

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Lesson

*The congregation
is seated.*

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."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29

*Anglican chant,
sung by the choir*

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.

Second Lesson

*The congregation
is seated.*

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

*The congregation stands
as the music begins.*

Christ, when for us you were baptized

The Hymnal, No. 121

Gospel Lesson

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 Sermon

The Rev. Canon Cathy Dempsey-Sims

Presentation of the Candidates

Presider The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

The congregation may remain seated.

Sponsor I present Georgia Jane to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Presider Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate I do.

Parents and Godparents of the Children say

I present Charlotte Rose, Clementine Cecilia, Hazel Florence, Ophelia Johanna and Mabel Holiday to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*The Presider asks
Parents & Godparents*

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents & Godparents I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents & Godparents I will, with God's help.

Presider Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Respondents I renounce them.

Presider Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Respondents I renounce them.

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

Respondents I renounce them.

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

Respondents I do.

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

Respondents I do.

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

Respondents I do.

Presider Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People (please stand) **We will.**

Presider Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

**The Baptismal
Covenant**

Do you believe in God the Father?
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

I will, with God's help.

**Prayers for
the Candidates**

Let us now pray for those who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader
People

Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
Lord, hear our prayer.

<i>Leader</i> <i>People</i>	Open their hearts to your grace and truth. Lord, hear our prayer.
<i>Leader</i> <i>People</i>	Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit. Lord, hear our prayer.
<i>Leader</i> <i>People</i>	Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church. Lord, hear our prayer.
<i>Leader</i> <i>People</i>	Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit. Lord, hear our prayer.
<i>Leader</i> <i>People</i>	Send them into the world in witness to your love. Lord, hear our prayer.
<i>Leader</i> <i>People</i>	Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory. Lord, hear our prayer.
<i>Presider</i>	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 forever. Amen.
Thanksgiving over the Water	The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give him thanks and praise.
<i>Presider continues</i>	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.

The Baptism

Georgia Jane / Charlotte Rose / Clementine Cecilia / Hazel Florence / Ophelia Johanna / Mabel Holiday, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them 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.

Georgia Jane / Charlotte Rose / Clementine Cecilia / Hazel Florence / Ophelia Johanna / Mabel Holiday, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.
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.

The Peace

The congregation stands.

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

THE LITURGY OF HOLY COMMUNION

**United
Thank
Offering**

Funds are collected from the congregation, offered in thanksgiving for a variety of blessings. This portion of our offering is sent to the United Thank Offering, a ministry of The Episcopal Church, to support mission and ministry throughout the larger Church. Our regular Sunday offering is taken up immediately following.

Offertory Anthem

Down to the River to Pray

arr. Sheldon Curry

Presentation Hymn

Christ, to thee with God the Father

The Hymnal, No. 82, v.4

Please rise as offerings are brought forward and placed on the altar.

**The Great
Thanksgiving**

Eucharistic Prayer B

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 367

Sanctus	<i>Holy, holy, holy Lord</i>	The Hymnal, No. S-129
The Lord's Prayer	<i>Our Father, who art in heaven</i>	The Hymnal, No. S-119
Fraction Anthem	<i>Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world</i>	The Hymnal, No. S-163

*All who desire to be strengthened by the Presence of Christ
in the Sacrament are welcome to receive Communion.
Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

Communion Anthem	<i>Baptized in Water</i>	E. Hancock and M. Seward
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Post Communion Prayer
 Let us pray. Almighty and everliving God,
**we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
 of the most precious Body and Blood
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
 and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
 that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
 and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
 And now, Father, send us out
 to do the work you have given us to do,
 to love and serve you
 as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
 To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
 be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

Closing Hymn	<i>We know that Christ is raised</i>	The Hymnal, No. 296
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Dismissal

Postlude	Variations on <i>Hendon</i>	Rachel Sawyer
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The flowers this morning are given to the greater Glory of God.

The Sanctuary Lamp in the Chapel burns in loving memory of
 Brian Townson and Thomas and Mary Kelley.

Readings for Next Week (Second Sunday after the Epiphany, Year C):
 Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

CALENDAR

Today	8 & 10 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	11:15 a.m.	Coffee Hour (Morrell Hall)
	11:30 a.m.	Confirmation Class
Monday	4:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist (Absolut Care)
Tuesday	1:00 p.m.	Pet Food Pantry
Wednesday	11:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist and Healing (Chapel)
	6:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Jan. 27	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist (one service)
	10:30 a.m.	Annual Parish Meeting

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