

# FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD



ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH | JANUARY 10, 2021 10AM

## Shared Home Communion

You're welcome at St. Luke's, no matter where you are in your spiritual journey. This leaflet is a guide for today's live-streamed service.

If you received consecrated bread, please keep it nearby during this service. Afterward, please return the *pyx* (small bread jar) to the basket on St. Luke's covered porch. The Altar Guild will sterilize and reuse the jars for our Ash Wednesday Shared Home Communion service, on 2/17.

If you don't have Communion bread at home, the Prayer for Spiritual Communion (page 13) is just for you.

During this dangerous surge in the number of Covid cases, we are thankful for your support of St. Luke's. Many of you have given of your resources: strength, ideas, pledges of financial support, and most especially your prayers. Through our baptisms and this celebration of Holy Eucharist, we are one in God's loving Spirit, and the Christ.

Faithfully,

## HOLY EUCHARIST

**Ringling of the Bells**

**Organ Prelude**

*Dom. P. Benoit, Elevation #6*

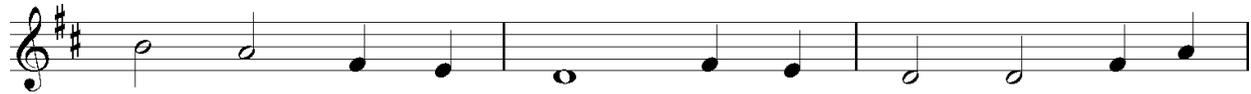
**Welcome**

Opening Hymn

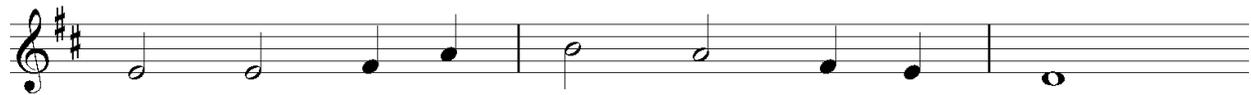
Words: Robert Robinson, Melody "Nettleton", 686



1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my  
 2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,  
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly



heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er  
 by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good  
 I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a



ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
 plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
 fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by  
 Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering  
 prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to



flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me  
 from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from  
 leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and



on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.  
 dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
 seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

## Opening Acclamation

## Enriching Our Worship I

*Presider* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

*People* **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

## Collect for Purity

*Presider* 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.**

## Song of Praise

*Presider* Holy God,  
Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,  
**Have mercy upon us.**

## Collect of the Day

*Presider* God be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* 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.**

## The Lessons

### Hebrew Scripture

Genesis 1:1-5

*Lector* 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.

The Word of God.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 29

*Afferte Domino*

- All*
- <sup>1</sup> Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, \*  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.**
  - <sup>2</sup> Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; \*  
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**
  - <sup>3</sup> The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders; \*  
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.**
  - <sup>4</sup> The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; \*  
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.**
  - <sup>5</sup> The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; \*  
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;**
  - <sup>6</sup> He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

**<sup>7</sup> 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.**

**<sup>8</sup> The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe \*  
and strips the forests bare.**

**<sup>9</sup> And in the temple of the Lord \*  
all are crying, "Glory!"**

**<sup>10</sup> The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.**

**<sup>11</sup> The Lord shall give strength to his people; \*  
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.**

**Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **The Epistle**

Acts 19:1-7

*Lector* 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.

*Lector* The Word of God.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn**    *Words: George B. Timms, Melody "Solemnis haec festivitas" 120*



1 The sin - less one to Jor - dan came,  
 2 Up - ris - ing from the wat - ers there,  
 3 A - bove him see the heaven - ly Dove,  
 4 How blest that mis - sion then be - gun  
 5 O Christ, may we bap - tized from sin,  
 6 On you may all your peo - ple feed,



1 and in the riv - er shared our stain;  
 2 the Fa - ther's voice did then de - clare  
 3 the sign of God the Fa - ther's love,  
 4 to heal and save a race un - done!  
 5 go forth with you a world to win:  
 6 and know you are the Bread in - deed,



1 God's right - eous - ness he thus ful - filled,  
 2 that Christ, the Son of God, had come  
 3 now by the Ho - ly Spi - rit shed  
 4 Straight to the wil - der - ness he goes  
 5 grant us the Ho - ly Spi - rit's power  
 6 who gives e - ter - nal life to those



1 and chose the path his Fa - ther willed.  
 2 to lead his scat - tered peo - ple home.  
 3 up - on the Son's a - noint - ed head.  
 4 to wres - tle with his peo - ple's foes.  
 5 to shield us in temp - ta - tion's hour.  
 6 that with you died, and with you rose.

