



# The Baptism of our Lord

Sunday, January 12, 2025 at 11:15 a.m.

Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church & Richmond, Virginia

Welcome to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. We are glad you are here. We welcome and include all people without exception and we extend a special greeting to any visitors. Throughout this bulletin, helpful guidance is printed in italics. Visitor guides are found in racks at the entrance doors. When you wish to be known here, please fill out a welcome card (found in each pew or online); you may drop the card into the offering plate as it is passed. Children are very welcome in this service, and child care is also available for infants and children through age four in our nursery on the lower level near the main parking lot entrance; greeters are happy to guide you. The church is open for prayer from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Thursday. We hope to see you again soon!

**Voluntary** Communion, from *Suite for Epiphany*

Charles Tournemire

## The Word of God

**Hymn 616** Hail to the Lord's Anointed

*Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein*

*Sung by all, standing as you are able. All hymns are found in The Hymnal 1982, the blue book in your pew rack.*

### Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer, page 355

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

**People** **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

**The Collect for Purity** *Said by all.*

Prayer Book, page 355

**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.**

**Gloria** *Sung by all, standing as able.*

The Hymnal S-277, David Hurd

1. Glo- ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

2. Lord God, hea - ven - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you,

we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,

on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

4. you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

7. You a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

**The Collect of the Day**

Prayer Book, page 214

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.  
**People** **And also with you.**  
**Celebrant** Let us pray. *A period of silence is kept.*

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 Lesson** Isaiah 43:1-7 *Please sit.*  
**Reader** A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, 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 sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, 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 them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—everyone 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.** *A period of silence is kept.*

**Psalm 29** Prayer Book, page 620; antiphon: Brent te Velde; chant: Peter Hurford

*The antiphon will be sung once by the choir, then repeated by all. The verses will be sung by the choir.*

Wor - ship the Lord in the beau - ty of ho - li-ness.

- 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. *Antiphon*

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. *Antiphon*  
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. *Antiphon*

*Silence is kept.*

**Hymn 121** Christ, when for us you were baptized *Sung by all, standing.* *Caithness*

**The Gospel** Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 *Please remain standing and face the reader of the Gospel.*

**Deacon** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and 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 like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

**Deacon** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon** The Rev. John D. Rohrs

**The Baptismal Covenant** *Please stand.* *Prayer Book, page 304*

**Celebrant** In communion with those who were baptized at the 9:00 service this morning,  
let us renew our own 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.

### The Prayers of the People, Form III

Prayer Book, page 387

Celebrant Let us pray for the church and the world.

*You may stand or kneel. The Leader and the People pray responsively.*

Leader Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
People **That we all may be one.**

Leader Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
People **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Leader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
People **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Leader We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
People **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Leader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
People **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Leader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; remembering especially those who suffer in the Holy Land, Eastern Europe, and all places of conflict,  
People **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Leader We pray for those who have died [especially \_\_\_\_\_]. Give to the departed eternal rest.  
People **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
People **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Leader [We pray/give thanks for \_\_\_\_\_.] Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*The People may add their own petitions.*

Celebrant Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask, help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence is kept.*

*All* **Most merciful God,**  
**we confess that we have sinned against you**  
**in thought, word, and deed,**  
**by what we have done,**  
**and by 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.**

*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** *Please stand.*

Prayer Book, page 360

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord. After exchanging the Peace, please be seated.*

## Welcome and Announcements

### The Holy Communion

*All comes from God, so from what God has given, we offer gifts as we participate in God's work in the world. You may offer your gift in an offering plate as they come by or make a gift online by scanning the QR code or texting STSTEPHENSRYA to 73256.*



Grayston Ives

**At the Offertory** Listen, sweet dove

*Sung by the choir.*

Listen sweet dove unto my song  
And spread thy golden wings in me;  
Hatching my tender heart so long  
Till it get wing and flie away with thee.

Such glorious gifts thou didst bestow  
That the earth did like a heaven appear,  
The starres were coming down to know  
If they might mend their wages and serve here.

The sunne which once did shine alone,  
Hung down his head and wisht for night  
When he beheld twelve sunnes for one  
Going about the world and giving light.

