



ST. FRANCIS  
IN THE FIELDS  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*We invite you to join us as an active participant in the same worship that Anglicans have been celebrating for centuries. Our service is from The Book of Common Prayer. Children of all ages are welcome in our worship services today.*

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### HOLY BAPTISM AND EUCHARIST

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

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

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#### The people's responses are in bold.

✠ Indicates a place where the people make the sign of the Cross.

#### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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VOLUNTARY      “Das alte Jahr vergangen ist,” BWV 614      Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)  
                         “Mit Fried’ und Freud’ ich fahr’ dahin,” BWV 616

*Please stand as you are able.*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 135      *Songs of thankfulness and praise*      SALZBURG

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION      BCP p. 323

✠ Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
**And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

There is one Body and one Spirit;  
**There is one hope in God's call to us;**

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;  
**One God and Father of all.**

#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.  
**And with thy spirit.**  
Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan didst proclaim him thy beloved Son and anoint 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 thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

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.”

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 29      *Afferte Domino*      Anglican chant by John Randall (1716–1799)

*Bring unto the Lord, O ye mighty, bring young rams unto the Lord; ascribe unto the Lord worship and strength.*

*Give the Lord the honour due unto his Name; worship the Lord with holy worship.*

*It is the Lord that commandeth the waters; it is the glorious God that maketh the thunder.*

*It is the Lord that ruleth the sea; the voice of the Lord is mighty in operation; the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.*

*The voice of the Lord breaketh the cedar-trees; yea, the Lord breaketh the cedars of Libanus. He maketh them also to skip like a calf, Libanus also, and Sirion, like a young unicorn. The voice of the Lord divideth the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shaketh the wilderness; yea, the Lord shaketh the wilderness of Cades. The voice of the Lord maketh the hinds to bring forth young, and discovereth the thick bushes; in his temple doth every man speak of his honour. The Lord sitteth above the water-flood, and the Lord remaineth a King for ever. The Lord shall give strength unto 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.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*At this time, all children are invited to Children's Chapel.  
 Please stand as you are able.*

SEQUENCE HYMN 116

*"I come," the great Redeemer cries*

THIS ENDRIS NYGHT

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

*The People turn to face the Gospel Book during the Proclamation.*

✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
**Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

THE SERMON

The Rev. Clint Wilson

HOLY BAPTISM

*The Candidate and Sponsors stand for the Presentation. The rest of the congregation may remain seated.*

THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

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| Celebrant              | The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.  |
| Parents and Godparents | I present <i>Julia Beth Decker</i> to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.<br>I present <i>Rosemary Tafel Wells</i> to receive the Sacrament of Baptism. |
| Celebrant              | Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?  |
| Parents and Godparents | I will, with God's help.  |
| Celebrant              | Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?   |
| Parents and Godparents | I will, with God's help.  |

*Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children.*

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| Celebrant              | Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God? |
| Parents and Godparents | I renounce them.   |

Celebrant	Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?
Parents and Godparents	I renounce them.
Celebrant	Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?
Parents and Godparents	I renounce them.
Celebrant	Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?
Parents and Godparents	I do.
Celebrant	Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
Parents and Godparents	I do.
Celebrant	Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
Parents and Godparents	I do.

*All stand. The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support *Julia Beth* and *Rosemary Tafel* in their lives in Christ?

**We will.**

## THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**I will, with God's help.**

## PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Send them into the world in witness to your love.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water*

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## THE BAPTISM

*Julia Beth*, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*Julia Beth*, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

*Rosemary Tafel*, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*Rosemary Tafel*, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

*After baptism, a candle is lighted from the Paschal candle and handed to the godparents of the Candidate.*

The Light of Christ; bear it faithfully in the world.

*Please stand as you are able.*

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

PROCESSION FROM THE FONT: "The Call"

Alexander Brent Smith (1889-1950), arr. Erik Routley

*Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life; such a Way, as gives us breath;  
Such a Truth, as ends all strife; such a Life, as killeth death.*

*Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a Light, as shows a feast;  
Such a Feast, as mends in length; such a Strength, as makes his guest.*

*Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a Joy, as none can move;  
Such a Love, as none can part; such a Heart, as joys in love.*

Words: George Herbert (1593-1633)

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And with thy spirit.**

*Please be seated.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

As Jesus 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 3:16*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "The baptism of Jesus"

Peter Hallock (1924-2014)

Jesus autem hodie regressus est a Jordane. [*Jesus was on this day baptized in the Jordan.*]

*When Jesus Christ baptized was  
the Holy Ghost descended with grace;  
the Father's voice was heard in the place.*

Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende. [*This is my son, in whom I am pleased.*]

*There were Three Persons and one Lord,  
the Son baptised with on accord,  
the Father said this blessed word:*

Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende.

*Now, Jesus, as thou art both God and man,  
and were baptized in from Jordan,  
at our last end, we pray thee, say then:*

Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende.

*The people stand as representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings to the altar.*

PRESENTATION HYMN *As they offered gifts most rare*

DIX

As they of - fered gift most rare at that man - ger rude and bare;  
so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,  
all our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ! to thee, our heaven - ly King.

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

**It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS S-114

setting: *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880–1968)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of  
Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -  
ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Please kneel as you are able.*

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated*

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ’s holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, ✠ be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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.**

### AGNUS DEI S-158

setting: *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, H. Willan

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

The musical score is written for four parts: organ, lower voices, higher voices, and all voices. It is in the key of D major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The organ part consists of a single line of music with chords. The lower voices part has two staves, with the first staff starting on a G4 and the second on a C4. The higher voices part has two staves, with the first staff starting on a G4 and the second on a C4. The all voices part has two staves, with the first staff starting on a G4 and the second on a C4. The lyrics are: "O Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sins of the world, grant us thy peace." The score ends with a double bar line and a key signature change to D major.

**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 we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

*The Celebrant says the following Invitation*

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.

*All baptized persons are invited to receive Holy Communion. Please come forward to the altar rail at the appropriate time. If you are not baptized or do not wish to receive communion, you are invited to come forward for a blessing; you may indicate you are not receiving communion by crossing your arms across your chest. Those desiring baptism are encouraged to speak to one of our priests. During the administration of communion, the people may be seated. For those who wish to have a gluten free wafer, please close your hand and alert the priest when you are at the altar. Those who would like to receive healing prayer are invited to the Chapel after receiving communion. You may enter the Chapel (through the door to the left as you face the altar), and a trained healing prayer minister will pray for you.*

COMMUNION HYMN 121      *Christ, when for us you were baptized*      CAITHNESS

COMMUNION HYMN 139      *When Jesus went to Jordan's stream*      CHRIST UNSER HERR ZU JORDAN KAM

*Please kneel as you are able.*

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, **we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord. **Amen.**

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth. **Amen.**

May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 120      *The sinless one to Jordan came*      SOLEMNIS HAEC FESTIVITAS

THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY      "Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam," BWV 684      J.S. Bach

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