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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.**

The Presider continues

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

Presider: God says: Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name, you are mine. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrating Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem: Shall We Gather At The River

Robert Lowry
St. Peter's Choir

Presentation Hymn: *With One Voice*, #760 **For The Fruit of All Creation**

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer B

Presider God 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.

Presider says

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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: The Hymnal 1982, S-130 Holy, Holy, Holy

Schubert

Presider continues

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 Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, 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 Savior 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 Jesus 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,

Presider and People
We remember Christ's death,
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
We await Christ's coming in glory;

The Presider continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior 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 in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, 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 Peter and Philip and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

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 Presider breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

Presider: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction anthem: *The Hymnal 1982, S-164 Jesus, Lamb of God*

Schubert

Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Communion of the People

Communion Music: Andantino -Adolph Hesse

The Post-Communion Prayer

BCP 365

Priest and people together

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.

Sending Out

The Blessing

The Father, who created you, is with you;
the Son, who redeemed you, is with you;
the Spirit, who strengthens you, is with you;
the Holy Three enfold you; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son
and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Eucharistic Visitor Commissioning

In the name of the congregation of St. Peter's, we send you, Rick Pearce, forth, bearing the gift of Holy Communion to Linda Matt and Calvin Haas.

All: We who are many are one body, because we all share in one bread and one cup.

Birthdays

<i>Brigid Rose</i>	<i>01/13</i>
<i>Mark Evans</i>	<i>01/14</i>
<i>Sue Gordon</i>	<i>01/15</i>
<i>Kelli Myers-Gottmoller</i>	<i>01/17</i>
<i>James Bockius</i>	<i>01/18</i>

Anniversaries

None this week.

Birthday & Anniversary Prayer

BCP 830

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace; and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Announcements

- **Youth and Teen Gathering:** Our youth and teens will meet this evening from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. for sandwiches, a tour of the Souls Shot exhibition and processional cross making.
- **The Three Kings Day Celebration and Angel Paino Gift distribution** is this afternoon Sunday on Jan. 12 at noon at Christ Church and St. Ambrose. See the newsletter for more details.
- **The Rev. Emily Richards' Memorial Service:** The Richards family will inter some of Emily's ashes in the Memorial Courtyard next Saturday, January 18, preceded by a Eucharist at 11a.m. *See the newsletter for more service details.*
- **Annual Meeting Dessert Donation:** The annual meeting is Sunday, January 26. The kitchen coordinators will provide a lovely meal. We are just asking folks to donate desserts! Sign up using the January 26 slot on the fellowship link on the church website.

Closing Hymn: *The Hymnal 1982, #616 Hail To The Lord's Anointed (vv. 1, 2, 4)*

The Dismissal

Presider: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia

Postlude: Thematic March - George Blake

Worship Ministers

Presider: *The Rev. Barbara Ballenger*

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