



HOLY BAPTISM AND EUCHARIST, RITE II – 10:00 A.M. THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY: THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2026

THE REVEREND NOELLE YORK-SIMMONS, Rector
THE REVEREND BETH BINGHAM, Associate Rector

THE REVEREND ROBBIE LAUGHTON, Associate Rector

Childcare is available in the nursery

Dan Locklair (b. 1949)

PRELUDE *Shalom from The Aeolian Sonata*

THE WORD OF GOD

HYMN 120

The sinless one to Jordan came

Solemnis haec festivitas

THE ACCLAMATION

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

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

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;

People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People **One God and Father of all.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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 People are seated.

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.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All children ages three through third grade are invited to Children's Chapel. Parents are encouraged to accompany very young children as they learn the rhythms of this service designed especially for children.

The children will return before the baptism.

The people stand and sing

HYMN 121

Christ, when for us you were baptized

Caithness

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 3:13-17

Gospeller 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."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people may be seated.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Robbie Laughton

BAPTISM HYMN 141 FROM *LEVAS II*

1. Shall we gather at the river, Where bright an-gel feet have trod;
 2. On the mar-gin of the river, Wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
 3. Ere we reach the shin-ing river, Lay we ev - 'ry bur-den down;
 4. Soon we'll reach the shin-ing river, Soon our pil-grim-age will cease,
 1. With its crys-tal tide for - ev - er Flow-ing by the throne of God?
 2. We will walk and wor-ship ev - er, All the hap-py gold - en day.
 3. Grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, And pro - provide a robe and crown.
 4. Soon our hap - py hearts will quiv-er With the mel-o - dy of peace.
 Yes, we'll gather at the river, The beau - ti-ful, the beau - ti-ful riv - er;
 Gath - er with the saints at the riv - er That flows by the throne of God.

HOLY BAPTISM

Georgia Commander Grey, Ezra Michael Niznansky-Taylor, Thaddeus Stuart Dickey, Leila Blake Wolff

Celebrant: The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents & Godparents: I present N. to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant: Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents & Godparents: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents & Godparents: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Sponsors & Candidates: I renounce them.

Celebrant: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Sponsors & Candidates: I renounce them.

Celebrant: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Sponsors & Candidates: I renounce them.

Celebrant: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Sponsors & Candidates: I do.

Celebrant: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Sponsors & Candidates: I do.

Celebrant: Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Sponsors & Candidates: I do.

The People stand.

Celebrant Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People We will.

Celebrant Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

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 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.**

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

Celebrant Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth and for those who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

Intercessor Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water...To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The People sit.

THE BAPTISM

After all have been baptized,

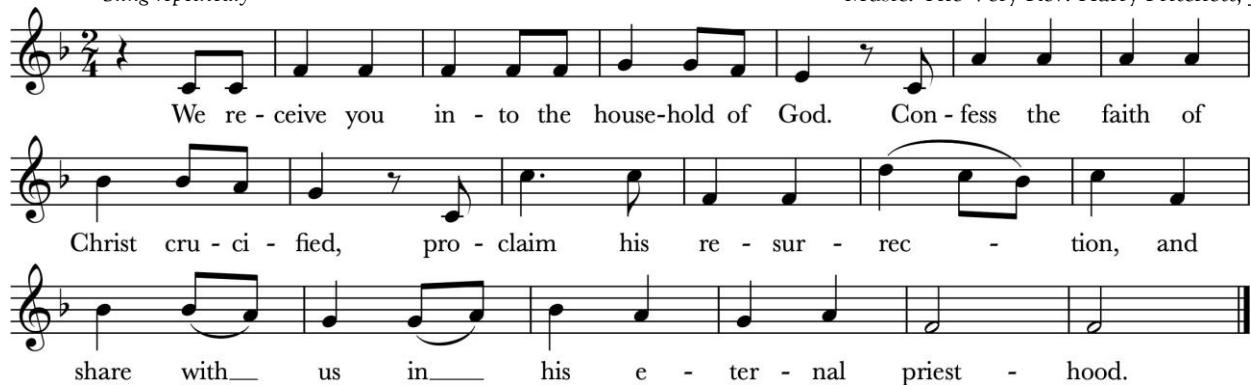
Celebrant Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

The People stand.

Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Sung repeatedly

Music: The Very Rev. Harry Pritchett, Jr.



We re - ceive you in - to the house-hold of God. Con - fess the faith of
Christ cru - ci - fied, pro - claim his re - sur - rec - tion, and
share with us in his e - ter - nal priest - hood.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
Embraced by death he broke its fearful hold;
And our despair he turned to blazing joy. Alleluia!

We share by water in his saving death.
Reborn we share with him an Easter life
As living members of a living Christ. Alleluia!

The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life.
The Spirit's power shakes the Church of God.
Baptized we live with God the Three in One. Alleluia!

A new creation comes to life and grows
As Christ's own body takes on flesh and blood.
The universe restored and whole will sing: Alleluia!

Words: John Brownlow Green
Music: Marty Wheeler Burnett
This anthem was commissioned by Christ Church in 2025.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The people stand

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING / EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

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, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth... 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 S125

Richard Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high-est.

The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant 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.... Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All We remember Christ's death.
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
We await Christ's coming in glory.

Celebrant And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all... 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,

All **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 FRACTION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

To receive communion, please follow the ushers to the altar. Upon placing your hands forward, you will receive a wafer. You may consume it and then receive the wine from the chalice or hold onto the wafer and the chalice-bearer will intinct it for you. You may also cross your hands over your chest for a blessing to receive neither element or not to receive the wine.

ANTHEM AT COMMUNION

Jesus autem hodie regressus est a Jordanae.

When Jesus Christ baptized was, the Holy Ghost descended with grace;
the Father's voice was heard in the place: *Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende.*

There were Three Persons and one Lord, the Son baptized with one accord,
the Father said this blessed word: *Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende.*

Now, Jesu, as thou art both God and man, and were baptized in from Jordan,
at our last end, we pray thee, say then: *Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende.*

Text: Medieval Carol, The Baptism of Christ

Hic est filius meus = This is my son, *Ipsum intende* = give him attention

Music: Peter Hallock (1924-2014)

HYMN 116

“I come,” the great Redeemer cries

This Endris Nyght

SENDING FORTH OF LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts,
that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

All **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.**

THE BLESSING

THE CLOSING HYMN 135

Songs of thankfulness and praise

Salzburg

THE DISMISSAL

Leader Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Baptism Dance from *Windows of Comfort*

Dan Locklair (b. 1949)

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE GIVEN

In memory of Craig R. Keith

WE PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED

Evelyn Ambriscoe

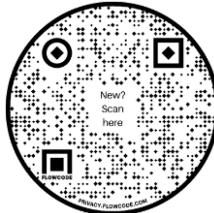
WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY OVERSEAS

Kate Ballard, Holly Prousalis, Omar Sharif, the Hood, Doherty, Jennings, and Streyder families

PRAYERS FOR THE PARISH

Bonnie-Lorraine Thiele, Barbara Cooley, Mary Crow, Gladys Hook, LaVerne Scott-Rayford, David Caleb, Gail & Ridge Multop, Helen Lewis, Susanne O'Neill, Hadley Kimberlin, Carol Lafley, Van Bridgers, Matt Rhodes, Susan Fitzgerald, Diane, Carol Quesenberry, Mary Ellen Freesland, the Stelmakh family, Bill Nelson, Al, Chris McLaughlin, Ethan Patton, Kathy Nelson, Linda Hoekstra, Peggy Boeneke, Mary Jane Penzo, Tyger Latham

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