

**The First Sunday after the Epiphany  
The Baptism of Our Lord (Renewal of Baptismal Vows)  
January 11, 2026  
10:00 AM**

**Celebrant and Homilist:** The Very Rev. Canon Martini Shaw

**Assisting:** The Rev. Fr. Daren E. Evans

**Vergers:** Karen Ragland and Eugene Golson

**Music Ministry:** St. Thomas Gospel Choir

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**Order of Service**

**A Meditation Prayer**

Verger Eugene Golson

**The Prelude**

St. Thomas Music Ministry

**The Opening Hymn- "Jesus in the Morning"**

**Lift Every Voice and Sing (LEVAS) # 76**

**1) Jesus, Jesus, Jesus in the morning, Jesus in the noontime;  
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus when the sun goes down!**

**2) Praise Him, Praise Him, Praise Him in the morning,  
Praise Him in the noontime, Praise Him, Praise Him,  
Praise Him when the sun goes down!**

**3) Love Him, Love Him, Love Him in the morning,  
Love Him in in the noontime; Love Him,  
Love Him, Love Him when the sun goes down!**

**4) Serve Him, Serve Him, Serve Him in the morning,  
Serve Him in the noontime; Serve Him, Serve Him,  
Serve Him when the sun goes down!**

**5) Jesus, Jesus, Jesus in the morning, Jesus in the noontime;  
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus when the sun goes down!**

**A Word of Welcome**

The Celebrant

**The Opening Acclamation**

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

**The People:** And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. AMEN

**The Collect for Purity**

**The Celebrant:** 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.

**The Gloria in excelsis**

**The Celebrant and People:**

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord, Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. AMEN**

## The Proclamation of the Word

### The Collect of the Day

**The Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**The People:** And also with you.

### The 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. **AMEN.**

### The First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9

Victoria Rivers

#### A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Here is 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 grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out 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 idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

**The Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**The People:** Thanks be to God.

### Psalm 29

Wendella Fox

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 powerful 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 above 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 Second Reading: Acts 10:34-43**

Deborah Camp-Frye

**A Reading from the Book of Acts.**

Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

**The Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**The People:** Thanks be to God.

**The Gradual Hymn- "He Is King of Kings"**

LEVAS # 96

**Refrain:** He is King of kings,

He is Lord of Lords;

Jesus Christ, the first and last,

no man works like Him.

He is King of kings,

He is Lord of lords;

Jesus Christ, the first and last,

no man works like Him.

**1) He built his throne up in the air**

no man works like Him;

And called his saints from everywhere

no man works like Him. [Refrain]

**2) I was but young when I begun**

no man works like him;

but now my race is almost won

no man works like him. [Refrain]

**The Holy Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17**

Fr. Evans

**The Priest:** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mattheew.

**The People:** Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, 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 it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

**The Reader:** The Gospel of our Lord.

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

**The Homily Hymn- He Is King of Kings”**

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**The Homily: Renewal of Baptismal Vows / Rite of Asperges**

**The Rector**

**The Renewal of Baptismal Vows**

**The Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?**

**People: I believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**The Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?**

**The 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.**

**The 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.**

**With God’s help, I will continue in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship in the breaking of the bread, and in prayers.**

**With God’s help, I will persevere in resting evil, and whenever I fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord.**

**With God’s help, I will proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ.**

**With God’s help, I will seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving my neighbor as myself.**

**With God’s help, I will strive for justice and peace among all people and respect the dignity of every human being.**

**The Rite of Asperges**

(The Holy Water used this morning is from the Jordan River, the body of water in Israel where our Lord was baptized. Praying it may be a blessing to you in 2026 and beyond.)

## **The Call to Christian Discipleship**

**The Prayers of the People – Form IV**

**BCP pg. 388**

In Celebrating the birth and baptism of Jesus, the Light of the World, we pray to you, Lord God.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Daniel, our Bishop, Martini our Rector, Daren our associate to the Rector, Gerald and Wil our Associate Priests, Karen & Eugene our Vergers, Paul our Associate Minister, and for all bishops and other ministers.

