



THE CHURCH
OF ST. MICHAEL & ST. GEORGE

St. Louis County has issued a mandate for all over the age of 5 to wear a mask covering both their nose and mouth at all times while inside public buildings, including churches.

The First Sunday after the Epiphany
The Baptism of Our Lord
January 9, 2022 10:00 AM

Holy Baptism with The Holy Eucharist

*¶ The service follows the Order for Holy Eucharist
beginning on page 299 of The Book of Common Prayer*

¶ The musical setting of the Mass Ordinary is derived from Byzantine sources

Organ Voluntary

Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685–1750)

Hymn at the Procession 120

SOLEMNIS HAEC FESTIVITAS

Today we celebrate the Baptism of our Lord and sing this hymn that is based on the biblical narrative of Christ's baptism in the Jordan. It ends with a prayer that we, baptized from sin, may go forth into the world to bring others to the Lord.

Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed ✠ be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

¶ The Celebrant then continues

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

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.
¶ People Amen.

¶ Then all are seated

The Word of God

The Old Testament Lesson

ISAIAH 43:1-7

BUT NOW THUS SAYS THE LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, 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 eyes, and honored, and I love you, I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life. Fear not, 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 up, and to the south, Do not withhold; bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth, every one 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.

♩ *All remain seated for the singing of the Psalm*

Psalm 29

Afferte Domino

TONE I.4



*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 • pow'rful 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 a•bove 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.

The New Testament Lesson

ACTS 8:14-17

NOW WHEN THE APOSTLES AT JERUSALEM heard that Sama'ria had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and John, who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit; for it had not yet fallen on any of them, but they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

‡ *All stand for the singing of the Hymn and Gospel Procession*

Hymn at the Sequence 116

THIS ENDRIS NYGHT

As we prepare to hear the story of Christ's baptism in the Jordan, we sing this hymn which is rich in biblical references and a proper prelude to today's Gospel reading.

The Gospel

LUKE 3:15-17, 21-22

Gospeler ✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

AS THE PEOPLE WERE IN EXPECTATION, and all men questioned in their hearts concerning John, whether perhaps he were the Christ, John answered them all, "I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with 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, as a dove, and a voice came from heaven, "Thou art my beloved Son; with thee I am well pleased."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Anne Hunter Kelsey

‡ *All remain seated as the Candidate is presented*

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

¶ *After the presentation the Celebrant addresses the Congregation, saying*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in her life in Christ?

People We will.

¶ *The Celebrant then says these or similar words*

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

¶ *All stand*

The Baptismal Covenant

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

¶ After the presentation the Celebrant addresses the Congregation, saying

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

¶ The Choir sings the following petitions

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

℟. Lord, hear our prayer.

℣. Open her heart to your grace and truth.

℟. Lord, hear our prayer.

℣. Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

℟. Lord, hear our prayer.

℣. Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

℟. Lord, hear our prayer.

℣. Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

℟. Lord, hear our prayer.

∇. Send her into the world in witness to your love.
℟. Lord, hear our prayer.
∇. Bring her 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. ¶ *People Amen.*

Thanksgiving over the Water

¶ *The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying*

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.

The Baptism

¶ *The Candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, or to an assisting Priest or Deacon, who pours water upon her, saying*

N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

¶ *People Amen.*

¶ *Then the Ministers and Newly Baptized process to the Crossing*

Hymn at the Baptismal Procession 121

CAITHNESS

Elements of the Prayer Book Order of Holy Baptism are found in this hymn through reference to the Baptismal formula “I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit,” the marking on the forehead with the sign of the cross and the covenant statement that all baptized persons “will seek and serve Christ in all persons loving their neighbor as themselves.”

¶ The Celebrant prays over the Newly Baptized, saying

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 her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her 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. *¶ People Amen.*

¶ Then the Priest, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross, says

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

Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized.

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.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

¶ Then the Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord

Announcements

The Church of St. Michael & St. George is grateful for the generosity of all visitors and parishioners who contribute as part of the weekly offertory. If you wish, please place your contribution in the collection plate or use the QR code below to give online. These gifts are used to support our parish in addition to parishioners' annual commitments.



The Holy Communion

Carol at the Offertory

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day,
I would my true love did so chance
To see the legend of my play,
To call my true love to my dance.

Sing O my love,
This have I done for my true love.

Then was I born of a virgin pure,
Of her I took fleshly substance,
Thus was I knit to man's nature,
To call my true love to my dance.

In a manger laid and wrapped I was,
So very poor, this was my chance,
Betwixt an ox and a silly poor ass,
To call my true love to my dance.

Then afterwards baptized I was,
The Holy Ghost on me did glance,
My Father's voice heard from above,
To call my true love to my dance.

Words: Sandys' Christmas Carols, 1833
Music: Traditional English; arr. John Gardner (1917-2011)

¶ *Following the singing of the Carol, all stand to sing*

Hymn at the Presentation 380: v. 3

OLD HUNDREDTH

The Great Thanksgiving

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.

