

# The Baptism of Our Lord



The First Sunday after the Epiphany

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

Glenside, Pennsylvania

January 11, 2025

10:00 A.M.

Gathering In Joy

**Prelude: Soul, Adorn Yourself with Splendor**

Brenda Portman (1982-)

**Opening Hymn: *The Hymnal 1982 (H82)*, #616 Hail to the Lord's anointed**

**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.**

**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 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.

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

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

**BCP 620**

### **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.”

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

**Gospel Hymn: Lift Every Voice and Sing (LEVAS) #134 Take me to the water**

**The Gospel - Matthew 3:13-17**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

**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.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Barbara Ballenger

**Renewal of Baptismal Vows & Sprinkling Rite**

**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.

**Hymn: *With One Voice (WOV)*, # 697 Wash O God, our sons and daughters**

**Prayers of the People, *Clouds and Glory***

*David Adam*

When the Intercessor says, "Lord, as we dwell in you" the people respond, "**may we know that you dwell in us.**"

*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 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: Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether**

Harold Friedell (1905-1958)

**Presentation Hymn: Crashing Waters at Creation**

Sylvia G Dunstan (1955-1993)



1 Crash - ing wa - ters at cre - a - tion, or - dered by the Spir - it's breath,  
2 Part - ing wa - ter stood and trem - bled as the cap - tives passed on through,  
3 Cleans - ing wa - ter once at Jor - dan closed a - round the one fore - told,  
4 Liv - ing wa - ter, nev - er end - ing, quench the thirst and flood the soul.



first to wit - ness day's be - gin - ning from the bright - ness of night's death.  
wash - ing off the chains of bond - age - chan - nel to a life made new.  
o - pened to re - veal the glo - ry ev - er new and ev - er old.  
Well - spring, source of life e - ter - nal, drench our dry - ness, make us whole.



Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955-1993

Music: STUTTGART, attr. Christian F. Witt, 1660-1716; adapt. Henry J. Gauntlett, 1805-1876

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## 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: Holy, Holy**

Norah Duncan



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are



full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless-ed is he whomes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*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:



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have  
mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world,  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

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

### The Communion of the People

#### Communion Music: Wade in the Water

Harry T. Burleigh (1866-1949)  
Base solo by Tim Flaherty

### 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 Calvin Haas.

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

### Birthdays and Anniversaries

*Please stand in your pew when your name is called and remain standing through the Prayer.*

#### Birthdays

Mark Evans	01/14
Sue Gordon	01/15
Kelli Myers-Gottemoller	01/17

#### 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

- **The Mitten Tree:** We will continue our tradition of donating mittens, hats, gloves & scarves, both handmade & store bought for those in need. Fill the blue bin until Feb. 8, when Rev. Barb will bless the donations. Thank you Connie Clinefelter and Community Partnerships.
- **Adult Forum:** Join us following morning worship for a Adult forum session where guest

speaker Kurt Spangler will discuss the work of the Caring for Friends Organization.

- **Youth and Teen Night is tonight from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.** Our special guest is parish nurse Kristina Marchuk, who will discuss her role here at St. Peter's and lead an activity of breaking dishes and remaking them using a Japanese art form. The menu will be macaroni and cheese, chicken nuggets, salad, and dessert. Bring your friends!
- **The Three Kings Day Celebration and Angel Paino Gift distribution** is this afternoon at 12 p.m. at Christ Church and St. Ambrose. See the newsletter for more details.
- **The Annual Meeting is on Sunday, Jan. 25**, where the parish will vote on the 2020 Vestry nominees and discuss the annual report. Scan the QR code below to read all the Vestry nominee bios. The Annual report will be available soon.

**Closing Hymn:** *Lift Every Voice and Sing (LEVAS)* , # 114 **Every time I feel the spirit**

### **The Dismissal**

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

**People:** **Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia**

**Postlude: Every Time I Feel the Spirit**

Adolphus Hailstork (1941- )

### **Worship Ministers**

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**Intercessor:** *Donna Kulp*

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