

The First Sunday after the Epiphany
The Baptism of Our Lord
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Welcome to All Saints' Church!

We seek to be a grace-filled refuge where you can be who you are today. Wherever you happen to be on your spiritual journey—wherever you have come from, wherever you are going—your presence enriches us, and we are very glad you are here. As flawed and imperfect people, we come together to look to God for healing and for the strength to become, like Christ, healers in a broken world. May you find here the grace and peace that you need today.

If you are a parent trying to balance worship with caring for young children, we know this can be a special challenge! Nursery care is available, and we understand if you need to step out of the service for a few minutes to care for restless young ones—but we do encourage you to bring them back in when you can! Our congregation welcomes the young, and we believe that the act of worship is important for everyone, regardless of age or any other consideration. Though we are quite proud of our liturgy, preaching, and music, we view them as acts of communal worship rather than performance, and we understand that a toddler squirming during a sermon, or an infant “singing along” to a choral anthem, are in fact signs that our congregation is thriving and young people are in our midst!

Our Mission

*We seek to celebrate and participate in
God's creative and healing work in the world
through liturgical worship,
the cultivation of our minds, works of love,
and the experience and co-creation of beauty.*

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

Prelude

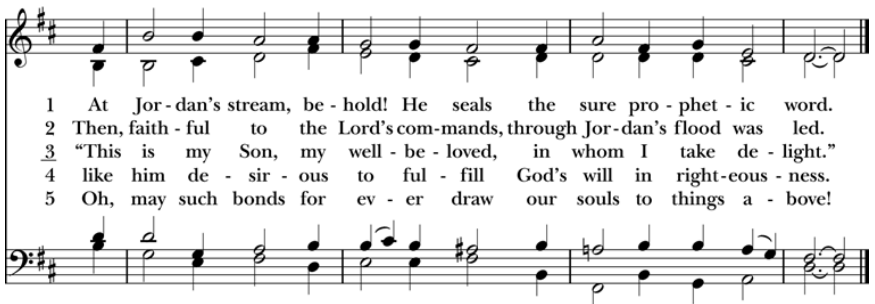
Christ, unser Herr zum Jordan Kam
BWV 684, J.S. Bach

Processional Hymn

#116, "I come," the great Redeemer cries



1 "I come," the great Re - deem - er cries, "to do thy will, O Lord!"
2 "Thus it be - comes us to ful - fill all right-eous-ness," he said.
3 Hark, a glad voice! The Fa - ther speaks from heaven's ex - alt - ed height:
4 The Sa - vior Je - sus, well - be - loved! His Name we will pro - fess,
5 No more we'll count our - selves our own but his in bonds of love.



1 At Jor - dan's stream, be - hold! He seals the sure pro - phet - ic word.
2 Then, faith - ful to the Lord's com-mands, through Jor-dan's flood was led.
3 "This is my Son, my well - be - loved, in whom I take de - light."
4 like him de - sir - ous to ful - fill God's will in right-eous - ness.
5 Oh, may such bonds for ev - er draw our souls to things a - bove!

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The Opening Acclamation & Collect for Purity

BCP 355

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

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

The Celebrant continues

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 in Excelsis

S280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - 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.

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The Collect of the Day

BCP 214

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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 congregation is seated for the Lessons and the Psalm.

The First Lesson

Isaiah 43:1-7

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."

