

EPISCOPAL CHURCH of the
HEAVENLY REST

God's Love. For All.

First Sunday after the Epiphany: The Baptism of our Lord
Holy Eucharist Rite II
Sunday, January 12, 2025
10:30 in the morning

PRELUDE *Christ, Our Lord, to Jordan Came, BWV 685*

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

HYMN AT THE PROCESSION *On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry*

Hymn 76
Tune: *Winchester New*

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.**

Read in English

FIRST READING

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."

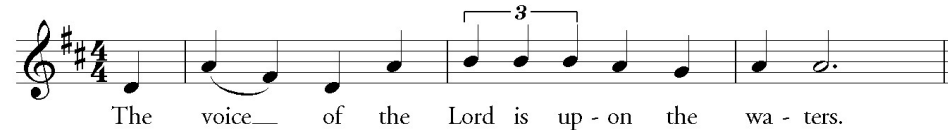
Lakini sasa, BWANA aliyekuhuluku, Ee Yakobo, yeye aliyekuumba, Ee Israeli, asema hivi, Usiogope, maana nimekukomboza; nimekuita kwa jina lako, wewe u wangu. Upitapo katika maji mengi nitakuwa pamoja nawe; na katika mito, haitakugharikisha; uendapo katika moto, hutateketea; wala mwali wa moto hautakuunguza. Maana mimi ni BWANA, Mungu wako;

Mtakatifu wa Israeli, Mwokozi wako, nimetoa Misri kuwa ukombozi wako; nimetoa Kushi na Seba kwa ajili yako. Kwa kuwa ulikuwa wa thamani machoni pangu, na mwenye kuheshimiwa, nami nimekupenda; kwa sababu hiyo nitatoa watu kwa ajili yako; na makabila ya watu kwa ajili ya maisha yako. Usiogope; maana mimi ni pamoja nawe; nitaleta wazao wako toka mashariki, nitakukusanya toka magharibi; nitaiambia kaskazi, Toa; nayo kusi, Usizuie; waleteni wana wangu kutoka mbali, na binti zangu kutoka miisho ya dunia. Kila mmoja aliyelitwa kwa jina langu, niliyemwumba kwa ajili ya utukufu wangu; mimi nimemwumba, naam, mimi nimemfanya.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

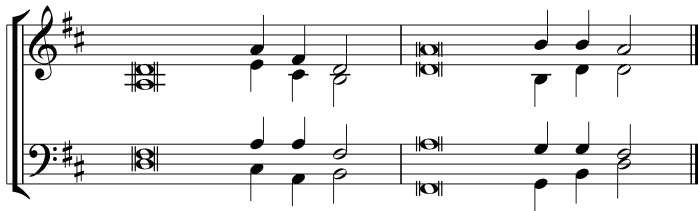
ANTIPHON *Organ, Choir, All*



The voice— of the Lord is up - on the wa - ters.

PSALM TONE

tone: WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET



The congregation alternates with the choir, singing the text in bold

PSALM 29 *Afferte Domino*

- 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 [glo]-ry thunders;*
the Lord is upon the [might]-y waters.
- 4 **The voice of the Lord is a [pow'r]-ful voice;***
the voice of the Lord is a [voice] of splendor.

Antiphon

- 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 [for]-ests bare.

Antiphon

- 9 And in the temple [of] the Lord *
all are [cry]-ing "Glory!"
- 10 **The Lord sits enthroned a-[bove] the flood;***
the Lord sits enthroned as king for-[ev]-ermore.
- 11 The Lord shall give [strength to] his people;*
the Lord shall give his people the [blessing] of peace.

Antiphon

SECOND READING

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.

Na mitume waliokuwako Yerusalemu, waliposikia ya kwamba Samaria imelikubali neno la Mungu, wakawapelekea Petro na Yohana; ambao waliposhuka, wakawaombea wampokee Roho Mtakatifu; kwa maana bado hajawashukia hata mmoja wao, ila wamebatizwa tu kwa jina lake Bwana Yesu. Ndipo wakaweka mikono yao juu yao, nao wakampokea Roho Mtakatifu.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN *Christ, when for us you were baptized*

Hymn 121
Tune: *Caithness*

Read in Swahili and English

THE GOSPEL

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."

