



THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD  
JANUARY 10, 2021  
10:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST

PREACHER: *The Reverend Ryan C. Fleenor*  
CELEBRANT: *The Reverend Susan C. Wyper*

The Opening Voluntary

The Rector's Greeting

Hymn in Procession: 296

*Please stand and sing.*



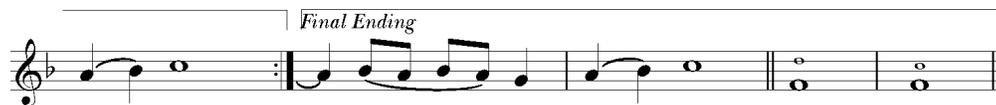
We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.  
The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.  
A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em - braced by death he broke its fear - ful hold;  
Re - born we share with him an Eas - ter life.  
The Spi - rit's pow - er shakes the Church of God.  
as Christ's new bo - dy takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.  
as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ. Al - le -  
Bap - tized we live with God the Three in One.  
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

*Text: John Brownlow Geyer (b. 1932)*  
*Music: Engelberg, Charles Villiers Stanford (1852 - 1924)*

The Word of God

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

**People:** *And blessed be God's 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.

**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.  
*Amen.*

*Please be seated.*

## **The First Lesson**

Genesis 1:1-5

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 the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

## **The Psalm: 29**

*Sung by the Quartet.*

*Anglican Chant, H. Howells*

- 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 glory thunders; \*  
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; \*  
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.
- 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 forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the Lord \*  
all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; \*  
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

## **The Second Lesson**

Acts 19:1-7

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.

The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

## Alleluia

*Sung by the Cantor, then all, standing.*

**Antiphon** *Cantor, then All*

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

**Verse** *Cantor*

(Verse appointed for the day) *All repeat Antiphon*

*Cantor*      *All of you who were baptized into Christ\*  
Have clothed yourselves with Christ.*

## The Gospel

Mark 1:4-11

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
***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."

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

## The Sermon

The Reverend Ryan C. Fleenor

## The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

*Said by all, standing.*

***Celebrant:*** Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

***People:*** *I do.*

***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.***

*The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows,*

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. ***Amen.***

## **Prayers of the People**

*Remain standing.*

*BCP, Form IV*

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.***

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.***

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.***

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.***

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## **The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*And also with you.*

## **Welcome and Announcements**

## **The Holy Communion**

*At the Offertory, we gratefully offer back to God a portion of what God has given us, symbolically in the bread and wine, and in the money we give. To make a gift today, please either visit [www.saintlukesdarien.org/give](http://www.saintlukesdarien.org/give) or scan the QR code below with your phone. Thank you for your generosity.*



## **The Offertory Anthem**

*Sung by the Quartet.*

*We observe this holy day, ornamented with three miracles:*

*Today a star led the Magi to the manger;*

*Today wine was made from water at the wedding;*

*Today in the Jordan Christ desired to be baptized by John,  
so that He might save us, Alleluia.*

*Text: The Magnificat Antiphon, 2nd Vespers, Feast of the Epiphany*

*Music: Luca Marenzio (1553—1599)*

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

*Please stand.*

*Eucharistic Prayer B*

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***It is right to give God 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. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
 might, heaven 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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;***

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 the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Luke, and 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 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 Breaking of the Bread**

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
*Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!*

### **A Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

*In union, dear God, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my self, my soul and body, with the earnest wish that I may always be united to you. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. I tie myself to you and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Let nothing ever separate you from me. May I live, now and forever, in your love. Amen.*

### **The Communion Motet**

*Sung by the Quartet.*

Here is the little door,  
lift up the latch, oh lift!  
We need not wander more,  
but enter with our gift;  
Our gift of finest gold.  
Gold that was never bought or sold;  
Myrrh to be strewn about his bed;  
Incense in clouds about His head;  
All for the child that stirs not in His sleep,  
But holy slumber hold with ass and sheep.

Bend low about His bed,  
For each He has a gift;  
See how His eyes awake,  
Lift up your hands, O lift!  
For gold, He gives a keen-edged sword.  
(Defend with it thy little Lord!)  
For incense, smoke of battle red,  
Myrrh for the honored happy dead;  
Gifts for His children, terrible and sweet;  
Touched by such tiny hands,  
and Oh such tiny feet.

*Text:* Frances Chesterton (1869—1938)

*Music:* Herbert Howells (1892—1983)

### **The Post Communion Prayer**

Let us pray.

*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.*

## The Blessing & Dismissal

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. *Thanks be to God.*

## Hymn 381

*Sung by all, standing.*



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; at thy speak - ing  
2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, dark as night and  
3 Thy strong word be - speaks us right - eous; bright with thine own  
4 God the Fa - ther, Light - Cre - a - tor, to thee laud and



it was done; for cre - at - ed light we thank thee,  
deep as death, broke the light of thy sal - va - tion,  
ho - li - ness, glo - rious now, we press toward glo - ry,  
hon - or be; to thee, Light of Light be - got - ten,



while thine or - dered sea - sons run: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
breathed thine own life - giv - ing breath: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
and our lives our hopes con - fess: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
praise be sung e - ter - nal - ly; Ho - ly Spi - rit, Light - Re -



lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
veal - er, glo - ry, glo - ry be to thee; mor - tals, an - gels,



al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
now and ev - er praise the Ho - ly Tri - ni - ty.

*Text: Martin H. Franzman (1907 - 1976)*

*Music: Ton-y-Botel, Thomas John Williams (1869 - 1944)*

## The Closing Voluntary

*Altar flowers are given today to the Glory of God,  
in loving memory of Darunee Wilson by her family;  
in loving memory of Cynthia Chadwick Bullock by her family;  
in loving memory of Peter E. Nightingale by his family;  
in loving memory of DeWitt Peterkin, III, by his family.*

***Welcome to Saint Luke's!***

*We are a vibrant community of faith that welcomes everyone, regardless of where you are on your faith journey, to hear God's word, to be fed at God's table, and to experience the love of community, so that you will be strengthened to serve God in the world.*

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(203) 655-1456.*

***We are thankful for everyone serving today;  
especially today's Lay Readers, Altar Guild, Flower Guild, and Ushers.***

**Altar Guild:** Jane Bowen, Libby Stowell

**Flower Guild:** Helen Ong, Tasha Nagler

**Flower Delivery:** Elizabeth Hearle

**Lay Readers:** Annie Slaughter, Howard Courtemanche, Peter Wells

**Sexton:** Dave Scam

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**We encourage parishioners to pray throughout the week for these members of our parish family:**

**For those who are ill:** Sheila, Janetta, Charlie, Chris, Rob,  
Jessica, Karen, Verna, Deedee, Bridgette, Pat, John, Courtney,  
Peter, Jeff, Andrea, Michelle, Jim, Pam, Cecilia, Douglas, Francesco, Diane, and Michael

**For those with special needs:** Allison, Aldin,  
Zeke, Simon, Jack, Lilia, Elizabeth, and Michael

**If you or someone you know is in need....**

*If you or someone you know is facing an illness, hospitalization, death in the family or any other stressful life situation, please consider a visit or call from one of our clergy or trained lay volunteers. Please call the parish office at 203.655.1456. We can also place your name on the list of people who receive prayers during our worship service.*

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