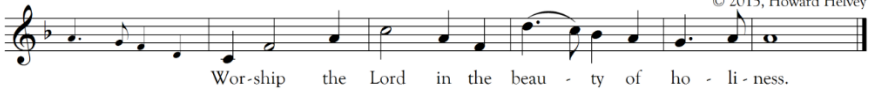
Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 29

Afferte Domino

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*Choir sings antiphon, congregation repeats, choir chants psalm, all sing antiphon at conclusion

- 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 8:14-17

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

#139, When Jesus went to Jordan's stream



1 When Je - sus went to Jor - dan's stream his Fa - ther's will o -
2 The Ho - ly Spi - rit then was shown, a dove on him de -
3 He came by wa - ter and by blood to heal our lost con -



bey - ing, and was bap - tized by John, there came
scend - ing; the Tri - une God is thus made known
di - tion; he cleans - es, rec - on - ciles to God,



a voice from hea - ven say - ing, "This is my dear be -
in Christ as love un - end - ing. He taught, he healed, he
and gives the Great Com - mis - sion. Then let us not heed



lov - ed Son up - on whom rests my fa - vor."
raised the dead, yet, in his great en - deav - or
world - ly lies nor rest up - on our mer - it,



And till God's will is ful - ly done he will not bend or
to save us, his own blood was shed; but death could hold him
but trust in Christ who will bap - tize with wa - ter and the

wa - ver, for he is Christ the Sa - vior.
 nev - er. He rose, and lives for ev - er.
 Spi - rit that we may life in - he - rit.

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The Holy Gospel

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Gospeler 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."

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

The Sermon

Fr. George

The congregation stands.

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

BCP 292

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 as follows

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.**

The Prayers of the People

Form III, BCP 387

The Leader and 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;

People: **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Leader: 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: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions. All are encouraged to pray for the people and needs on the Prayer List today and throughout the week.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Confession of Sin and Absolution

The Celebrant or Deacon says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says

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 congregation stands.

The Peace

BCP 360

The congregation stands.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

There Shall a Star from Jacob come Forth
Felix Mendelssohn

*There shall a star from Jacob come forth and a Sceptre from Israel rise up and dash in
pieces princes and nations.*

How brightly beams the morning star!

With sudden radiance from afar

With light and comfort glowing!

Thy Word, Jesus, inly feeds us,

Rightly leads us,

Life bestowing.

Praise, oh praise such love o'erflowing.

Presentation Hymn

#124, What star is this with beams so bright, v. 5

Unison or harmony

1 What star is this, with beams so bright, more beau - teous
2 True spake the pro - phet from a - far who told the
3 The guid - ing star a - bove is bright; with - in them
4 O Je - sus, while the star of grace im - pels us
5 To God the Fa - ther, heaven - ly Light, to Christ, re -

1 than the noon - day light? It shines to her - ald
2 rise of Ja - cob's star; and east - ern sa - ges
3 shines a clear - er light, and leads them on with
4 on to seek thy face, let not our sloth - ful
5 vealed in earth - ly night, to God the Ho - ly

1 forth the King, and Gen - tiles to his crib to bring.
 2 with a - maze up - on the won - drous to - ken gaze.
 3 power be - nign to seek the Giv - er of the sign.
 4 hearts re - fuse the guid - ance of thy light to use.
 5 Ghost we raise our e - qual and un - ceas - ing praise.

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The Great Thanksgiving

BCP 361

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.**

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

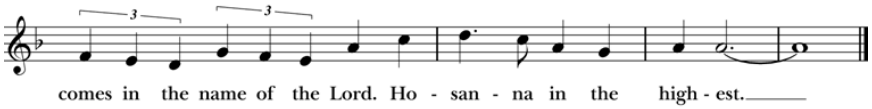
Here a Proper Preface is said.

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:

Sanctus & Benedictus

S-129

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



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The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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 for ever. **AMEN.**

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

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

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem

S-171

This setting is not used in Lent.

Antiphon: Cantor; then All



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.



1. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia,



is the com - mun - ion of the bo - dy of Christ. [Ant.]



2. One bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia,



for though man - y we share one bread. [Ant.]

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The Celebrant offers the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All who seek a closer relationship with Christ are invited to His Table.

To receive the Bread, stand or kneel and the priest will place the Bread in the palm of your hand. The Wine may be received either by intinction (by dipping the Bread into the Wine) or by sipping carefully from the chalice. If it is not your custom to receive communion, we invite you to come to the altar, cross your arms over your chest and bow your head for a blessing.

