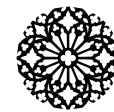


The First Sunday after the Epiphany

The Baptism of Our Lord

7 January 2024



The Cathedral
Church of **Saint John**
the Divine

10:30 am The Holy Eucharist

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Reverend Canon Eva Suarez, *Celebrant*

The Reverend Canon Steven Lee, *Preacher*

The Cathedral Choir

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OPENING VOLUNTARY

Chorale Prelude on *Greensleeves* Alec Rowley (1892-1958)

WELCOME

The presider welcomes the People, orients them to the service, and calls them to prayer.

THE ACCLAMATION

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

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

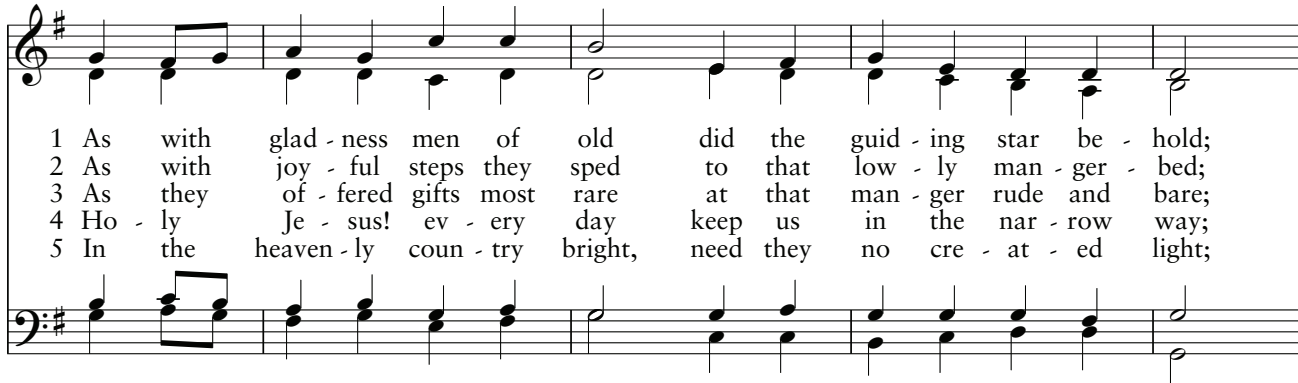
Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;

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.


OPENING HYMN

Sung by All, standing as able.


1 As with glad - ness men of old did the guid - ing star be - hold;
 2 As with joy - ful steps they sped to that low - ly man - ger - bed;
 3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at that man - ger rude and bare;
 4 Ho - ly Je - sus! ev - ery day keep us in the nar - row way;
 5 In the heaven - ly coun - try bright, need they no cre - at - ed light;



as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright;
 there to bend the knee be - fore him whom heaven and earth a - dore;
 so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,
 and, when earth - ly things are past, bring our ran - somed souls at last
 thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down:



so, most gra - cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led to thee.
 so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek the mer - cy - seat.
 all our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ! to thee, our heaven - ly King.
 where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.
 there for ev - er may we sing al - le - lu - ias to our King.

Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837–1898)

Music: Dix, melody Conrad Kocher (1786–1872); arr. William Henry Monk (1823–1889); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant prays the collect, and the People respond, "Amen." The People are seated.

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF GENESIS

(1:1-5)

After the reading is said:

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 29

Sung by the Choir.

Afferte Domino

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,
 ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name;
 worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
 the God of glory thunders;
 the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;
 the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.
 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;
 the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
 and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
 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.
 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe
 and strips the forests bare.
 And in the temple of the Lord
 all are crying, "Glory!"
 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;
 the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.
 The Lord shall give strength to his people;
 the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Chant: Michael Bishop

SEQUENCE HYMN

Sung by All, standing as able.

1. When John bap - tized by Jor - dan's riv - er
 2. There as the Lord, bap - tized and pray - ing,
 3. O Son of Man, our na - ture shar - ing,

In faith and hope the peo - ple came,
 Rose from the stream, the sin - less one,
 In whose o - be - dience all are blest,

That John and Jor - dan might de - liv - er
 A voice was heard from heav - en say - ing,
 Sav - ior, our sins and sor - rows bear - ing,

Their trou - bled souls from sin and shame.
 "This is my own be - lov - ed Son."
 Hear us and grant us this re - quest:

They came to seek a new be - gin - ning,
There as the Fa - ther's word was spo - ken,
Dai - ly to grow, by grace de - fend - ed,

The hu - man spir - it's age - less quest,
Not in the pow'r of wind and flame,
Filled with the Spir - it from a - bove;

Re - pent - ance, and an end of sin - ning,
But of his love and peace the to - ken,
In Christ bap - tized, be - loved, the be - friend - ed,

Re - nounc - ing ev - 'ry wrong con - fessed.
Seen as a dove, the Spir - it came.
Chil - dren of God in peace and love.

