

The Baptism of Jesus: A Service of Holy Eucharist With Renewal of Baptismal Covenant January 9, 2022

St. George's Church, Glenn Dale Parish, Episcopal Diocese of Washington

Welcome to St. George's! We are glad to see you this morning, whether in person or virtually. Zoom participants are welcome to leave your video camera on; at certain points during the service participants in the sanctuary will see the gallery view of those taking part in the service via Zoom.

Prelude: *I wonder as I wander*, Appalachian Carol adapted and arranged by John Jacob Niles (1892-1980) and Lewis Henry Horton (1898-1978) emma hadley, soprano

I wonder as I wander, out under the sky, How Jesus the Savior did come for to die For poor on'ry people like you and like I ... I wonder as I wander, out under the sky.

When Mary birthed Jesus, 'twas in a cow's stall, With wise men and farmers and shepherds and all. But high from God's heaven a star's light did fall, And the promise of ages it then did recall.

If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing, A star in the sky, or a bird on the wing, Or all of God's angels in heav'n for to sing, He surely could have it, 'cause he was the King.

I wonder as I wander

Opening Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #135 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

Words: Sts. 1-3, Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885) at. 4. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984).

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Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People: Glory to God forever and ever. 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.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray together: Heavenly God, 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.



Isaiah 43:1-7

Thus says the LORD, who created you, O Jacob, 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 eartheveryone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

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The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29

Ascribe to the LORD, you heavenly powers: ascribe to the LORD all glory and might.

Ascribe due honor to God's holy Name: worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

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 power: **the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees: **the LORD splinters the cedars of Lebanon**; God makes Lebanon skip like a calf: **and Sirion like a young wild bull.**

The voice of the LORD divides the lightening; the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness: the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the LORD makes the oaks to writhe, and strips the forests bare:

While in God's temple all cry, "Glory!"

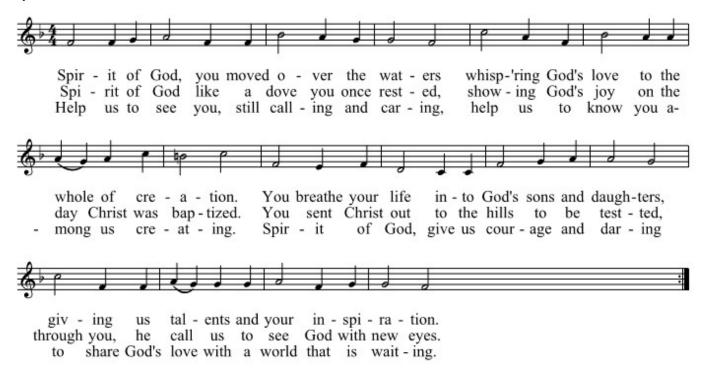
The LORD sits enthroned above the waters: the LORD sits enthroned as King for ever.

You, O God, will give strength to your people;

you will give your people the blessing of peace.

Gospel Hymn: Voices Found # 58 Spirit of God, v 1, 3, 5

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The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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 to you Lord Christ.**

The Sermon: Terry Doyle TSSF and The Rev. Connie Reinhardt

Following the Sermon, the Celebrant addresses the People.

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, as we celebrate the Baptism of our Lord, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in God's holy catholic Church.

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

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: Almighty God, you have 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 your grace, in

Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

As we celebrate the coming of the One who brings the light of God to all people, let us pray for the world God loves, the Church God calls, and all people according to their needs, saying

O God of truth and light, hear our prayer.

Loving God, the sun and moon, stars and galaxies shine with your love for all you have made. That our life together may be a celebration of your good creation, we pray saying

O God of truth and light, hear our prayer.

Loving God, we are grateful that you continue to pour out the gift of your Spirit on your church. For Michael our presiding bishop, Mariann our bishop, Connie our rector, and the community of St. George's, that we may embody the presence of your Son Jesus, we pray, saying

O God of truth and light, hear our prayer.

Loving God, though we divide ourselves by country and language, religion and race, still your light shines on all people. That we may act in ways that reconcile rather than divide, and that we may look for the places your light shines rather than focus on the darkness, we pray, saying, **O God of truth and light, hear our prayer.**

Loving God, your love and care shines into our lives, calling us to act as your hands and heart in the places we live. Help us work for your justice and live more fully into your call to respect the dignity of every human being we pray, saying **O God of truth and light, hear our prayer.**

Loving God, you bring healing where there is illness, hope where there is despair, life where there is death. May we be your willing hands and feet, carrying the gifts of your love and light to those in need. We pray for the children and families of Gaywood Elementary School and the Warm Nights program, and for all who are hungry, cold, or in need.

We pray also for those who are sick and those who are suffering, especially those on our parish prayer list, and those whom we name before you now. *The people may add their own petitions.* We pray, saying, **O God of truth and light, hear our prayer.**

Loving God, you make for each of us a dwelling place eternal, so that where you are, there we will be also. For all those who have died, that they may go from strength to strength in your presence, we pray, saying **O** God of truth and light, hear our prayer.

Loving God, because of your grace we have much to celebrate. We thank you for those remembering birthdays and anniversaries, and for all of the gifts and blessings we experience. For all that we have and all that we are, we give thanks to you, saying

O God of truth and light, hear our prayer.

O God who shines in the darkness, receive these prayers and all of the prayers of our hearts, in the name of the one who brings your light, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: Now let us confess our sins to God. *Silence is kept.*

All pray together God of steadfastness and mercy, we confess that we love the works of darkness more than your light. We have sought to satisfy our deepest longings through material things of creation rather than through you, our Creator. We are quick to judge others, yet we fail to see our own failings. We ignore the cries of the poor, and grow weary of working for justice. Forgive and restore us, O God; let your Holy Spirit move in us and inspire us to walk in the light of Christ, this day and always. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, confirm and 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.

