



ST. PAUL'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FIRST SUNDAY
AFTER THE EPIPHANY:
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Sunday, January 7, 2024
8:45 am & 11:00 am

Holy Baptism &
Holy Eucharist: Rite II

*The mission of St. Paul's Episcopal Church is to explore and celebrate
God's infinite grace, acceptance, and love.*

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The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) is the red book.

The Hymnal 1982 (H) is the blue book.

The service starts on page 299 in the Book of Common Prayer.

PRELUDE

THE WORD OF GOD

Please stand at the tolling of the bell.

HYMN: SONGS OF THANKFULNESS AND PRAISE

H 135

Please remain standing.

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

BCP 299

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

The Presider then continues

There is one Body and one Spirit;

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

Presider One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider 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.

People **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON: GENESIS 1:1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

The lector closes the reading, saying

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence and stillness

THE PSALM: PSALM 29



- 1 Ascribe to the | LORD, you | gods, *
ascribe to the | LÖRD | glory and | strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory that is due the | holy | 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 u- | pon the | mighty | waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a | power- ful | 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 The LORD 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 a- | bove the | flood; *
the LORD sits enthroned as | Sovereign for | ever- | more.
- 11 The LORD shall give strength to the | chosen | people; *
the LORD shall give the | people the | blessing of | peace.

THE SECOND LESSON: ACTS 19:1-7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?” They replied, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.” Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.” On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—altogether there were about twelve of them.

The lector closes the reading, saying

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence and stillness

Children in second grade and below are invited to follow the cross and process to Children’s Chapel. They will return at the Peace to take Communion with their families.

HYMN: THE SINLESS ONE TO JORDAN CAME

H 120

11:00 service only

THE HOLY GOSPEL: MARK 1:4-11

Please stand.

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated at the invitation of the preacher.

SERMON *The Rev. Evan D. Garner*

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES BCP 301

Presider The Candidate(s) for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

ADULTS AND OLDER CHILDREN

The candidates who are able to answer for themselves are presented individually by their Sponsors, as follows

Sponsor **I present [Name] to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

The Presider asks each candidate when presented

Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate **I do.**

INFANTS AND YOUNGER CHILDREN

Parents and Godparents

I present [Name] to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Presider asks the parents and godparents

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

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

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

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the candidates who can speak for themselves, and of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children

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

Answer **I renounce them.**

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

Answer **I renounce them.**

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

Answer **I renounce them.**

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

Answer **I do.**

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

Answer **I do.**

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

Answer **I do.**

The Presider addresses the congregation, saying

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

People: **We will.**

The Presider then says these or similar words

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

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

BCP 304

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.**

HYMN: WE KNOW THAT CHRIST IS RAISED

H 296

The Presider then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for *this person* who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

A Person appointed leads the following petitions

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open *their* hearts to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill *them* with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach *them* to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send *them* into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring *them* to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Presider says

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 for ever. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

BCP 306

Spoken at 8:45 and sung at 11:00

The Presider blesses the water, first saying

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Presider

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Presider touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever.



THE BAPTISM

BCP 307

Each candidate is presented by name to the Presider, or to an assisting priest or deacon, who then immerses, or pours water upon, the candidate, saying

[Name], I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross [using Chrism if desired] and saying to each one

[Name], you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

When this action has been completed for all candidates, the Priest, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over them, saying

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.**

When all have been baptized, the Presider says

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Presider and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

THE PEACE

BCP 360

Please stand.

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Weekly announcements can be found online at www.stpaulsfay.org/s/epistle.pdf

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

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8:45 ANTHEM: A NEW YEAR CAROL

BRITTEN

11:00 ANTHEM: TOMORROW SHALL BE MY DANCING DAY GARDINER

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

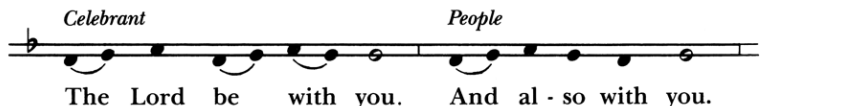
EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B

BCP 367

Please stand.