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith

Music: *Rendez à Dieu*, melody and harm. att. Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL OF MARK*(1:4-11)**Preacher* The ✝ Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ*The Preacher reads the gospel, followed by the words:*

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Reverend Canon Steven Lee

*Vicar**A time of silence is observed after the sermon.***PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION
OF THE CANDIDATES FOR BAPTISM***The People are seated.**The Candidates and Sponsors gather before the altar.**The Celebrant says*

The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Martin Spangler Madeja

Michael Jeremy Ethan Gonzalez

*The Candidates unable to answer for themselves are presented by
their Parents and Godparents as follows*

I present N. to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*The Celebrant addresses the Parents and Godparents, saying*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.

*The Celebrant then says*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 children.

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

The Celebrant addresses the People, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People We will.

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

All stand, as able.

THE 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.


PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

The Celebrant says

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

During the procession to the font is sung

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

People 
Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

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

People Lord, hear our prayer.

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

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

The Celebrant says

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.

People Amen.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The font is filled with water.

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And al - so with you.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues, blessing the water, and the People respond

A-MEN.

The People are seated.

THE BAPTISM

The Candidates are presented by name to the Celebrant, who then pours water upon each Candidate, saying

N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People Amen.

Then the Celebrant places a hand on each Person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross with Chrism and says

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

People Amen.

When this action has been completed for all Candidates, the People stand, as able.

The Celebrant then prays over the Neophytes, and the People respond, "Amen."

Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

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.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.



A collection is taken. The People may place their offerings in the basket as it is passed or use the QR code.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Sung by the Choir.

The Baptism of Jesus *Jesu Autem Hodie*

Peter Hallock
(1924–2014)

JESUS *autem hodie regressus est a Jordanæ.*
[Jesus returns today to the Jordan.]

When Jesus Christ baptised 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 beloved Son.]

There were Three Persons and one Lord,
The Son baptised with one accord,
The Father said this blessed word:
Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende.

Now, Jesu, as thou art both God and man,
And were baptised in from Jordan,
At our last end, we pray thee, say then:
Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The People remain standing.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. *People:* And al - so 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 prays in the name of the assembly. In the course of the Eucharistic Prayer, these acclamations are sung.


Glo - ry to you for - ev - er and ev - er.

By your will they were cre - a - ted and have their be - ing.

Have mer - cy, Lord, for we are sin - ners in your sight.


By his blood, he re-con-ciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

All:




Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and

Cantor/Choir: *All:*



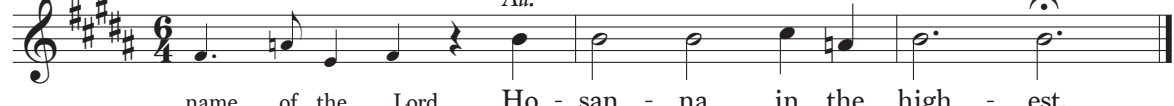
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

Cantor/Choir:




san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the


All:



name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



We cel - e-brate his death and res - sur - rec - tion, as



we a - wait the day of his com - ing.



Ris-en Lord, be known to us in the break-ing of the Bread.



A - men.

Music: Daniel Ficarri (b. 1996)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

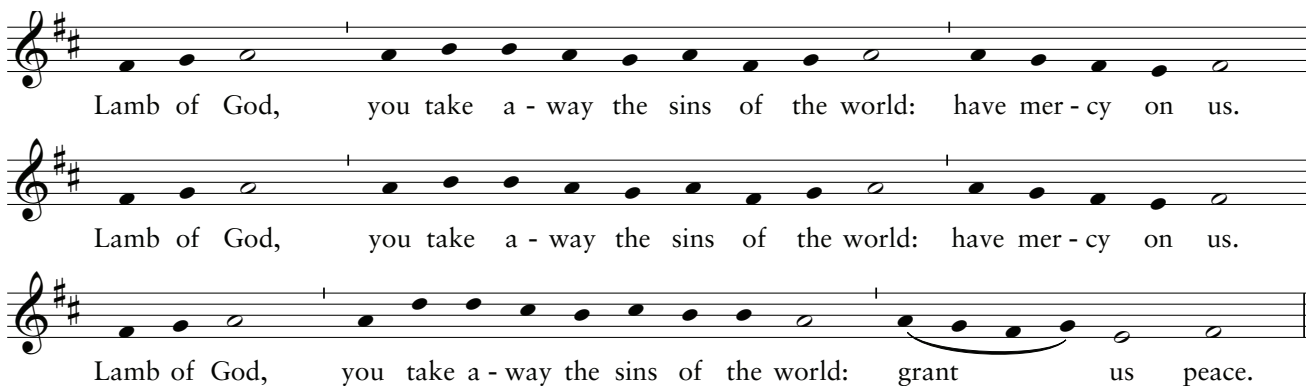
Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ
has taught us, we are bold to say

Celebrant and People

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. Silence is kept. Then is sung



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.

