



THE CHURCH  
OF ST. MICHAEL & ST. GEORGE

# The First Sunday after the Epiphany The Baptism of Our Lord

January 8, 2023      10:00 AM

## Holy Baptism with The Holy Eucharist

¶ *The service follows the Order for Holy Baptism with 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

*The hymns sung at The Church of St. Michael & St. George are drawn from The Hymnal 1982 of The Episcopal Church. New to the Hymnal 1982, this hymn is solidly based on the biblical narrative of Christ's baptism in the Jordan River. Verse 5 is a prayer that we might go forth to be disciples with the power of the Holy Spirit.*

### 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.

**F**ather 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 42:1-9

**B**ehold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him, he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not fail or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law. Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread forth the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: "I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from

the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to graven images. Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them.”

*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 beau-ty 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 ce-dars 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 wilder-ness 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 en-*throned 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 10:34-43

**A**nd Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I perceive that God shows no partiality, but in every nation any one who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the word which he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace by Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), the word which was proclaimed throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism which John preached: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses to all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and made him manifest; not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify that he is the one ordained by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that every one who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

*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 121

CAITHNESS

*Written in 1973, this text was composed in response to the need of the new Book of Common Prayer and its renewed emphasis on Baptism as a public rite. It is rich in references to the Gospel narratives of the Baptism of the Lord and incorporates references to the Baptismal formula found in the Book of Common Prayer.*

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

**T**hen Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for thus it is fitting for us to fulfil all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus was baptized, he went up immediately from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and alighting on him; and lo, a voice from heaven, saying, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

*Gospeler* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**Sermon**

The Rev. Blake Sawicky

¶ *All remain seated as the Candidate is presented*

**Presentation and Examination of the Candidate**

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¶ *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 his 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 him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

℟. Lord, hear our prayer.

℣. Open his heart to your grace and truth.

℟. Lord, hear our prayer.

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

℟. Lord, hear our prayer.

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

℟. Lord, hear our prayer.

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

℟. Lord, hear our prayer.

℣. Send him into the world in witness to your love.

℟. Lord, hear our prayer.

℣. Bring him 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

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¶ *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 him, saying*

N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. ¶ *People Amen.*

¶ *The Godparents then say the following*

N., for you Jesus Christ came into the world: for you he lived and showed God's love; for you he suffered the darkness of Calvary and cried at the last, "It is finished"; for you he triumphed over death and rose in newness of life; for you he ascended to reign at God's right hand. All this he did for you, little one, though you do not know it yet, we promise to teach you. And when you stumble and fall, we promise to pick you up. And so the word of Scripture is fulfilled: "We love because God loved us first."

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

## Hymn at the Baptismal Procession      295      CHRISTUS, DER IST MEIN LEBEN

¶ *The Celebrant prays over the Newly Baptized, saying*

Let us pray.

**H**eavenly 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 him to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him 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

### Anthem at the Offertory

As I out rode this enderes night  
Of three jolly shepherds I saw a sight;  
And all about their fold a star shone bright,

They sang terliterlow:  
So merrily the shepherds their pipes can blow.

Down from heaven so high of angels  
There came a great company with joy and mirth.  
And great solemnity.

*Words: Traditional*

*Music: Gerald Hendrie (b.1935)*

¶ *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.

