



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

the First Sunday after

The Epiphany

The Baptism of our Lord

January 12, 2025 – 10am



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

— Psalm 29:11

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During the week, please pray for those whom Christ's healing power has been requested:

Vilma Deans-burke, Karen and Bob Soderstrom, Jim McBride, The Reverend Jerry True, Monique Ray Burwell, The Reverend Tom A. Callard, Milagros Lopez, Charlie Murrin and his family, Robert Jewell, Sr. and his family, Charlotte Carrington, Anne Westcott, Todd Shepard, Beverly Rourke, Ann Lincoln, Joyce Howard, David and Kathy Johnston, Karen and Rich Authier, Louise Amerman, Eleanor Parke, Blaise and her family.

Please note that the Prayer List will be reset every 4 weeks, unless otherwise requested in the Main Office!

THE OPENING VOLUNTARY

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN: Songs of Thankfulness and Praise (The Hymnal 1982 #135)

1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Jes - us, Lord, to thee we raise,
2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro-phet, Priest, and King su - preme;
3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole, pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;
4 Man - i - fest on moun - tain height, shin - ing in re - splen - dent light,

man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;
and at Ca - na, wed - ding - guest, in thy God - head man - i - fest;
man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;
where dis - ci - ples filled with awe thy trans - fi - gured glo - ry saw.

branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;
man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill;
When from there thou led - dest them stead - fast to Je - ru - sa - lem,

an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
cross and Eas - ter Day at - test God in man made man - i - fest.

Sts. 1-3, Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885); st. 4, F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984)

THE OPENING SENTENCES

The people standing, the Celebrant says: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE GLORIA: The Hymnal 1982 - #S280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

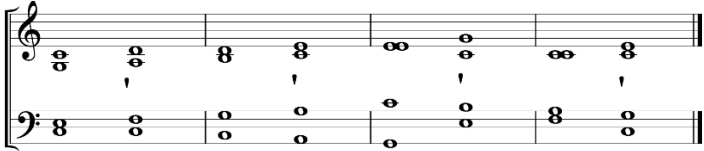
Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932), rev. Setting: Copyright © Church Publishing Inc.

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."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM: Psalm 29 *Afferte Domino*



- 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 ever' **more.**
- 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.

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THE GRADUAL HYMN: Baptized in Water

Unison

C Am Dm G F G C

1 Baptized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
2 Baptized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
3 Baptized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the

Em Am Em Gsus G C Am F C

3 blood of Christ, our King; heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his
tomb with Christ, our King; one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
sign of Christ, our King; born of one Fa - ther, we are his

Am G C G Am G⁷ C

6 prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
chil - dren, joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. **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."

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

THE NICENE CREED

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 VI

The People may stand or kneel

Intercessor In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *Silence*
For all people in their daily life and work;

All For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For Joseph, our President, and Donald, our President-Elect; for Maura, our Governor, and for Dominic, our Mayor. For this Community; the Nation and the World;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, especially in the Middle East and Ukraine, and for those in sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

We pray for our Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe and our Diocesan Bishop, Doug Fisher.

We pray for Church Without Walls and the Big Blue Drop-in Center.

For all who serve God in the Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence (The People may add their own petitions)

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We are thankful for those celebrating **birthdays** this week, especially Laura Manship, Lisette Amarylis Vasquez, Heetsy Robles, and Jolene Darby. We pray for those celebrating **anniversaries** this week. We give thanks for the flowers adorning the sanctuary today, given in Loving memory of Jacob Crowell by Kate and Kent Tarrant *Silence*. We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for the departed, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. We remember especially those whom we name aloud now; *(pause for names)*.

We pray for those in the history of Christ Church Cathedral who died the week of January 12th: Nadine V. Ermolaeff, Helena Dunbar Sherman, Martha Seaver, Edith A. Squier, Robert DeSanti, Joyce Lewis, Florence Davis, Winnifred Marsden Margiotta, Allan Baldwin, Helen Congdon, and Ellen R. Jarusik.

Bless all those whose lives have been cut short by gun violence and war.

Give to the departed eternal Rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy.

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Deacon: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins. *A period of Silence is kept.*

All: **Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant: 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

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM: Behold the Lamb of God (from *Messiah* - G. F. Handel)



During the Offertory, the Altar is prepared. People may place pledges and donations in the collection basket during the offertory. You may also donate, and pledge online, just point your phone at the QR code to the left

THE OFFERTORY HYMN: When Jesus Went to Jordan's Stream (The Hymnal 1982 #139)

1 When Je - sus went to Jor - dan's stream his Fa - ther's will o -
 2 The Ho - ly Spi - rit then was shown, a dove on him de -
 3 He came by wa - ter and by blood to heal our lost con -

bey - ing, and was bap - tized by John, there came
 scend - ing; the Tri - une God is thus made known
 di - tion; he cleans - es, rec - on - ciles to God,

a voice from hea - ven say - ing, "This is my dear be -
 in Christ as love un - end - ing. He taught, he healed, he
 and gives the Great Com - mis - sion. Then let us not heed

lov - èd Son up - on whom rests my fa - vor."
 raised the dead, yet, in his great en - deav - or
 world - ly lies nor rest up - on our mer - it,

And till God's will is ful - ly done he will not bend or
 to save us, his own blood was shed; but death could hold him
 but trust in Christ who will bap - tize with wa - ter and the

wa - ver, for he is Christ the Sa - vior.
 nev - er. He rose, and lives for ev - er.
 Spi - rit that we may life in - he - rit.

