



St. James's Episcopal Church

First Sunday after the Epiphany

The Baptism of our Lord

January 9, 2022

11:15 a.m.

Holy Eucharist Rite II and Baptism

Before the liturgy, in silence, talk to God. During the liturgy, let God speak to you.

After the liturgy, speak to one another. Please silence all electronic devices.

Prelude: Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern Dietrich Buxtehude

Hymn 542: *St. Joan*, "Christ is the world's true light"

Holy Baptism

Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer 299

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for 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.

Collect of the Day

BCP 214

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.*

Old Testament: 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."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29 *Afferte Domino*

BCP 620

Remaining seated, the People read the Psalm responsively by half verse.

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.

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;

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.

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!"

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.

Hymn 121: *Caitness*, “Christ, when for us you were baptized”

Gospel: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.
People 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.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon: The Reverend Dr. John McCard

Hymn 513: *Bridegroom*, “Like the murmur of the dove’s song”

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate *BCP 301*

Celebrant The candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.
Sponsors I present David Scott Stabler IV to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.
Celebrant Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?
Sponsors I will, with God’s help.
Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?
Sponsors I will, with God’s help.
Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?
Answer I renounce them.
Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?
Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

Celebrant Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support David in his life in Christ?

People We will.

Celebrant Let us join with David who is committing himself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Baptismal Covenant

BCP 304

The People stand as able.

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.

Prayers for the Candidate

BCP 305

Celebrant

Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

The People respond to each petition, saying, "Lord, hear our prayer."

Leader Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

Leader Open his heart to your grace and truth.

Leader Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

Leader Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

Leader Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

Leader Send him into the world in witness to your love.

Leader Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

Celebrant

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. *Amen.*

Thanksgiving over the Water

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Baptism

Celebrant

David, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

David, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. *Amen.*

Receive the light of Christ as a sign that you have passed from darkness into light. Shine as our Lord's light in the world to the glory of God the Father. *Amen.*

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen.*

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

Peace

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

Greeting and Announcements

The Holy Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Body and Blood of our Lord at the altar. Gluten-free wafers are available. All are invited to receive a blessing at the altar, indicated by crossing your arms across your chest.

Offering of Gifts and Praise

To give online, you may use the QR code located in the back of the bulletin.

Anthem: Prayer for Holy Baptism

Mark Whitmire

God of eternal truth and love vouchsafe the promised aid we claim
Thine own great ordinance approve,
the child baptized into thy name
Partaker of thy nature make, and give her all thine image back.

Father, if such thy sovereign will, if Jesus did the rite enjoin,
annex thy hallowing Spirit's seal, and let the grace attend the sign;
the seed of endless life impart, take for thine own this infant's heart.

In presence of thy heavenly host Thyself we faithfully require:
Come, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, by blood, by water, and by fire,
And fill up all thy human shrine, and seal our souls for ever thine.

Hymn 380 (v. 3): *Old 100th*, "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow"

Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

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 him thanks and praise.

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

(The Celebrant continues.)

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:

Sanctus S129

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

Celebrant

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, James, our patron, and all the saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the

firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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*.
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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.

Breaking of the Bread and Fraction Anthem S155

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

Music at Communion

Anthem: Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace Samuel Wesley

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace,
whose mind is stayed on thee
The darkness is no darkness with thee,
but the night is as clear as the day.
The darkness and the light to thee are both alike.
God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.
O let my soul live, and it shall praise thee,
for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for evermore.

Chant: Asperges me Plainsong

You will sprinkle me, Lord, with hyssop, and I will be made clean.
You will wash me, and I will be made whiter than snow.

Special Celebrations and Prayers

People with birthdays or anniversaries during the week or special prayer requests may come forward to the altar rail to receive a blessing.

Postcommunion Prayer

BCP 365

The People join in saying the Postcommunion Prayer, kneeling as able.

Celebrant and People

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.

