



The Baptism of Jesus

A Service of Holy Eucharist
with Renewal of Baptismal Covenant

January 8, 2023

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: *Deck the Halls* played in four hands by Ria Yang and Tim Dangel

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).

Music: *Salzburg*, Jacob Hintze (1622-1702); harm. Johan Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323

Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord to thee we raise,
Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro - phet, Priest, and King su - preme;
Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;
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 Jer - u - sa - lem,

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

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 Creator of all.**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray together: **Lord of the desert river, you search our depths and call us by name: may your flame-born Spirit open the heavens that we might recognize you in the one born of earth, Jesus Christ, the Gift of Peace. Amen.**

Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;

I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.

He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:

I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;

I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,
to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

I am the LORD, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.

See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

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: LEVAS #143 Wade in the Water

Words: Traditional Negro Spiritual. Music Traditional arr. Carl Haywood (b. 1949) from *The Haywood Collection of Negro Spirituals* © 1992
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The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mathew. **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Matthew 3:13-17

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

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

The Sermon: The Rev. Connie Reinhardt

Following the Sermon, the Celebrant addresses the People all standing as able.

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, out of work, 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.

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 #141 *Shall We Gather at the River*

Words and Music: Robert Lowry (1826-1899) Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323

Shall we gath - er at the riv - er where bright ang - el feet have trod;
On the mar-gins of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray
Ere we reach the shin-ing riv - er, Lay we ev - ry bur - den down;
Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv - er, Soon our pil-grim-age will cease.

With its crys - tal tide for - ev - er Flow-ing by the throne of God?
We will walk and wor - ship ev - er, All the hap-py gold - en day.
Grace our Spir - its will de - liv - er, And pro - vide a robe and crown.
Soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er With the mel-o - dy of peace.

Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, The beau-ti-ful, the beau-ti-ful - riv - er
Gath-er with the saints at the riv - er That flows by the throne of God.

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 #S 125 *Holy, holy, holy Lord*

Setting from *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (b. 1937) Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323



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. Bless-ed is the one who comes in the



name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high-est

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 in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as it is 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.**

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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When we eat this bread and drink this cup we pro-claim your death, Lord Je - sus.



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

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: 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.

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.*

Communion Hymn 1: New Century Hymnal #286 *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

Words and Music: James K. Manley (b. 1978) Arr. The New Century Hymnal 1993. Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323



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, then you coaxed up the
You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand, and you goad - ed your
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



moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep; And o - ver the e - ons you
peo - ple with a law and a land; And when they were blind - ed with
si - lence when the whole world was still; And down in the ci - ty you
sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams; Our wom - en see vi - sions, our



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.

Communion Hymn 2: Hymnal 1982 #490 *I want to walk as a child of the light*

Words and Music: Kathleen Thomerson (b. 1934) Tune: *Houston*. Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323



I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to fol-low Je-sus. God set the
I want to see the bright-ness of God. I want to look at Je-sus. Clear sun of
I'm look-ing for the com - ing of Christ. I want to be with Je-sus. When we have



stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Je-sus.

righteous-ness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa-ther.

run with pa-tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je-sus.



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the day are both a - like. The



Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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.**

Announcements

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.

Dismissal Hymn: Gather #378 *All the ends of the earth*

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The musical score consists of three staves of music in G major, common time, with a key signature of one sharp. The first staff is labeled "Refrain". The lyrics for the Refrain are: "All the ends of the earth, all you creatures of the sea, lift up your eyes to the wonders of the Lord. For the Lord of the earth, the Master of the sea has come with justice for the world." The second staff is labeled "Verse 1". The lyrics for Verse 1 are: "Break in-to song at the deeds of the Lord, the won-ders God has done in ev'-ry age." The third staff is labeled "Verse 2". The lyrics for Verse 2 are: "Heav-en and earth shall re - joice in God's might; ev'-ry heart, ev'-ry na - tion call God Lord." The fourth staff is labeled "Verse 3". The lyrics for Verse 3 are: "The Lord has made sal - va-tion known, faith-ful to the prom-is-es of old. Let the ends of the earth, let the sea and all it holds make music be-fore our God!" The score concludes with a repeat sign and the instruction "D.C." (Da Capo).

Dismissal

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude: *God Rest ye Merry Gentlemen* played in four hands by Ria Yang and Tim Dangel