

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany  
The Baptism of Our Lord  
9:00 & 11:15 a.m. 11 January 2026

*We invite you to prepare for the service in quiet meditation and prayer.  
Hymns are found in the blue Hymnal 1982.  
“BCP” refers to pages in the red Book of Common Prayer.*

THE WORD OF GOD

Tower Bells

Voluntary ..... Prelude in D Major  
C. P. E. Bach

O love, how deep, how broad (Stand).....Hymn 448

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. 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

Celebrant The Lord be with you.  
People And also with you.  
Celebrant Let us pray.

*The Celebrant continues*  
  
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.*

A Reading from the Book of 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. [Isaiah 42:1-9]

Reader The Word of the Lord.  
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29 Sung by the choir to an Anglican chant by Henry G. Ley

- 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.

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.” [Acts 10:34-43]

Reader The Word of the Lord.  
People Thanks be to God.

Christ, when for us (Stand)..... Hymn 121

The Gospel

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew.  
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.” [Matthew 3:13-17]

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

Children’s Chapel (9:00 a.m. only)

*Pre-K through 3rd grade children gather at the front steps of the chancel for a blessing before processing to Children’s Chapel.*

The Sermon

A brief period of silence follows the sermon.

THE HOLY BAPTISM

Come, thou fount of every blessing (Stand) .....Hymn 686

Presentation of the Candidates ..... BCP 301

The Baptismal Covenant ..... BCP 304

Prayers for the Candidates .....BCP 305

Thanksgiving over the Water ..... BCP 306

The Baptism.....BCP 307

Daniel Zarate Hawkins (9:00 a.m.)  
Rainey Jane Proctor (11:15 a.m.)

Baptismal Anthem .....*You have put on Christ*  
Howard Hughes

Welcoming the Newly Baptized..... BCP 308

The Peace..... BCP 308

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory.....*Vidi Aquam*  
Iain Quinn

*If you are worshipping with us in person, we encourage you to place your gift in the offering plates as they are passed in the pews. For instructions on online and text giving, see the back panel of this bulletin.*

Presentation of Gifts (Stand)

To God the Father, heavenly Light,  
to Christ, revealed in earthly night,  
to God the Holy Ghost we raise  
our equal and unceasing praise.

Eucharistic Prayer B .....BCP 367

The Sanctus ..... Hymn S 128

The Lord’s Prayer ..... BCP 364

The Fraction Anthem ..... Hymn S 155

Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion at St. John’s. Approach the altar in a double line in the center aisle. Stand or kneel at the rail and receive the Bread in your hand. You may sip the Wine directly from the common cup, or you may allow the Eucharistic Minister to dip the Bread in the cup and return it to you. If you do not wish to receive the Bread or Wine for any reason, fold your arms across your chest, and the priest will give you a blessing instead.

If you would like to receive Communion but are unable to walk to the rail, tell a greeter, and a minister will be happy to bring Communion to you at your pew.

Communion Hymns.....704, 126, 314

The Postcommunion Prayer (Kneel)..... BCP 365

Sending of Eucharistic Visitors

If Eucharistic Visitors are sent forth to take Communion to the sick or homebound, the following is said.

Celebrant N., we send you forth in the Name of this Congregation, to N. bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ’s body and blood.

People We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

The Blessing

The sinless one to Jordan came (Stand) .....Hymn 120

The Dismissal ..... BCP 366

Voluntary.....**Allegro di molto** (Sonata 1)  
BuxWV 202, Dietrich Buxtehude

Tower Bells

Today’s altar flowers are given by Kelly Kibbey Smith to the glory of God and in celebration of David Grimes on his birthday.

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Childcare

Free, professional childcare is provided 9:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. each Sunday.

Hearing System

To access our hearing loop system, set your hearing aid to tele-coil or “t” telephone mode. If your hearing aid does not have this capability, wireless headsets are available at the north tower entrance or from an usher.

Large Print Bulletins

Large print bulletins are available in the south transept amd north tower for the visually impaired. Pick one up by the door or ask an usher.

Altar Flower Dedications

Altar flower dedications are a wonderful way to honor loved ones. Visit the GIVE page on St. John’s website or contact the church office for assistance.

Weekly Services

SUNDAY

7:45 a.m. .... Holy Eucharist (Rite I) .....Sanctuary  
9:00 a.m. .... Holy Eucharist (Rite II) .....Sanctuary  
service is livestreamed  
11:15 a.m. .... Holy Eucharist (Rite II) .....Sanctuary  
7:30 p.m. ....Sung Compline .....Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY

12:10 p.m. .... Holy Eucharist (Rite II) ..... Chapel  
with Healing Prayer  
5:30 p.m. .... Evensong..... Chapel  
Sung by the Choristers

Parish Prayer List

Please take this list home each week and commit to praying daily for your fellow parishioners.

**Prayers:** Diana Daktere, Baby Honor Isabelle Strauss, John, Ben, Sharon & Nathanael Lyle, Tommy, Ray, Arthur Ozolins

**The Departed:** Dave Watson

**Our Clergy:** The Rev. Lonnie Lacy, Rector; The Rev. Leslie Roraback, Associate Rector; The Rev. Dcn. Joe Bakker, Deacon; Melanie Salsgiver, Seminarian