Spoken at 8:45 and sung at 11:00

Celebrant *People*



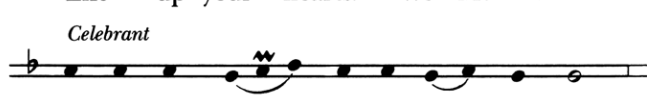
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*



Lift up your hearts. 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.

The Presider continues

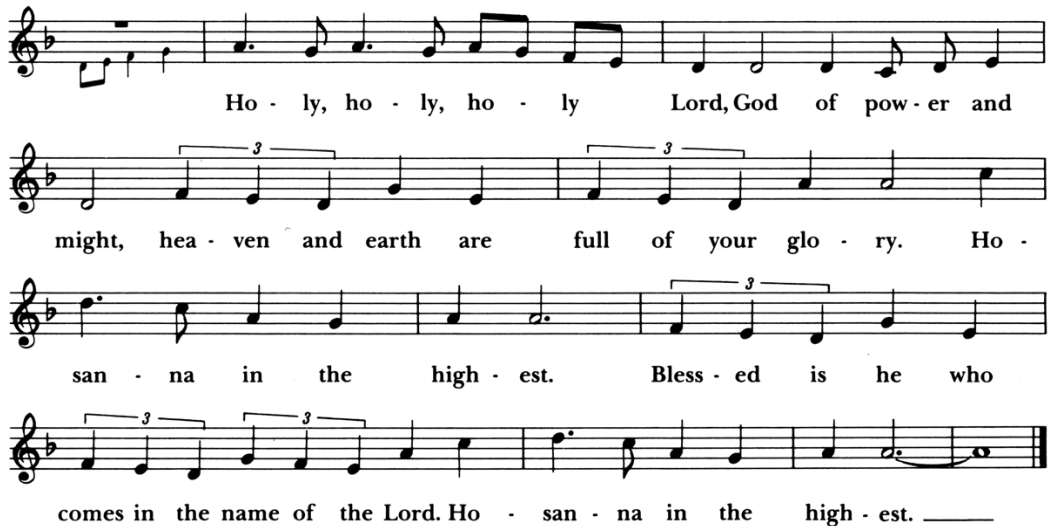
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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, HOLY LORD

H S-129



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

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

Please stand or kneel.

The Presider continues

BCP 362

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation...

...Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Presider and People

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

The Presider continues

BCP 363

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

...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.

Presider and People



THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

BCP 364

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

FRACTION ANTHEM: LAMB OF GOD

H S-163

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

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It features a melody with several triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a group of notes) and a final double bar line. The lyrics are aligned with the notes below the staff.

Facing the people, the Presider says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

and may add

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*Whoever you are and wherever you are in your pilgrimage of faith,
you are welcome in this place; you are welcome at God's table.*

To receive Communion, come forward down the center aisle. Hand sanitizer is available. You may come up the chancel steps to the altar rail or receive at the floor station in front of the pulpit. If you need the clergy to bring Communion to your pew, please let an usher know. To receive the bread, extend your open palm to the minister. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. To receive the wine, guide the base of the chalice with your hand so that you can sip from the cup. You may also intinct/dip the bread into the wine if you prefer. If you prefer not to receive in either or both kinds, cross your arms over your chest to indicate your intention. Return to your pew by the side aisles.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

For those joining us at home

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beg you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

HYMN: I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

H 335

COMMISSIONING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Minister In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that *[names of recipients]* may share with us the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People **We who are many are one Body, because we all share one Bread, one Cup.**

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

Please stand or kneel.

Presider and People

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.

HYMN: O LOVE, HOW DEEP, HOW BROAD, HOW HIGH

H 448

THE BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL

After the dismissal sentence

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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