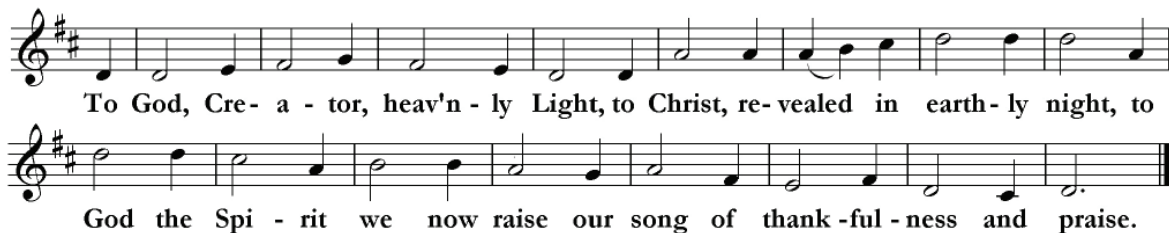
Lord though we change thou art the same,  
The same sweet God of love and light;  
Restore this day for thy great name,  
Unto his ancient and miraculous right.

**At the Presentation**

*Sung by all, standing.*

*Puer nobis*

*The fruits of our labor are presented to God, along with gifts for our food ministry.*



To God, Cre- a - tor, heav'n - ly Light, to Christ, re- vealed in earth- ly night, to  
God the Spi - rit we now raise our song of thank - ful - ness and praise.

The people remain standing.

**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 God thanks and praise.**

**Celebrant** God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

**People** **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

**Celebrant** At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**People** **By your will they were created and have their being.**

**Celebrant** From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**People** **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

**Celebrant** Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**People** **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

**Celebrant** And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**Sanctus**

*Sung by all.*

James Macmillan

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

*You may stand or kneel.*

**Celebrant**

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People

**We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Celebrant

O God of patriarchs, matriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People

**Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Celebrant

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

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

Celebrant and People

Prayer Book, page 364

**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 breaks the consecrated bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

James Macmillan

The musical score consists of three staves of music in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff begins with a '4' above the first measure. The lyrics are: "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."

Celebrant

This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more. So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is his will that those who want him should meet him here.

## At the Communion of the People

All are welcome at the altar in this place. Communion is distributed at the high altar and in both of the side chapels (kneeling or standing). The altar also extends to your pew if you need us to bring the sacrament to you; just let an usher know. To receive Communion, place your hands together, palms up. You may consume the bread and then drink from the wine in the larger chalice. If you prefer to “intinct” or touch the edge of your bread to the wine, please use one of the smaller cups, available at all stations. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you prefer to receive a blessing, cross your arms against your chest.

## Music at Communion

**Anthem**     *Lux aurumque*     Sung by the choir.     Eric Whitacre  
*Lux, calida gravisque pura velut aurum*     Translation: Light, warm and heavy as pure gold  
*et canunt angeli molliter modo natum.*     and the angels sing softly to the new-born baby.

**Hymn 339**     Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness     Sung by all, seated.     *Schmücke dich*

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.     You may stand or kneel.

All     **Lord Jesus Christ,**  
**you have put your life into our hands;**  
**now we put our lives into yours.**  
**Take us, renew us and remake us.**  
**What we have been is past;**  
**what we shall be, through you, still awaits us.**  
**Lead us on. Take us with you. Amen.**

**The Blessing**     The Celebrant pronounces God's blessing.

**Hymn 448**     O love, how deep, how broad, how high     Sung by all, standing.     *Deus tuorum militum*

**Dismissal**     Prayer Book, page 366

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

People     **Thanks be to God.**

**Voluntary**     Prelude on the Introit for the Feast of the Epiphany     Maurice Duruflé



## Memorial

The vigil candle in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit is given in memory of John O.W. Gravelly III.

## Participants

CELEBRANT: The Rev. John W. A. Jenkins; DEACON: The Rev. Cate Anthony; SUBDEACON: Elizabeth Spell; LAY READER/INTERCESSOR: Sherlyn Dibble; PREACHER: The Rev. John D. Rohrs; ASSISTING CLERGY: The Rev. William L. Sachs, the Rev. William S. Stanley; CHALICE BEARERS: Pat Githens, Chip Jamerson, Barbara Massey, Mary Virginia Scott; ACOLYTES: Eliza Cochran, Preston Cochran, Whitfield Mullins, Betsy Spalding; MUSICIANS: Members of St. Stephen's Choir, Chris Edwards, *director*; Brent te Velde, *organ*; VERGER: Andy Luke

## The Parish Prayer List

Copies of the parish prayer list are available at Information Central (the large table outside the parish office) and in the narthex (the vestibule inside the Three Chopt Road entrance to the church).

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