## Gospel

Mark 1:4-11

*Gospeler* The 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 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."

*Gospeler* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## Homily

The Rev. Carren Sheldon

## The Baptismal Covenant

*Presider* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People* **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

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

*People* **I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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.**

*Presider* 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.**

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

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider* 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.**

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

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

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

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider* 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 All Baptismal Candidates**

*Presider* Let us now pray for all persons who receive the Sacrament of new  
birth today, and for those of us who renewed our commitment to  
Christ.

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

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Open our hearts to your grace and truth.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Fill us with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Fill us with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Keep us in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Teach us to love others in the power of the Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Keep us in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Send *them* into the world in witness to your love.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Bring us to the fullness of your peace and glory.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Presider* 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.**

## **The Peace**

*Presider* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

## The Offertory

*Presider* Walk in love as Christ loves us.

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[click here to make an online donation: https://tithe.ly/give?c=409634](https://tithe.ly/give?c=409634)

## Eucharistic Prayer

Enriching Our Worship I

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Presider* We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:

*All* **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Presider* Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said:

“Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.

Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said:

“Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

*All* **AMEN.**

## **Lord’s Prayer**

*Presider* And now, as Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*All* **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.

*The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. Silence is kept.*

*Presider* This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives  
life to the world.

*All* **Whoever eats this bread will live for ever.**

*Presider* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All who have consecrated bread now share it, saying:*  
The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life.  
Amen.

*Those who do not have consecrated bread may say the following  
Prayer for Spiritual Communion:*

Come Lord Jesus, and dwell in my heart in the fullness of your  
strength; be my wisdom and guide me in right pathways; conform  
my life and actions to the image of your holiness; and, in the power  
of your gracious might, rule over every hostile power that threatens  
or disturbs the growth of your kingdom, who with the Creator and  
the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.  
Amen.

### **Post-communion Prayer**

*Presider* Let us pray.

*All* 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.  
 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.

### Final Blessing

#### Closing Hymn *words: Latin 15<sup>th</sup> cent.; Melody "Deus tuorum militum", 448*



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing  
 2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly  
 3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his  
 4 For us to wick - ed hands be - trayed, scourged, mocked, in  
 5 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he  
 6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so



1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of  
 2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions  
 3 dai - ly works he wrought: by words and signs and  
 4 pur - ple robe ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful  
 5 went on high to reign; for us he sent his  
 6 deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom



1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.  
 2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er ov - er - threw.  
 3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.  
 4 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.  
 5 Spi - rit here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.  
 6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

## **Dismissal**

*Presider* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

*Malcolm Archer, Festive Scherzo*

### **Coffee Hour: it's online & all are welcome!**

Grab your beverage of choice and join us online for Zoom "coffee hour" immediately following today's service with Margaret Wisehart and Sally Rooney.

*Have you ever been moved by or wondered about the sacrament of baptism?*



St. Luke's provides a welcoming sanctuary for all people, takes faithful risks to foster community and proclaim God's love through our words, deeds and relationships.

- Provide a welcoming sanctuary for all.
- Prioritize being and staying in relationship.
- Nurture the next generation.
- Weave God into the fabric of our daily lives.
- Engage the world around us.
- Speak truth in love.
- Honor our legacy and traditions.
- Take faithful risks (courage to evolve).

At St. Luke's Episcopal Church, we affirm God's love for all of God's people. Whoever you are, wherever you are on your spiritual journey, whatever your age, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, religious background, social or economic circumstance, or political affiliations, you are welcome here.

*With Christ and in Christ,  
We Welcome, Celebrate, Collaborate and Grow*

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