¶ *Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

Sanctus and Benedictus qui venit

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho-san - na in the high - est.

¶ *The People kneel and the Celebrant continues*

WE ACCLAIM YOU, HOLY LORD, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might

find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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.”

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ’s death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you his body and blood, the acceptable sacrifice which brings salvation to the whole world, we praise you and we bless you.

g Celebrant and People

The musical notation consists of two staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff is for the celebrant and the second for the people. The lyrics are: "We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God." The melody is simple and liturgical, with a long note on "bless" and "you" in the celebrant part.

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend ✠ upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

¶ *The Celebrant may add petitions here*

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with Blessed Michael and All Angels, Blessed George, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

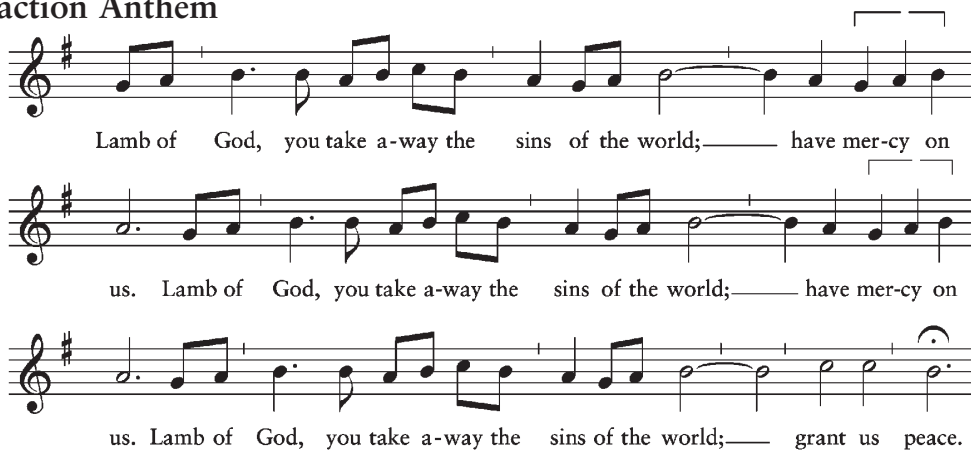
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. ¶ *All AMEN.*

The Lord's Prayer

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 Celebrant breaks the Bread and a period of silence is kept; then is sung*

Fraction Anthem



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world; — have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world; — have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world; — grant us peace.

The Invitation and Ministrations of Communion

♩ *All Christians baptized with water in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please follow the directions of the Ushers on when to come forward. Please continue to wear your mask and, to maintain distancing, form two single file lines down the center aisle, at six-foot intervals in household units. To receive the Bread, extend your palms, crossed and upward; then return to your seat, then consume the Bread.*

♩ *Holy Communion will be offered in one kind only.*

♩ *Those who do not wish to receive Holy Communion may come forward for a blessing; please indicate this to the Priest by crossing your arms over your chest.*

Anthem at the Communion

Jesus, so lowly, Child of the earth:
Christen me wholly, Bring me new birth.

Jesus, so lonely, weary and sad;
Teach me that only Love maketh glad.

Jesus, so broken, Silent and pale;
Be this the token Love will not fail.

Jesus, victorious, mighty and free;
Teach me how glorious death is to be.

Words: Edith Williams (from Songs of Praise)

Music: Herold Friedell

Hymn at the Communion 463 ¶ *Sung by all*

HALL

This poem by W.H. Auden, referenced into today's sermon, urges us to follow, seek, and to love him. Throughout the text, the author employs exceptional poetic language that evokes keenly imaginative faith responses.

The Postcommunion Prayer ¶ *Said by all kneeling*

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 ✠ *¶ The Celebrant blesses the People*

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

¶ All stand

The Dismissal *¶ The Deacon dismisses the People and they respond*

∅. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Ⓡ. Thanks be to God.

Hymn at the Retiring Procession **616**

ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

We sing this text as a reminder that Christ has come into this world for us and even Kings of the earth shall bow down before him. His name shall stand for ever, his changeless Name of Love.

The flowers at the High Altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Nan Thornton Holmes Jones by her daughter Mary Holmes Carpenter

and

in loving memory of our Bama and Omi from their grandchildren all.

This Morning's Liturgy

† Colors play an important part in the worship of the Church. The colors worn at the Church of St. Michael & St. George are drawn from colors worn in England before the Reformation. They change according to the seasons of the Church year and the liturgical tasks at hand. The vestments worn for the Feast of the Baptism of Christ are the color white .

† The prelude this morning is one of J.S. Bach's choral-based preludes with the melody found in the pedal while the accompaniment is filled with both fast and constant sixteenth notes which depict the river Jordan. You will also hear a counter melody depicting water droplets symbolizing the Baptism of Christ. † This joyful and energetic carol, but not the traditional melody most think of when you hear the title, of John Gardner is one that is extremely rhythmic and full of energy in both the organ and choir. † Herold Friedell's anthem Jesus so lowly is a soft but sweet anthem that depicts the text and description of how Christ lives in our lives.



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