Music: *Agnus Dei* from *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950)

The Celebrant invites the People to Holy Communion. As the ministers receive the Sacrament, the People come forward.

THE COMMUNION

The Holy Communion is distributed under the forms of both Bread and Wine. In the interest of public health, the Cathedral does not practice intinction, that is, the dipping of the Bread into the Wine. It is the faith of the Church that Jesus gives himself in the Sacrament whether it is received in only one kind or both. Gluten-free Wafers are available; please make your need known to the minister.

ANTHEM

Sung by the Choir.

Let all the world in every corner sing Greta Tomlins (1912-72)

LET all the world in ev'ry corner sing,
My God and King!
The heav'ns are not too high,
His praise may thither fly;
The earth is not too low,
his praises there may grow.

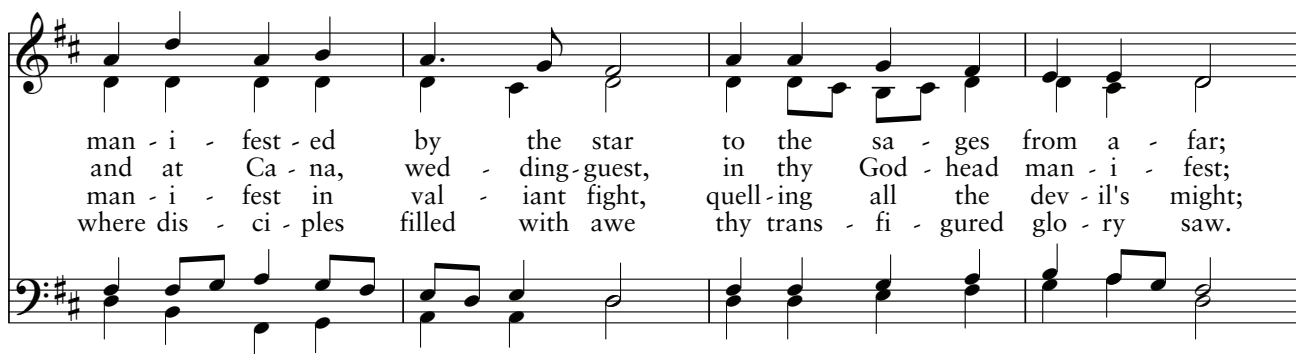
George Herbert (1593-1633)

A time of silence is observed after the Holy Communion, then the hymn is sung by all, standing as able.

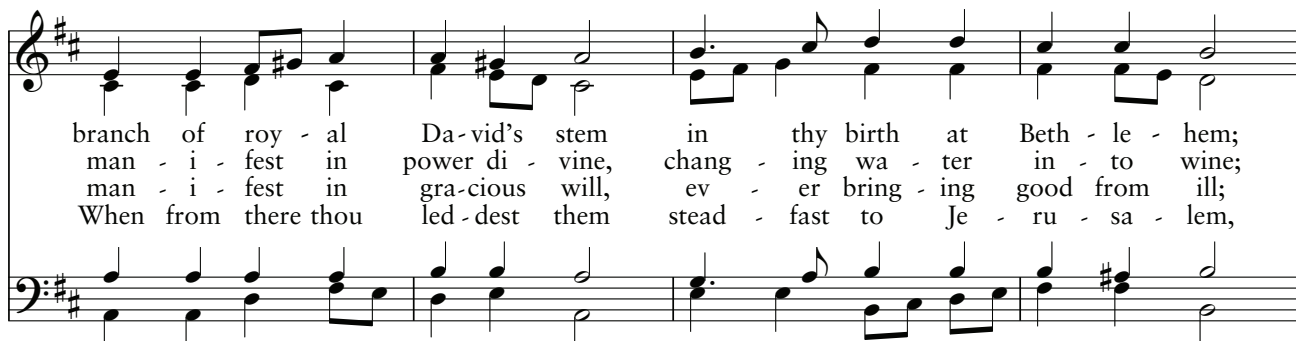
POST COMMUNION HYMN



1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, 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.

Words: Sts. 1-3, Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885); st. 4, F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984)
 Music: *Salzburg*, melody Jakob Hintze (1622-1702); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

All say together.

LTERNAL 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.

125TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION

The Dean makes remarks on the significance of the 125th anniversary of the first worship service at the Cathedral.

After the Collect, the People respond,

Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Paraphrase on *Antioch*

Daniel Ficarri (b. 1996)

UPCOMING EVENTS**SUNDAY, 7 JANUARY 2024**

4 PM

Choral Evensong. The Cathedral Choir sings music of Baldwin, Archer, and Tomlins.