

Sunday, January 12, 2025
First Sunday after the Epiphany
The Baptism of our Lord

9:00 AM RITE I



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THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I

THE OPENING HYMN *Hymnal 117*

Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning

THE WORD OF GOD

THE SALUTATION *BCP 323*

Please stand, as you are able.

THE KYRIE *HYMNAL S-96*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you

And with thy spirit

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 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 Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE: Psalm 29
We will read antiphonally, beginning with the Congregation reciting the first full verse.

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 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.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

THE GOSPEL HYMN Hymnal 67
Comfort, Comfort Ye, My People

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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. "

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, Lord Christ

THE SERMON

The Rev. Robert Leaverton, ELCA

THE NICENE CREED *BCP 326*

Please stand, as you are able.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *BCP 328*

THE CONFESSION OF SIN *BCP 331*

Please kneel or sit reverently, as you are able.

THE PEACE *BCP 332*

Please stand, as you are able.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be seated.

PRAYER FOR A NEW DEAN

Together

Almighty God, look graciously on the people of St. Peter's Cathedral. Be with us and lead us as we seek the next Dean for our church. Enlighten with your grace the Search Committee. We ask for discernment, wisdom, and guidance. We pray for whom you guide to our parish, that they hear your calling and join our congregation swiftly, with joy in their hearts. We pray for the life of our parish, that we may joyfully continue to be strengthened in our mission to "Love God and Our Neighbor and Make Disciples for Christ." Give us courage to respond and act as you lead us. We pray this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRAYER FOR BIRTHDAYS *BCP 830*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The ushers bring the offering to the altar during the singing of the Offertory hymn

THE OFFERTORY *Hymnal 448*

O Love, How Deep, How broad, How high

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer II *BCP 340*

THE SANCTUS *HYMNAL S-130*

THE CONSECRATION *BCP 341*

Please kneel or stand, as you are able.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *BCP 336*

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

HYMNAL S-164

THE PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

(for those attending remotely)

In union, O Lord, with thy faithful people at every altar of thy Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to thee praise and thanksgiving. I remember thy death, Lord Christ; I proclaim thy resurrection; I await thy coming in glory. Since I cannot receive thee today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech thee to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with thy grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from thee. May I live in thee, and thou in me, in this life and in the life to come. *Amen*

THE COMMUNION HYMNS

Breathe on Me, Breath of God *Hymnal 508*

Come, Holy Spirit *Hymnal 510*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *BCP 339*

THE BLESSING

BCP 339

THE CLOSING HYMN

Hymnal 637

How Firm a Foundation

THE DISMISSAL

BCP 339

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