Announcements and Blessings for Birthdays & Anniversaries

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) and anyone celebrating their birthday or anniversary this week as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Offertory

Do good works and share what you have, for these are the sacrifices pleasing to God.

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Offertory Hymn: LEVAS #143 Wade in the Water

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The Great Thanksgiving

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.

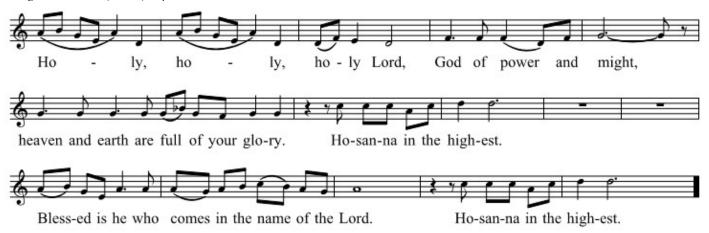
People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, almighty God, 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 forever sing this hymn in voices of unending praise:

Sanctus: Hymnal 1982 # S128

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932). Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323



Glory and thanksgiving be to you, O Holy One, for in Jesus the Messiah you have come to us as the Word made flesh. Our hope is built on him in whom you are well pleased, your beloved Son Jesus.

Declaring the nearness of your kingdom, Jesus forgave sinners, cast out demons, raised the dead, and restored those in need of healing. He gathered disciples to continue to declare the good news in word and deed, bringing light to the world in the power of your Holy Spirit.

And so we remember that on the night he was betrayed, Jesus gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom. Calling them to his table, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me."

In the same way after supper he took the cup, saying "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me."

Therefore, according to his command O God,

We remember his death; we proclaim his resurrection; we await his coming in glory.

Made one with Christ and one with each other, we now offer you these gifts, and with them ourselves, a holy and living sacrifice. And now most gracious God, we ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and that we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your kingdom.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours Holy One of Blessing, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now in the Light of Christ, we pray,

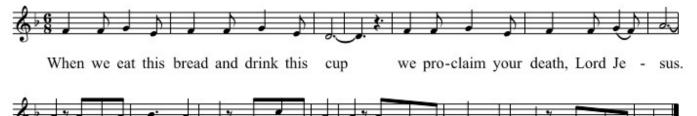
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The bread is broken and silence is kept

Fraction Anthem: Gather #247 May We Be One

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So as we share this feast may we be come, heal-ing and light and peace. May we be one.

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ lived, died, and rose again for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Celebrant: Mindful that not all are present physically to receive the sacrament, we pray with those who receive spiritual Holy Communion this day:

Lord Jesus, in union with your faithful people, we offer to you our praise and thanks. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we pray that you come spiritually into our hearts. Strengthen us with your grace, O Lord, 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.

Celebrant: All present are invited to share the bread and wine. For this is Christ's table, and all are welcome.

The Communion

Wherever you are on your journey, whatever you believe or don't believe, know that you are welcome at this table. For this is Christ's table, and all are welcome.

If you would like to receive the Eucharist, you may choose to receive both the bread and wine or only one of them. If you receive the wine, please drop your empty cup into the recycling bin at the door. Note that hand sanitizer is available as you exit. Please follow the arrows to go through the narthex (hallway) and back into the Sanctuary and on to your seat.

Communion Anthem: Do not be Afraid by Bernard Sexton

Words: Based on Psalms 27, 46 and 90 Music: Brernard Sexton® 2020 G.I.A. Publications, Inc.

The congregation is invited to sing with the choir on the refrain.



Do not be a-fraid. Do not be a-fraid. God is al-ways by your side. Do not be a-fraid.

For he who dwells in the shelter of the Lord, who abides in the Almighty's shade, says to the Lord, "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust.

Communion Hymn: New Century Hymnal #286 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

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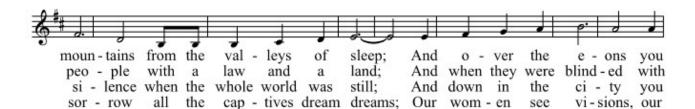
Spir-it, spir-it of gen-tle-ness, blow through the wil-der-ness, call-ing and free. Spir-it,



spir-it of rest-less-ness, stir me from plac-id-ness, wind, wind on the sea.



You moved on the wa-ters, you called to the deep,
You swept through the des-ert, you stung with the sand,
You sang in a sta-ble, your cried from a hill, then you whis-pered in
You call from to-mor-row, you break an-cient schemes. From the bond-age of





called to each thing, "A - wake from your slum-bers and rise on your wings."
i - dols and lies, then you spoke through your pro-phets to o-pen their eyes.
called once a - gain, when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.
men clear their eyes. With bold new de - ci - sions your peo-ple a - rise.

Post- Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray: 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. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Let us go forth in light to honor our God and share what we know of the risen Christ.

And now may God strengthen you and bless you with peace;

May Christ Jesus bring justice for you and among you;

And may the Holy Spirit alight on you and affirm you as God's beloved, this day and always. Amen.

Closing Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #636 How Firm a Foundation

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Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the Light of Christ.

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dross to con-sume, and thy gold to

Thanks be to God! People:

sanc-ti-fy to

Postlude: Peace Like a River from River Medley, arr. Marianne Kim (b. 1972)

thee thy keep-est dis-tress.