

# First Sunday After the Epiphany:

The Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ

January 12, 2025

10:30 AM



ST RICHARD'S  
Episcopal Church

Welcome to St. Richard's! We are so glad you're here!  
For more information about worshipping with us and receiving Communion,  
please see the last page of this order of service.

## Holy Eucharist – Rite II

### The Word of God

BCP = Book of Common Prayer (red book), # pages = 1982 Hymnal (hymns are found in blue book, but please note that hymn number listed is not necessarily the page number)

#### Prelude

Divertimento on “Dove of Peace”

Gilbert Martin

#### Processional Hymn

**#76** On Jordan's bank, the baptist's cry

WINCHESTER NEW

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

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

*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

#### The Collect for Purity

BCP, p. 355

Canticle 13 S-236 A Song of Praise: *Benedictus es, Domine*

John Rutter

#### 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 Lessons

*The people may be seated.*

## 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."

*Leader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 29

- 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 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.

*Leader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**The Gospel Hymn #513** Like the murmur of the dove's song BRIDEGROOM

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

*Celebrant* 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."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Merrill Wade

**The Nicene Creed**

BCP, p. 358

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, Form III

BCP, p. 387

*Please stand or kneel, as you are able. The Leader and People pray responsively:*

*Leader* Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

*People* That we all may be one.

*Leader* Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

*People* That your Name may be glorified by all people.

*Leader* We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

*People* That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

*Leader* We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

*People* That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

*Leader* Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

*People* That our works may find favor in your sight.

*Leader* Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
*People* **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

*Leader* We lift up those especially on our parish prayer list: Curtis Young, Alice Jones, Kent Brenneman, Margaret Holloway, Eva Chambles, Avis Reid, Henry Burden, Andy Meyer, Marjorie Meyer, Sue Likon, Nichalus Mourer, Hans Mueller, Ellie Whitson, Kate Beebe, Bob & Christina Griffin, Joyce Quitter, Gibby Dean, LaNan Saxon, Mary Powell, Marta Arana, Roger Hayes, Jesse Corona, Robert Hoehn, Dolores Thurman, the Sefarik family, Earma Underwood, Lynne Cooper, Pat Lyle, Shana Cheirse, Dani, Sue McLean, Anthony, Darlene Farris, Amy Burt, James Petty, Nancy Locklear, Evey & family, Ashley, Emily Cole, Sophie Ivey, Aubrie Wade, Rue & Jim Harrington, Scott Windham, Devin Windham, Kara Kastamo, Christie & Nick, those impacted by the violence in the Holy Land and conflict around the world, and those the congregation wishes to name at this time, either silently or aloud.

*Leader* We also pray for those who have died, including those the congregation wishes to name at this time, either silently or aloud.  
Give to the departed eternal rest;

*People* **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*Leader* We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

*People* **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

*Leader* Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*After a moment of silence, the Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## **The Confession of Sin**

BCP, p. 360

**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 Peace

*The Celebrant invites all to stand as they are able.*

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Please greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## Announcements

# The Holy Communion

## The Offertory

*We will pass offering plates at this time. If you prefer, you may contribute as you come in, using the offering boxes on the entrance tables, or give online via text (text 73256, with the message: **strichard** – please note: no “s” afterward or caps). You may also give using the QR code located on the pew card, which allows you to give directly through Realm.*

**Offertory Anthem. Do Not Fear, For You Are Mine David Lantz**

*Following the anthem, representatives of the congregation bring the people’s offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.*

**Offertory Presentation #380, v. 3 OLD 100<sup>th</sup>**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

**The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer B BCP, p. 361**

*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 him thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, 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:

## **The Sanctus**

**#S-125**

Richard Proulx

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people may remain standing or kneel.*

*Celebrant* Therefore according to his command, O Father,

BCP, p. 363

*People* **We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues with additional prayers, concluding with:*

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. **AMEN.**

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

*People* **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

*Celebrant* Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

## The Fraction Anthem

#S-166

Gerald Near

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## The Communion

*All baptized Christians are invited to come forward and receive the Sacrament at the Lord's Table.  
(Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the Celebrant).*

*If you would like someone to pray for you, the St. Richard's Prayer Team will be stationed during Communion in the back of the Nave by the font.*

## Communion Hymns

#121 Christ, when for us you were baptized

CAITHNESS

#510 Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove

ST. AGNES

## The Blessing of Community of Care Ministers

*Celebrant* In the name of St. Richard's Church,

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

*(If you know someone who would appreciate a COC minister's visit, please contact the church office.)*

## Prayer After Communion

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*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## The Blessing

**Closing Hymn #616** Hail to the Lord's Anointed! ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVOGELEIN

## The Dismissal

*Celebrant or Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

The Light from On High

David Paxton

## Notes About Worshiping With Us:

### Receiving Communion

In the Episcopal Church, all who have been baptized with water in the name of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are welcome to receive Communion, no matter in which Christian denomination you may have originally been baptized. You are welcome to receive Communion either standing or kneeling. If you do not want to receive Communion, you are welcome to the altar rail for a blessing or prayer by one of the clergy. To indicate you would like a blessing or prayer, simply cross your arms over your chest as you kneel or stand at the rail.

### The Wafer

To receive the wafer, place one open hand over the other and the wafer will be placed in your palm. We also have gluten-free wafers for those who require one.

### The Wine

To receive the wine, please help the chalice bearer guide the cup to your lips. If you prefer to intinct (dip the wafer in the wine), please hold the wafer in your hands until the chalice bearer comes to you.

### Receiving in One Kind

It is perfectly fine to receive only the bread (wafer). If you do not wish to receive the wine, please cross your arms over your chest or return to your seat after consuming your wafer.

### Having Communion Brought to Your Pew

If you are not able to come to the altar rail but would like to receive communion, please let an usher know and they will make sure that the ministers bring communion to you.

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