

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

The Baptism of Jesus



Holy Eucharist

Sunday, January 12, 2025

8:30 a.m.

TRINITY

Episcopal Church



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
 2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make
 3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our
 4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and
 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
 2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -
 3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we
 4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy
 5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
 2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.
 3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
 4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
 5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

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The Liturgy of the Word

✦ *Worship in the form of quiet meditation begins with the prelude.*

PRELUDE

Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam

Dietrich Buxtehude

HYMN IN PROCESSION

On Jordan's bank, the baptist's cry

WINCHESTER NEW

(hymn on opposite page)

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GLORIA

*Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

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.**

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 PSALM

Psalm 29

Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, *
 ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; *
 worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

Antiphon

The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; *
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

Antiphon

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

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.

Antiphon

The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.

And in the temple of the LORD *
all are crying, "Glory!"

Antiphon

The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; *
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.

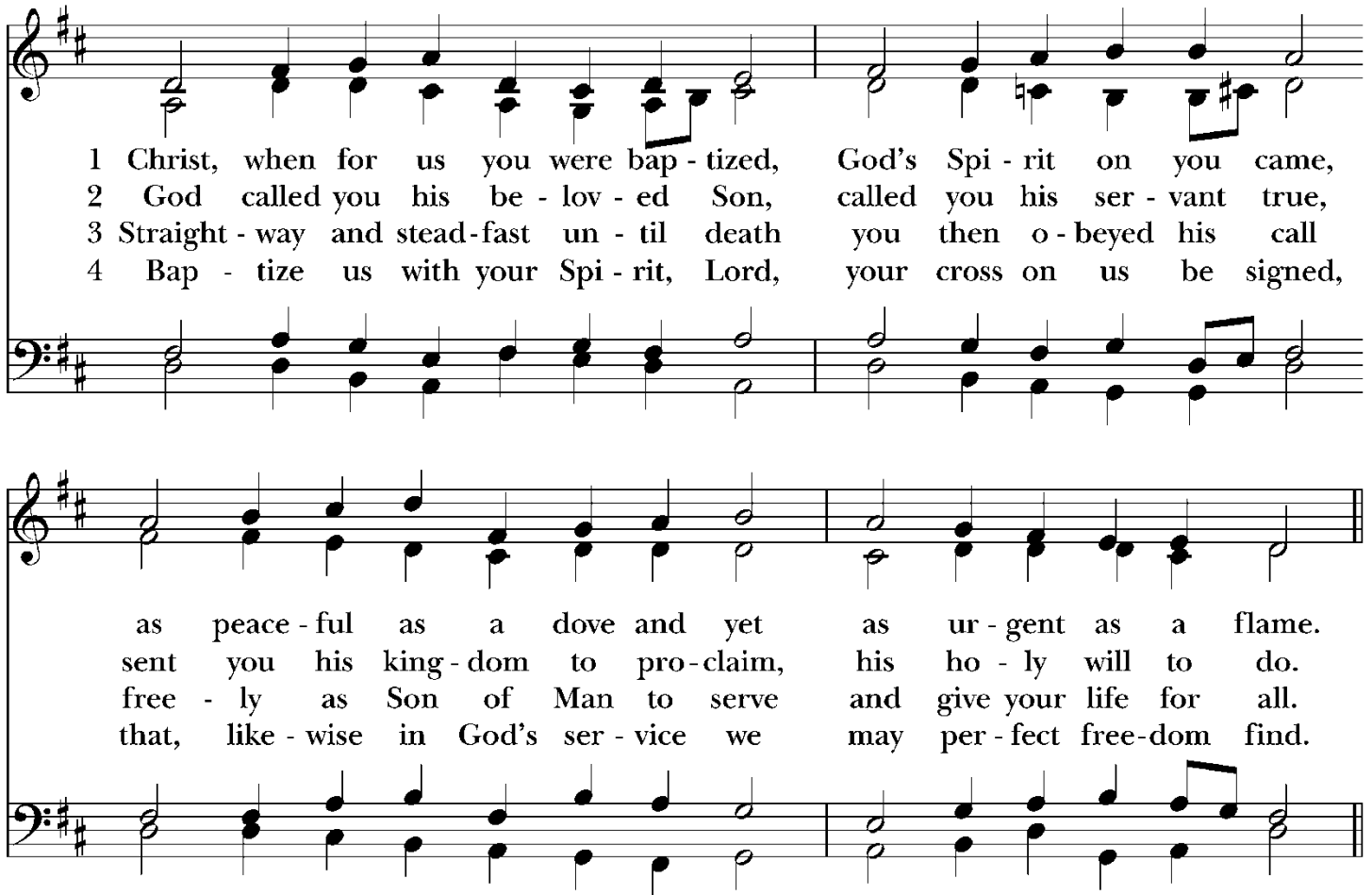
The LORD shall give strength to his people; *
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Antiphon