Basi, watu walipokuwa wakingoja yatakayotokea, wote wakiwaza mioyoni mwao kuhusu Yohana, kama labda yeye ndiye Kristo, Yohana alijibu akawaambia wote, Kweli mimi nawabatiza kwa maji; lakini yujua mtu mwenye nguvu kuliko mimi, ambaye mimi sistahili kuilegeza kamba ya viatu vyake; yeye atawabatiza kwa Roho Mtakatifu na kwa moto; ambaye ungo wake uko mkononi mwake, naye atausafisha sana uwanja wake wa kupuria, na kuikusanya ngano ghalani mwake, bali makapi atayateketeza kwa moto usiozimika. Ikawa, watu wote walipokwisha kubatizwa, na Yesu naye amebatizwa, naye anaomba, mbingu zilifunuka; Roho Mtakatifu akashuka juu yake kwa mfano wa kiwiliwili, kama hua; sauti ikatoka mbinguni, Wewe ndiwe Mwanangu, mpendwa wangu; nimependezwa nawe.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE RESPONSE *Wimbo wa injili (Song of the Gospel)*

Nitaenda naye Mwokozi, nipeleke injili duniani pote, Yesu wangu nipe uwezo, nipeleke injili duniani pote. Wa baba nao wanangoja, salama ya mbingu. Wa mama nao wanangoja, salama ya mbingu. Watoto nao wanangoja, salama ya mbingu.

I will go with the Savior to spread the Gospel throughout the world, Jesus give me strength, to spread the gospel throughout the world. The men are waiting for the peace of Heaven. The women are waiting for the peace of Heaven. Children are waiting for the peace of Heaven.

THE BAPTISMAL LITURGY

THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

Apoline Amisi Concilie, Paul Christopher Smith, Neema Tuyisunge, Tumsifu Wasinja

Celebrant The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Sponsors I present N. to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Celebrant asks the sponsors

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.

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.

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

Answer I renounce them.

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

Answer I renounce them.

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

Answer I renounce them.

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

Answer I do.

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

Answer I do.

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

Answer I do.

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

We will.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own 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

The Celebrant says

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

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

Lord, hear our prayer.

Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Send them into the world in witness to your love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

Lord, hear our prayer.

The Celebrant says

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.**

Children who wish to witness the Baptism may join the procession to the Font.

PROCESSION *Come Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire*

Hymn 503

Tune: *Come Holy Ghost*

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.**

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

N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

PROCESSION *I Sing A Song of the Saints of God*

Hymn 293
Tune: *Grand Isle*

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.**

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.

All stand for

THE PEACE

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM *A Welcome Song*

music by Thomas Pavlechko
text by Mark Schweizer (1956-2019)

Welcome newborn lambs, who in pastures dwell; where caring shepherds bring them gently to the well; For living waters their thirst relieve. Leading to the waters, wond'ring shepherds sing the songs of new creation; Ev'ry living thing, when drinking deeply, will this song receive. Heard in Eden's garden when the world was new. Heard again in Bethl'em by a thirsty few. And those who hear the song of Life, believe. Here the newborn lambs may see the Savior's face. With heads bent low, partaking of his perfect grace. And fin'ly rising from the water, live!

PRESENTATION HYMN *How bright appears the morning star*

Hymn 497

Tune: *Wie schön leuchtet*

Those who are celebrating anniversaries in the month of January are invited to follow the procession to the altar rail and receive a blessing.

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.
People **And of thine own have we given thee.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer B*

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.**

The Celebrant proceeds

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

Here a Proper Preface is said

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS *Holy, holy, holy Lord*

Calvary Service, Thomas Pavlechko

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est
Blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The People stand or kneel as they are able.

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,

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

The Celebrant 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, forever and ever. Amen.

Baba yetu, uliye mbinguni, jina lako litukuzwe, ufalme wako uje, mapenzi yako yatimizwe, duniani kama mbinguni. Utupe leo chakula chetu cha kila siku; utusamehe makosa yetu, kama tunavyowasamehe waliotukosea. Usitulete katika majaribu, lakini utuokoe katika uovu Kwani kwako ufalme, uwezo na utukufu, milele na milele, Amina.

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.

FRACTION ANTHEM

Calvary Service, Thomas Pavlechko

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

Christ our pass - ov - er is sac - ri - ficed for us. There - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

The Celebrant proceeds

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

and may add Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion. If you are not baptized, you may come forward to receive a blessing by folding your arms over your chest. Gluten-free hosts are available upon request. If you are interested in being baptized, please speak to one of the clergy after the service.

Communion will be distributed at two stations: at the altar rail and in front of the pulpit. If you do not wish to receive wine, please cross your arms over your chest when the chalice comes by. Please follow the instructions of the ushers as you wait to receive Communion.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Of the Father's love begotten

Hymn 82, stanzas 1-3

Tune: *Divinum mysterium*

Songs of thankfulness and praise

Hymn 135, stanzas 1 & 2

Tune: *Salzburg*

COMMUNION SONG

Aleluya Kwaya

After Communion, the Celebrant says

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 for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Commissioning of Eucharistic Visitors may be said.

In the name of this congregation, we send you forth, bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's Body and Blood. We who are many are one Body because we all share one bread and one cup.

The Celebrant blesses the People

All stand and sing

HYMN AT THE PROCESSION *Brightest and best of the stars*

Hymn 117

Tune: *Morning Star*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Toccata on How Bright Appears the Morning Star*

Thomas Pavlechko

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