HOLY EUCHARIST: Rite II THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

January 10, 2021 ♦ 10:00 a.m.

While we're unable to be in church together, we gather today as the church, the Body of Christ. Wherever you are, we hope you'll participate fully in our worship through singing, prayer, hearing the Good News of Jesus Christ, and receiving spiritual communion. May God richly bless you as you bless us!

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Air from "Water Music"

G. F. Handel

All stand as able at the sound of the tower bell. HYMN (next page)

Thou, whose almighty word

(HYMNAL 371)



The Baptism of Christ, Verrocchio and Da Vinci, from the Uffizi Gallery, Florence, Italy.



Words: John Marriott (1780-1825), alt. Music: Moscow, Felice de Giardini (1716-1796), harm. The New Hymnal, 1916, based on Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1875, and Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

Presiding PriestBlessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.PeopleAnd blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Presiding Priest continues

	There is one Body and one Spirit;
People	There is one hope in God's call to us;
Presiding Priest	One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People	One God and Father of all.

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.



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 WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST READING

READER: A Reading from the Book of Genesis

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

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

Silence is marked by the ringing of a bell.

THE RESPONSE (remain seated, read responsively)

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.

Psalm 29

THE SECOND READING

READER: A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—altogether there were about twelve of them.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

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THE GOSPEL

Mark 1:4-11

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. *People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out

People Thanks be to God.

of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the LordPeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

Silence is marked by the ringing of a bell.

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.		
1	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		
D 1 .	prayers?		
People	I will, with God's help.		
Celebrant	Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever		
Daanla	you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?		
People Celebrant	I will, with God's help.		
Celebrani	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		
Sucorani	your neighbor as yourself?		
People	I will, with God's help.		
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Karen Haig

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.	

The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has 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 his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen**.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The people pray responsively

Loving and gracious God, on this most holy season we bring to you our deepest hopes:

For the unity and faithful witness of your Church throughout the world, that our common life may manifest the love and blessing which you desire for the whole human family, we pray to you:

Loving God, hear our prayer.

For all who exercise power in the nations and economies of the world, that their actions may be guided by wisdom, justice and compassion, we pray to you:

Loving God, hear our prayer.

For those who live in situations of conflict, violence and oppression, especially the peoples of the Holy Land, those on our own borders, and for all who work for justice, freedom, reconciliation and peace, we pray to you:

Loving God, hear our prayer.

For deliverance from the shadows of hate and fear, that the Light of Christ may dispel every darkness, and bring the dawn of human flourishing, we pray to you:

Loving God, hear our prayer.

For refugees and immigrants, and for the homeless, that like the Holy Family they may find places of welcome and shelter, we pray to you:

Loving God, hear our prayer.

For all who are suffering in body, mind or spirit, that they may find confidence and hope in their troubles; and for all who minister to them in the name of the healing Christ, we pray to you:

Loving God, hear our prayer.

For those who are experiencing loss, or grief, or sadness, that your unquenchable love may lighten their darkness; give them the comforting balm of your healing touch, we pray to you:

Loving God, hear our prayer.

For those who have not felt your closeness, and those who do not yet know how dearly you love them, that they too may receive the blessing of this holy season, we pray to you:

Loving God, hear our prayer.

For the precious web of life, that we may respect all created beings, live gently on the earth, and see the divine beauty in the world you have made, we pray to you:

Loving God, hear our prayer.

For ourselves, that we may see the face of Christ in one another, and show forth Christ's love in everything we do, we pray to you:

Loving God, hear our prayer.

For everyone whose needs and yearnings are in our hearts today, especially those we now name . . . [*the people offer particular names and concerns*]

We pray to you:

Loving God, hear our prayer.

For all who have died, especially those we now name . . . [*the people offer particular names*] that in communion with all the saints they may forever rejoice in your presence; grant them your peace, and let light perpetual shine upon them, we pray to you:

Loving God, hear our prayer.

In thanks and praise for the Incarnation of your beloved Christ, who has shown us the fullness of our true humanity, we offer ourselves, all that we have and all that we are, that your Kingdom may come to dwell in our hearts and in our stories. We pray to you:

Loving God, hear our prayer.

The Presider concludes with this collect:

Living in hope, praying fervently for all who are suffering with COVID, and all who are suffering any injustice, and rejoicing in communion with the ever-blessed Mother of Jesus, Saint Barnabas, and the saints in every generation who have shone with the light of Christ, we praise you, God who loves us. For when we ask, you give; when we seek, you show the way; when we knock, you open. Praise to you for your unfailing grace. Make us now your faithful people, we pray in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presiding PriestThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Please remain seated. When we're together in church, an offering of money is collected.

You may make an offering by clicking here.

ANTHEM

Jesus, name of wondrous love

Robert J. Powell

Jesus! Name of wondrous love! Name all other names above, Unto which must ev'ry knee Bow in deep humility. Jesus! Name of priceless worth To the fallen sons of earth, For the promise that it gave, Jesus shall His people save. Jesus! Name of wondrous love, Human name of God above; Pleading only this, we flee, Helpless, O our God, to Thee.

TEXT: William Walsham How (1823-1897)

Recorded on Sunday, January 12, 2020

PRESENTATION ANTHEM

Presiding Priest	All things come from you, O Lord,	
People	and of your own have we given you.	
Presiding Priest	The Lord be with you.	
People	And also with you.	
Presiding Priest	Lift up your hearts.	
People	We lift them to the Lord.	
Presiding Priest	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.	
People	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, 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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (next page)

Richard Proulx



The Presiding Priest continues

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,

Presiding Priest and People We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

The Presiding Priest continues

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 all your 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,

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.



Let us pray.

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the People of God.

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I bind unto myself today

(HYMNAL 370 sts. 1,2,6)





THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING

HYMN	Mark how the lamb o	of God, self-offering
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1. Mark	how the Lamb of God, self - of - fering,	our hu-man sin - ful-ness takes on
2. From	this as - sur-ance of God's fa - vor	Je - sus goes to the wil - der - ness,
3. Grant	us, O God, the strength and cour - age	to live the faith our lips de - clare;
in	the birth-wa-ters of the Jor - dan	as Je - sus is bap-tized by John.
there	to en-dure a time of test - ing	that read - ied him to teach and bless.
bless	us in our bap-tis-mal call - ing;	Christ's roy - al priest-hood help us share.
Hear	how the voice from	"Lo, this is my be - lov - ed Son."
So	we, by wa - ter	bap - tized in - to Christ's min - is - try,
Turn	us from ev - ery false al - le - giance,	that we may trust in Christ a - lone:
See	how in dove-like form the Spi - rit	de - scends on God's A - noint - ed One.
are	of - ten led to paths of serv - ice	through maz - es of ad - ver - si - ty.
raise	up in us a cho-sen peo - ple	trans - formed by love to be your own.

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People Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. **People**

PROCESSION ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Hornpipe from "Water Music"

G.F. Handel

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