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.



1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spi - rit on you came,
 2 God called you his be - lov - ed Son, called you his ser - vant true,
 3 Straight - way and stead-fast un - til death you then o - beyed his call
 4 Bap - tize us with your Spi - rit, Lord, your cross on us be signed,

as peace - ful as a dove and yet as ur - gent as a flame.
 sent you his king - dom to pro - claim, his ho - ly will to do.
 free - ly as Son of Man to serve and give your life for all.
 that, like - wise in God's ser - vice we may per - fect free - dom find.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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."

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Pamela Payne, Rector

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Celebrant Dear People of God, through our Baptism into the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we have been reborn into new life in him. I call upon you, therefore, as we celebrate his Baptism, to renew the solemn promises and vows by which we once renounced Satan and all his works and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

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

People *I do.*

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.*

Celebrant 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

Intercessor As we celebrate the baptism of Christ, let us offer prayers to Jesus the Beloved Son, in whose name we have been baptized, saying: *By your holy baptism, hear us, we pray.*

For the Church, especially for Sean our Presiding Bishop, Kevin our bishop, and Audrey, bishop of Central Pennsylvania, that in this New Year we may be a Light to those who are searching for direction and a sign of hope for those searching to begin again. By your holy baptism, **hear us, we pray.**

For a new dawning of peace and reconciliation, that those who strive for peace may not tire and that God will help adversaries to recognize the good in one another. By your holy baptism, **hear us, we pray.**

For the members of Congress, that God will empower them with wisdom, courage, and foresight to faithfully promote the well-being of all people. By your holy baptism, **hear us, we pray.**

For those who have lost their homes, animals, communities, and livelihoods in the Los Angeles wildfires. May they come together in compassion and mutual aid, and may their hearts be healed as they seek to re-build and re-create their lives. By your holy baptism, **hear us, we pray.**

For the members of St. Marks, Altadena, whose building burned last Tuesday. For their rector Carri, all other staff members, and all those who gathered in their sacred space for worship and service. And for all religious communities displaced by this fire, that your Spirit grant them peace. By your holy baptism, **hear us, we pray.**

For those lacking food or heat, those who work with refugees and those fleeing violence, and for all who are in need of our prayers, remembering especially those we now name, that in Christ the Beloved they may find new hope and peace. By your holy baptism, **hear us, we pray.**

For those who have died, remembering especially those lost in the southern California wildfires, that having been reborn in baptism, they may rejoice in the radiance of God's glory. By your holy baptism, ***hear us we pray.***

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary the God-bearer and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. ***To you, O Lord our God.***

Celebrant Gracious and loving God, you have anointed your people with the waters of Baptism and made us your beloved children. Hear our prayers and fill us with your Spirit that we may share the work of your Son, bringing blessing and light to all in the world, through Jesus Christ our Savior. ***Amen.***

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

***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.***

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Saviour Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. ***Amen.***

THE PEACE

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,
 ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven 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.

Celebrant Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord 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 he 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, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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 forever. ***Amen.***

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

***Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.***

FRACTION ANTHEM



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is
sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

COMMUNION

All are welcome at God's table. You may receive communion, or you may come for a blessing. The common cup is received only by sipping. Gluten-free wafers are available.