Lord in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Give us the grace to do your will Lord, everything in your name and for your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any illness, anxiety, depression or unemployment.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

For those who have entered into the joy pf the heavenly Jerusalem, especially those who have died.

Lord in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

For those incarcerated: Guide them Lord in all they do with your Grace and Love and grant them your continual help. In all their problems, your guidance; in all their dangers, your protection; and in all their sorrows, your peace. And we remember and pray for those who may have been affected by their actions.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

For those who may be experiencing loneliness or sadness following the death of a loved one, grant them your presence and comfort.

Lord in your mercy

**Hear our prayer/**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

For those who for whatever reason are unable to worship with us in the breaking of the bread, the source of our faith;

**That they may be sustained by our Lord's promise to be with us for all eternity.**

Prince of Peace, help us.

**God of Grace save us.**

In the communion of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Thomas, Absalom, and all of the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

**To thee, Lord our God.**

**The Concluding Collect**

The Celebrant

**The Confession**

**BCP 360**

The Celebrant: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us kneel and confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**The Celebrant and The People:**

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. AMEN**

**The Absolution**

The Celebrant

Almighty God, have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. AMEN

**The Peace**

**The Celebrant:** The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**The People:** And also with you.

**The Holy Eucharist**

**The Offertory Sentence and Offering**

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## The Offertory Musical Selection

St. Thomas Gospel Choir

### The Great Thanksgiving

**The Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**The People:** And also with you.

**The Celebrant:** Lift up your hearts.

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

**The Celebrant:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**The People:** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. (*Celebrant adds a short Proper Preface*)

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

### The Sanctus

**The Celebrant and the People:**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**The Celebrant:**

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

### The Memorial Acclamation

**The Celebrant and People:**

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

**The Celebrant:** We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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 forever. **AMEN**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray.

#### **The Celebrant and People:**

**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 Breaking of the Bread**

**The Celebrant:** Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**The People:** Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

### **The Agnus Dei**

**The Celebrant:** Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.

**The People:** Have mercy upon us.

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**The Celebrant:** Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.

**The People:** Grant us thy peace.

### **The Prayer of Humble Access**

**Let us pray:** We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. **AMEN**

**The Celebrant:** 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.

### **The Distribution of Communion**

(All baptized persons who accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior  
are invited to receive the Holy Sacrament)

### **The Post-Communion Prayer**

#### **The Celebrant and People:**

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

### **Sending Forth of the Lay Eucharistic Visitors**

**The Celebrant:** In the healing name of Jesus and with the compassionate embrace of this parish family, I send you forth bearing these Holy Gifts to those to whom you go today, so that they may share with us in the Communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

**The People:** We who are many are one body, and we all share on bread and one cup.

### **The Announcements**

Richard Jones, Rector's Warden

### **The Recognition of Visitors and Guests**

### **The Blessing of Birthdays, Anniversaries and Travel**

## The Final Blessing

The Celebrant

### The Closing Hymn - “O Come Let Us Adore Him”

**1) O come, let us adore Him,  
O come let us adore Him,  
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.**

**2) For He alone is worthy,  
For He alone is worthy,  
For He alone is worthy, Christ the Lord.**

**3) Let's praise His name together,  
Let's praise His name together,  
Let's praise His name together, Christ the Lord.**

**4) We'll give Him all the glory,  
We'll give Him all the glory,  
We'll give Him all the glory, Christ the Lord.**

## The Dismissal

### The Postlude

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**The End of Mass:** This is a reminder that the Mass (service) ends following the closing hymn and dismissal. Please make an extra effort to refrain from unnecessary chatter and departure from the service before its conclusion. This request is being made to respect all gathered wishing to embrace the fullness of worship.