Epiphany Blessing

May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord. *Amen.*

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth. *Amen.*

May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

Hymn 448 (vs. 1-3, 6): *Deus tuorum militum*, “O love how deep”

Dismissal

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern Andreas Armsdorff

*The flowers at the Altar are given to the Glory of God and in memory of
The Reverend and Mrs. Richard Royall Baker III*

Service Participants

Preacher and Celebrant: The Reverend Dr. John McCard

Deacon: The Reverend Dr. Robert Friend

Assisting: Lay Chaplain Blake Singer

Lectors: Yvonne Gibney, Tracy Melton

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Stacy Brinkley

IWC Greeter: Jan Steele

Musicians: Parish Choir

Organist: Virginia Ewing Whitmire

Director of Music: Dr. Mark A. Whitmire

Baptism

David Scott Stabler IV (“Scottie”), son of Mary Catherine Stabler and David Scott Stabler III and grandson of Diane Elizabeth Dodd-McCue, Michael Joseph McCue, Elizabeth Rodgers Stabler, and David Scott Stabler II. David’s godparents are Carrie MacKenzie Montague and Dudley Porter Thayer Montague (“Thayer”)

Prayers of the People

Please lift up to God those who have asked for our prayers:

For the sick and in need: especially Basil Acey, Mary Lee Allen, Elizabeth Austin, Lucy Baker, Hylah Boyd, Bryana Braxton, John Cook, Karen Cook, John Daniel III, Tom Evelyn, Kate Gareau, Jamie Gugino, Ann Harmon, Anne Hefner, Leigh Hulcher, Dave Johnson, Sue Kneip, Eileen Long, George Longest, Emma Mason, Matt Mattox, Linda Mays, JoEllen McGugan, Bunky Miller, Harry Moore, Kenny Morphis, Linda Pharis, Carol Piersol, Chuck Silva, Bradford Smith, Henry Spalding, Jr., Jay Stegmaier, Alan Stone, Jessie Sumrell, Ginger Trice, Jim Tucker, Anne Turnbull, Sam Witt, Erin Wright, Cassandra and family, Ben and Eloise, Ace, David, Dylan, Elaine, and Melissa

For those serving in our Armed Forces: especially David Bhatta, Robby Farmer, Wilson Nance, William Smith, and Mitchell Teefey

For our Mission Partners, both domestic and abroad: especially St. Joseph’s Family in Haiti, Our Little Roses in Honduras, Hurley Community Development Center in Hurly, Virginia, and St. Christopher’s Church in Bluff, Utah.

For all celebrating their birthdays this week, especially those who celebrate their birthdays today: Frances Aylor, John Cronly, Sr., Tilly Delk, Alex Eliades, Cheryl Hartman, Meghan Manley, Denise Sarkees, Dave Stock, and Vann Williams

For those who have died recently: especially William Morrison Flippen III

Music Notes



Thou wilt keep him, is by the English composer Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876). The text is from Isaiah 26:3, a portion of the canticle *Judah's Song of Victory*: "In that day shall this song be sung in the land of Judah; We have a strong city; salvation will God appoint for walls and bulwarks. Open ye the gates, that the righteous nation which keepeth the truth may enter in. Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee." Samuel Sebastian Wesley descended from a long line of churchman and church musicians. His father was Samuel Wesley (1766-1837), the finest English composer and organist of his day. His grandfather was Charles Wesley, the noted hymn writer (20 of his hymns are included in *The Hymnal 1982*), and his great uncle was John Wesley, the Anglican priest who founded Methodism. Samuel Sebastian was considered the great organist of his day. He was also composer of a significant body of church music, including some 38 anthems and a number of hymn tunes. Of the four hymn tunes included in our hymnal, *Aurelia* ("The church's one foundation") is the most widely known. Wesley served at the Chapel Royal and held numerous prominent positions at English churches and cathedrals; his final post was organist and choirmaster at Gloucester Cathedral (where St. James's Parish Choir was in residence in 2003).

Prayer for Holy Baptism is a piece that I composed in 1985 for the baptism of Elizabeth Whitmire. The text is also by Charles Wesley. The melody of "Prayer for Holy Baptism" was inspired by the Latin chant *Veni Sancte Spiritus*, which was brought to mind by Wesley's words, "Come, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, by blood, by water and by fire...seal our souls forever thine."

PLEASE NOTE: The annual MLK Evensong on January 16 has been cancelled due to rising COVID infections.

News and Events

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