ANTHEM

The Call

Ralph Vaughn Williams

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: Such a Way, as gives us breath: Such a Truth, as ends all strife:
Such a Life, as killeth death. Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: Such a Light, as shows a
feast: Such a Feast, as mends in length: Such a Strength, as makes his guest. Come, my Joy, my
Love, my Heart: Such a Joy, as none can move: Such a Love, as none can part: Such a Heart, as
joys in love.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*God of abundance,
you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us
with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Empower us by your Spirit
always to proclaim
your redeeming love to the world
and continue forever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.*

1 Come, gra - cious Spi - rit, heaven - ly Dove, with light and
 2 The light of truth to us dis - play, and make us
 3 Lead us to Christ, the liv - ing Way, nor let us
 4 Lead us to heaven, that we may share full - ness of

com - fort from a - bove; be thou our guard - ian,
 know and choose thy way; plant ho - ly fear in
 from his pre - cepts stray; lead us to ho - li -
 joy for ev - er there; lead us to God, our

thou our guide; o'er ev - ery thought and step pre - side.
 ev - ery heart, that we from thee may ne'er de - part.
 ness, the road that we must take to dwell with God.
 fin - al rest, to be with him for ev - er blest.

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Deacon
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Toccata in d minor

Gordon Balch Nevin



Service Participants
January 12, 2025
The First Sunday After Epiphany

10:30 a.m.

Ann Szmania
Ross Mangina
Ken Grieshaber
Cole Hamel
Lynn Piccolo
Cole Hamel
Ivan Martin

Altar Guild
Eucharistic Minister
Reader
Intercessor
Usher
Usher
Acolyte

Choir

Garry Applegate
Jonathan Boksan
Bailey Fulginiti
Stacy Gabel
Hattye Magee
Joyce Meinke
Jody Miller

Sebastian Paff
Christina Shoemaker
Mark Shoemaker
Stephan Taylor

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK
January 12, 2025

Our Partner-Parish:

St. Margaret, Queen of Scotland in Emmaus

In the Diocese of Bethlehem:

The Rt. Rev. Kevin Nichols, our Bishop
Epiphany, Glenburn; and the Transition Leadership Committee

In the Anglican Communion:

The Church of the Province of West Africa



Please pray for these situations and people:

- ❖ All people in Los Angeles who have lost their homes, communities, animal companions, and in some cases, their lives, to the recent wildfires that have swept the Pacific Palisades, Eaton, and Hurst areas. Five persons so far are known to have perished.
- ❖ St. Mark's, Altadena, which burned to the ground in the wildfire of Tuesday, January 8. Please also remember their rector, The Rev. Carri Grindon, the rest of the staff, and its members.
- ❖ Other faith communities that burned to the ground include Pasadena Jewish Synagogue and Center; Pacific Palisades Presbyterian Church; Altadena Community Church; Pasadena Church of Christ, and others not yet verified.

Please pray for these friends in need:

Randy Alderman, Gary Battersby, Harold and Pam Basmadjian, Loretta Brobst, Owen Brunner, Joan Dawson, Jonathan Decker, Sue Ditterline, Connie Evans, Jerry and Rosanne Foreman, Eileen Gianguzi, Charles Gianguzi, Jr., George Kondash, Rheta and Dick Matthews, Lauren Nowenstein, Patti Pasda, Carol and Jack Vickrey.

To have a name placed on the parish prayer list, please send an email to:
prayerlist@trinitybeth.org - by noon on Wednesday.

Names will remain on the list for a month.

About Trinity Episcopal Church

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Appointments: Flexible scheduling available. Please contact the Rector to schedule an appointment.

Clergy

The Rev. Dr. Pamela Payne, Rector - pam@trinitybeth.org

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The Rev. Dr. Richard C. Ditterline, Priest Associate

The Rev. Dr. Gerard R. Gaeta, Obl.S.B., Priest Associate

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Sue Ditterline

Ken Grieshaber (Senior Warden)

Joanne Gulya (Junior Warden)

Marcie Lightwood

Ivan Martin

Sandy Mesics

Glen Walls