If you have difficulty moving from the pews to the altar rail, please notify an usher, and Communion will be brought to you.

Gluten free wafers are available.

Communion Motet

Wade in the Water

*Wade in the water,
wade in the water, children,
wade in the water.
God's gonna trouble the water.*

*See that host all dressed in white,
God's gonna trouble the water.
The leader looks like the Israelite.
God's gonna trouble the water.*

*See that band all dressed in red, ...
Looks like the band that Moses led.*

*If you don't believe I've been redeemed,
Just follow me down to Jordan's stream.*

The Postcommunion Prayer

BCP 365

All stand.

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.

The Blessing

Fr. George

Closing Hymn

#135, Songs of thankfulness and praise

1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Jes - us, Lord, to thee we raise,
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro-phet, Priest, and King su - preme;
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;
 4 Man - i - fest on moun - tain height, shin - ing in re - splen - dent light,

man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;
 and at Ca - na, wed - ding - guest, in thy God - head man - i - fest;
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;
 where dis - ci - ples filled with awe thy trans - fi - gured glo - ry saw.

branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;
 man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill;
 When from there thou led - dest them stead - fast to Je - ru - sa - lem,

an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 cross and Eas - ter Day at - test God in man made man - i - fest.

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The Dismissal

BCP 366

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Wir Glauben all an einen gott
BWV 680, J.S. Bach

*Please feel free to depart quietly during the postlude,
being mindful of those who remain to listen.*

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Parish Prayer List

For our World: for justice and peace—especially in Ukraine and the Middle East; reverence for the earth, that we may use its resources rightly and have care for the climate

For our Country: for safe travel during holidays to friends and families and safe return home

For our Parish: the timely completion of the renovation of the Kitchen and South Room; this week we give thanks for those who serve as our Outreach Ministry & Communications Team

Parishioners and Friends with Ongoing Needs or Who are Ill:

Roger Barrett, Lewis Barringer, Megumi Barringer, Jack and Sandy Belmont, Penny Burgoon, Michael Bushnell, Lynn Chamberlain, John Collins, Mary Daetwyler, Priyanka Daniel, John Fleming, Carol and Jim Gould, Gary Harned, Stephen Hegarty, Dave Hewins, Karon Higgins, Wendy Johns, Allie Kowalski, Brooke Kelly, Olga Kronenberg, Jan Logan, Karl Manger, Tony Manning, The Rev. Karl Morrison, Muriel Schmidt, Grace Oldfield, Jack Owen, Joe Nyce, Adrienne Rodewald, Doug Soncrant, Cathy Stroup, Ruth and Jim Varney, Kelley Waters, Howie Zumbrun

For Parish Family Members Serving in the U.S. Armed Forces:

MAJ Ian MacPherson (Active Duty, Army)

For Those Celebrating a Birthday in January:

Anna Shields (4), Dick Fenn (5), Bernadette Wilson (15), Howie Zumbrun (19), Oliver Barrood (19), Reed Wilson (23), Margaret Kalvar (31)

Announcements

Rector's Reading Group: Beginning on Sunday, January 26, Fr. George will host a monthly "theology and tea" reading group that will explore books written by a variety of theologians and authors, including Marilyn McCord Adams, Bishop Spong, Rowan Williams, and Richard Rohr. The group will meet from 3 - 4:30pm in the rectory on (usually) the last Sunday of each month. At its first meeting (January 26) the group will discuss *The Day the Revolution Began*, by NT Wright. Feel free to invite a friend!

Grief, Loss, and Renewal: The bereavement group, which meets on the first and third Friday of each month and is led by RoMa Johnson, will meet in the Sanctuary this Friday. This group is open to the broader Princeton community. RoMa Johnson holds an MDiv from the Iliff School of Theology and certifications in caregiver coaching and in grief support. For questions please contact RoMa.