Martin Luther (1483-1546); para. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984), rev.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

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, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy 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:

THE SANCTUS: Holy, Holy, Holy (The Hymnal 1982 #S125)

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

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious God: 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 Creator 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again

Celebrant

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, 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 the ever-blessed Virgin Mary and 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 for ever. **AMEN.**

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

All 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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

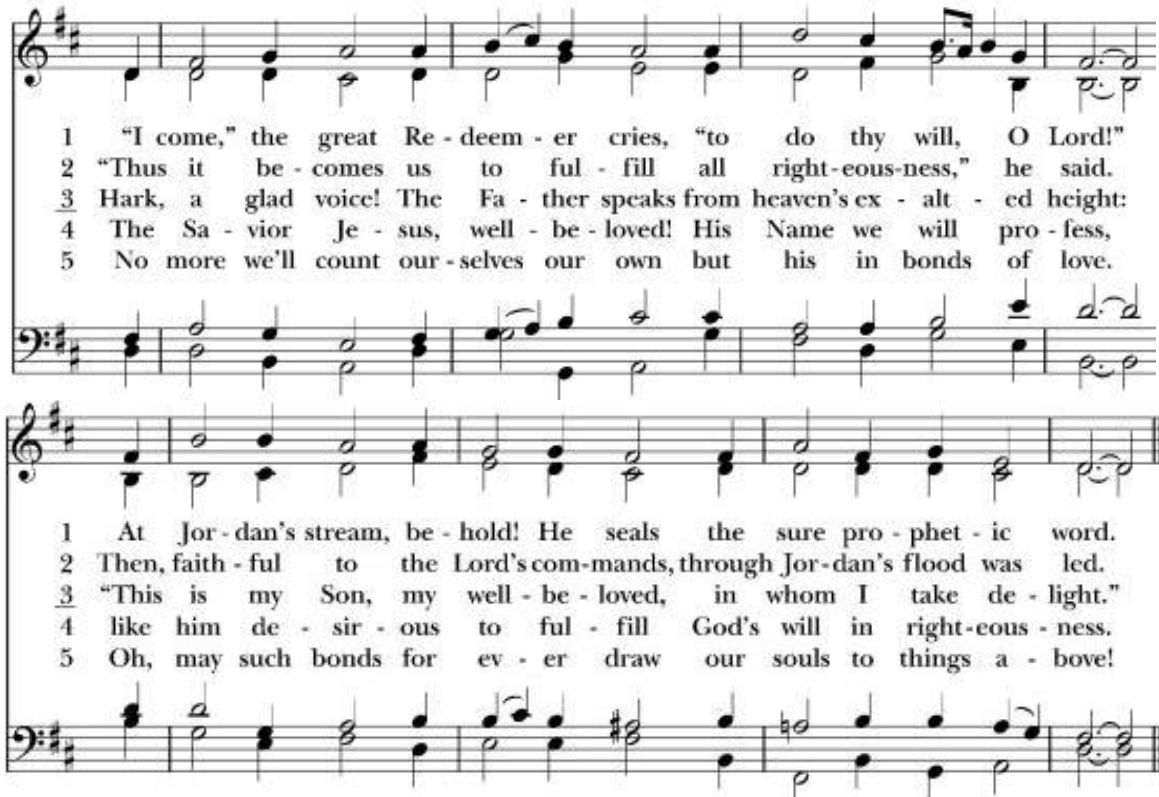
THE FRACTION ANTHEM: Lamb of God (The Hymnal 1982 #S161)

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.

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.

COMMUNION HYMN: I Come, The Great Redeemer Cries (The Hymnal 1982 #116)



The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written between the staves. The first system has five lines of lyrics, and the second system also has five lines of lyrics. The music is a simple, hymn-like melody with chords.

1 "I come," the great Re - deem - er cries, "to do thy will, O Lord!"
2 "Thus it be - comes us to ful - fill all right - eous - ness," he said.
3 Hark, a glad voice! The Fa - ther speaks from heaven's ex - alt - ed height:
4 The Sa - vior Je - sus, well - be - loved! His Name we will pro - fess,
5 No more we'll count our - selves our own but his in bonds of love.

1 At Jor - dan's stream, be - hold! He seals the sure pro - phet - ic word.
2 Then, faith - ful to the Lord's com - mands, through Jor - dan's flood was led.
3 "This is my Son, my well - be - loved, in whom I take de - light."
4 like him de - sir - ous to ful - fill God's will in right - eous - ness.
5 Oh, may such bonds for ev - er draw our souls to things a - bove!

Christian Hymnbook, 1865, alt.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: 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.

THE BLESSING

The Priest blesses the people

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN: Down by the Riverside (LEVAS #210)

1. Goin' to lay down my sword and shield,
 2. Goin' to lay down my war shoes,
 3. Goin' to put on my long white robe,
 4. Goin' to meet my lov - ing sav - ior,

Down by the riv - er - side, Down by the riv - er - side,

Down by the riv - er - side. 1. Goin' to lay down my sword and shield,
 2. Goin' to lay down my war shoes,
 3. Goin' to put on my long white robe,
 4. Goin' to meet my lov - ing sav - ior,

Down by the riv - er - side, To stud - y war no
 more. I ain't goin't stud - y war no more, Ain't goin't

stud - y war no more, Ain't goin't stud - y war no

I ain't goin't

more, stud-y war no more, Ain't goin't

stud-y war no more, stud-y war no more, Ain't goin't

stud - y war no more, Ain't goin't stud - y war no more.

Text: Traditional
Music: Negro Spiritual; arr. Clarence White

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon dismisses the people with these words

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia!! Alleluia!! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!! Alleluia!!**

THE CLOSING VOLUNTARY

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Altar Guild 10A

Eucharistic Minister 8A

Eucharistic Ministers 10A

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