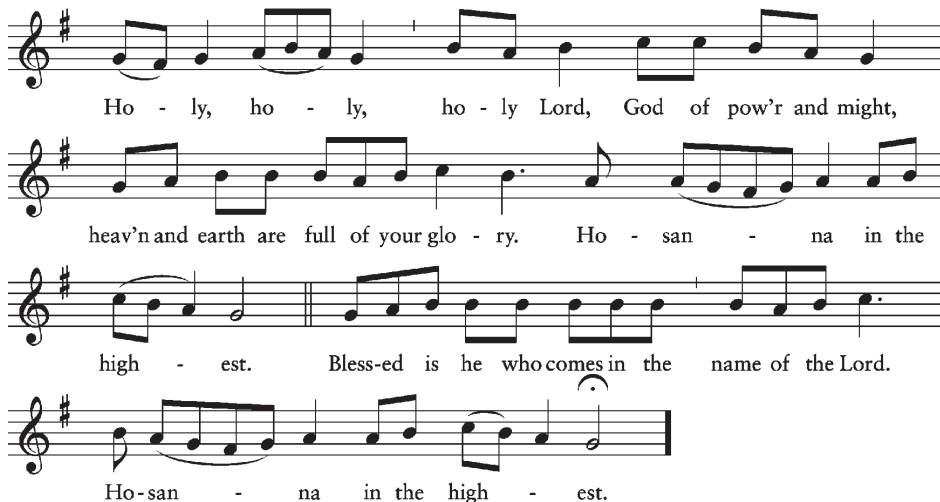
¶ *Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

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.

**W**e 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*



We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we  
pray to you, Lord our God.

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.

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. *g All AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

## 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 Ministration of Communion

*¶ Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with Thanksgiving.

*¶ All Christians baptized with water in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Proceed to the Altar Rail when invited by the Usher. To receive the Bread, extend your palms, crossed and upward; when offered the Chalice, please assist in guiding it. 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.*

*¶ Holy Communion is distributed both at the High Altar and in St. Mary's Chapel. When directed, please follow the Ushers' direction. Those who are not able to come to the High Altar are always welcome to proceed to St. Mary's Chapel.*

## Motet at the Communion

O bone Jesu, O dulcis Jesu, O Jesu fili Mariae Virginis, plene misericordia et pietate.

O bone Jesu, O dulcis Jesu, secundum magnam misericordiam tuam, miserere mei.

*O good Jesus, O sweet Jesus, O Jesus, Son of the Virgin Mary, full of loving kindness and compassion.*

*O good Jesus, O sweet Jesus, according to your great loving kindness, have mercy upon me.*

*Words: Traditional Latin Hymn*

*Music: Richard Dering (c.1580-1630)*

## Hymn at the Communion 116 ¶ *Sung by all* THIS ENDRIS NIGHT

*This text, new to the Hymnal 1982, has its roots in St. Louis, published here in 1973. Written for the observance of the Baptism of our Lord, it is coupled with an ancient English tune which is in the form of a ballad.*

## 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 497**      WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET DER MORGENSTERN

*Dating from the 16th century, this chorale is known as the “Queen of the Chorales.” Its original title was “A spiritual bridal song of the believing soul, concerning her Heavenly Bridegroom, founded on the 45th Psalm of the Prophet David.” Though Lutheran in origin, this hymn is, perhaps, the quintessential Epiphany hymn sung throughout Christendom.*

The flowers at the High Altar are given to the glory of God,  
and in memory of Nan Holmes by her daughters,  
and in thanksgiving for the marriage of Barry Kirk and Andrew Martin.

## *This Morning's Liturgy*

† Colors play an important part of the worship of the Church. They change according to the seasons of the Church year and the liturgical tasks at hand. The colors worn at the Church of St. Michael & St. George are drawn from colors worn in England before the Reformation. Today is the First Sunday after the Epiphany on which we mark the baptism of Jesus. The color white symbolizes purity, joy, light, and glory. It is worn for Feasts of Our Lord and Principal Feast Days, as well as for baptisms and sometimes funerals.

† 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 light and lilting melody illustrates the story of the shepherds receiving the news of Christ's birth from the Angels with words uncommon even for Old English. The title word "enderes" derives from the Saxon endehenes, or "the last," and the falling terliterlow is an onomatopoetic rendering of the shepherd's horn playing. † The Latin motet sets two equal female voices in echoes and undulations in its beautiful sweeping phrases. The vowel-heavy and sonorous text celebrates the Holy Name of Jesus as a reflection of the Presentation/Candlemas.



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