January Birthdays: If you have a birthday this month and do not see your name on the prayer list, please email Priscilla with your name and day of birth and she will be sure to add you to the list.

St. Augustine's Corner

Music for Baptism and the Season of Epiphany

Today, we commemorate the feast of the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River. In the season of Epiphany (meaning manifestation, beginning with the feast day and concluding before Ash Wednesday and Lent), this is one of the ways Jesus's ministry was made manifest, and was ordained by God through John the Baptist. Traditionally, in the Episcopal Church, we celebrate the Baptism of Our Lord on the Sunday following the feast of The Epiphany. Following this feast, we then witness, on following Sundays, the miracles of Jesus and his ministry. To commemorate the Baptism of Our Lord, we will be hearing hymns and service music to fit the occasion.

Also, we will be hearing music taken from a magnum opus of J. S. Bach, his *Dritter Teil der Clavier-Übung* (literal translation, the 'third part of the keyboard practice', however, most scholars coined the phrase 'German organ mass' when describing this tome. Coming from his mature master period as organist at the Thomaskirche in Leipzig, *Clavier-Übung III* was originally composed as a series of organ recital pieces for Bach to show his prowess as a concert organist. Indeed, the pieces are very substantial and difficult. As his tenure passed at the Thomaskirche, Bach found himself programming these choral preludes for Lutheran devotional music for preludes and voluntaries.

For today, we will be hearing two chorale preludes from the collection, focusing on our rite of baptism, *Christ Unser Herr, zum Jordan kam*. We will hear two settings, one for the prelude, very simple, ornamenting the chorale in the manuals, and then a more complex setting for the offertory. In the more expansive setting, we hear the *cantus firmus* (hymn tune) quoted in pedal long notes, with a *kreuzmotif* (cross motif) in the right hand. This motif evokes the image of the cross physically on the manuscript, and illustrates the pain in very dissonant harmonies. The left hand has a fast and virtuosic passage, giving homage to the rushing currents of the Jordan River. And for the postlude, we hear a strict fugue, in *organo pleno*, quoting the German creed, in Bach's setting "Wir Glauben all an einen Gott" (We all believe in one true God)

The choral anthems will also be reflective of the season. The offertory anthem, taken from Felix Mendelssohn's little-known oratorio "Christus," is a substantial anthem setting the tone for the season of Epiphany. As it is a season of light, we are drawn back to the star beaming bright, showing the way to Jesus. The anthem runs the gamut of expression, from soft *pianissimo* passages to very aggressive (and dash in pieces princes and nations). It concludes with the chorale "How Brightly Beams the Morning Star." And for communion, we hear the traditional spiritual, "Wade in the Water." As spirituals usually have double meanings, this particular setting speaks the rite of baptism, as well as crossing the river to freedom through the Underground Railroad. The music is personal and heartfelt.

Participants in this Service

Celebrant & Preacher: *The Rev. Dr. George Rambow*

Assisting: *The Rev. Dr. Karl Morrison*

Crucifer: *Noelle Rambow*

Lay Eucharistic Minister: *Joan Jones*

Lectors: *Jane Kleindienst, Bob Bostock*

Intercessor: *Liz Colagiuri*

Ushers: *Tony Beesley, Sue Langhans*

Altar Guild: *Suzanne Thompson*

Streaming & Sound: *Angelo Buencamino*

Children's Church Leader:

Flowers: *Kathy Thompson*

Coffee Hour: *Shereka Banton*

Director of Music: *Kevin O'Malia*

Parish Choir

Upcoming Services & Events

Tuesday, January 14

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study on Zoom

8:00 AM Book Study on Zoom

Wednesday, January 15

4:30 PM Women's Bible Study on Zoom

Sunday, January 19

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I

9:00 AM Adult Forum

9:00 AM Child Care

10:15 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

10:20 AM Children's Church

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