



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

with Holy Baptism

The First Sunday after the Epiphany
The Baptism of Our Lord

Sunday 9 January 2022 @ 9 AM

Page numbers refer to the Book of Common Prayer.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE TWO

Gathering Music (*Please join in singing the gathering music, which will begin at 8:50 am*)

Be still and know that I am God



1 Be still, for the pre - sence of the Lord, the Ho - ly One is here.
2 Be still, for the glo - ry of the Lord is shin - ing all a - round;
3 Be still, for the pow - er of the Lord is mov - ing in this place;



Come, bow be - fore him now, with re - ver - ence and fear.
he burns with ho - ly fire, with splen - dor he is crowned.
he comes to cleanse and heal, to min - is - ter his grace.



In him no sin is found, we stand on ho - ly ground.
How awe - some is the sight, our ra - diant King of Light!
No work too hard for him, in faith re - ceive from him.



Be still, for the pre - sence of the Lord, the Ho - ly One is here.
Be still, for the glo - ry of the Lord is shin - ing all a - round.
Be still, for the pow - er of the Lord is mov - ing in this place.

Hymn: Father of Mercy

Father of mercy, lover of all children,
who in their form didst send thy Son;
gladly we bless thee, humbly we pray thee,
for all the children of the earth.

In thy compassion, helper of the helpless,
tend them in sickness, ease their pain,
heal their diseases, lighten their sorrows,
and from all evil keep them free.

Power and blessing grant us now and ever,
who fain would serve them in thy Name;
may all our labor, crowned by thy favor,
bear fruit eternal unto thee.

Welcome and Announcements

THE WORD OF GOD

The Opening Acclamation

BCP p. 299

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **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 Lord be with you.
And also with you.
 Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

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 Reading

Acts 8:14–17 (NRSV p. 1001)

Commentary

In Jesus' time, great hostility and mistrust existed between Jews and Samaritans (for background regarding the origins of this hostility, see 2 Kings 17:24-41). Therefore, it made sense that the apostles, as leaders of the church, would send representatives to investigate the Samaritans' response to the word of God. This was a key moment for the early church, when Jewish Christians and Samaritan Christians understood that God had united them in Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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.
People: Thanks be to God.

At this time the children leave for children's chapel.

The Holy Gospel

All stand.

Luke 3:15–17. 21–22 (NRSV p. 937)

After the piano introduces the theme, the antiphon is sung first by the Choir, then repeated by all.

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

Verse

The Lord shall give strength to his people; The Lord shall give his people the bless - ing of peace.

(Psalm 29:11)

All repeat the Alleluias.

Celebrant: 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 win-

nowing 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."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Reverend Phillip Craig

Hymn: "Jesus loves me, this I know"

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

The Holy Baptism

~ Charles Owen Smith ~

Child of Rebecca and Michael Smith

The service for Baptism begins on page 301 of the Book of Common Prayer.

Presentation of the Candidate

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Parents and Godparents

I present Charles Owen 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.

The Celebrant asks the following questions of the Parents and Godparents who speak on behalf of the candidate

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 congregation, saying

Celebrant Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in his life in Christ?

People **We will.**

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 Candidate

Celebrant Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open his heart to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant 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 forever. Amen.

Thanksgiving over the Water

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **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.**

The Baptism

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Celebrant: Charles Owen, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him 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.**

Celebrant: Charles Owen, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever

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

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Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

Response: **And also with you.**

The Holy Communion

(Gluten-free wafers available at main altar rail, please request)

Offertory Anthem

American Spiritual, *arr. Robert Lee*

As I went down to the river to pray,
Studyin' about that good old way,
And who shall wear the starry crown,
Good Lord, show me the way,
O sisters, let's go down,
Let's go down, come on down,
O sisters, let's go down,
Down to the river to pray.

As I went down to the river to pray,
Studyin' about that good old way,
And who shall wear the robe and crown,
Good Lord, show me the way,
O fathers, let's go down,
Let's go down, come on down,
O fathers, let's go down,
Down to the river to pray.

As I went down to the river to pray,
Studyin' about that good old way,
And who shall wear the robe and crown,
Good Lord, show me the way,
O brothers, let's go down,
Let's go down, come on down,
O brothers, let's go down,
Down to the river to pray.

As I went down to the river to pray,
Studyin' about that good old way,
And who shall wear the robe and crown,
Good Lord, show me the way,
O mothers, let's go down,
Let's go down, come on down,
O mothers, let's go down,
Down to the river to pray.

As I went down to the river to pray,
Studyin' about that good old way,
And who shall wear the starry crown,
Good Lord, show me the way,
O sinners, let's go down,
Let's go down, come on down,
O sinners, let's go down,
Down to the river to pray.

Presentation Hymn: *(stanza 3 of Hymn 380)*

Old 100th

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues, concluding with:

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 (WLP 858):

Land of Rest

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. God of power and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

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.

The Celebrant continues, saying in the midst of the prayer:

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

People **We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues, concluding with:

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,

The Lord's Prayer

The Communion of the People

Music at Communion:

Hymn 121

Caithness

1 Christ, when for us you were bap-tized, God's Spi - rit on you came,
2 God called you his be - lov - ed Son, called you his ser - vant true,
3 Straight-way and stead-fast un - til death you then o - beyed his call
4 Bap - tize us with your spi - rit, Lord, your cross on us be signed,

as peace - ful as a dove and yet as ur - gent as a flame.
sent you his king - dom to pro - claim, his ho - ly will to do.
free - ly as Son of Man to serve and give your life for all.
that, like - wise in God's ser - vice we may per - fect free - dom find.

The Postcommunion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

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

Hymn 448: "O love, how deep, how broad, how high" (stanzas 1-3, 6)

Deus tuorum militum

1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing
 2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly
 3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his
 6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so

1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of
 2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us tempt - ta - tions
 3 dai - ly works he wrought: by words and signs and
 6 deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom

1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tal's sake.
 2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.
 3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.
 6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er more.

The Dismissal:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Celebrant: The Reverend Cheryl Brainard
Preacher: The Reverend Phillip Craig, Jr.

The flowers at the Altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Georgia Cobb Joyner and William Henry Joyner by Betsy Parker and Anna Greene Marr by the St. James Vestry.

The flowers on the Paschal candle are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Charles Owen Smith on the occasion of his baptism by his grandparents.

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THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MON.- FRI., JAN. 10-14

MORNING PRAYER
8:00-8:30 AM | Zoom

MONDAY, JANUARY 10

FELLOWSHIP AA
7:00 PM | Great Hall

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY
9:00-11:30 AM | Great Hall or Zoom

MEN'S AL ANON
5:15-7:00 PM | Bishop Wright Room

NEWCOMER ORIENTATION
5:30-7:30 PM | Great Hall

LOWER CAPE FEAR DEANERY MTG
5:30-7:30 PM | Zoom

VOICES OF SCRIPTURE BIBLE STUDY
7:00-8:00 PM | Zoom

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12

STARBUCKS BIBLE STUDY
7:00 A.M. | SB on S. 17th Street

THE PATH BIBLE STUDY
11:00 AM | Graham Parlor or Zoom

HOLY EUCHARIST
12:10 PM | St. James Sanctuary

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13

CHOIR REHEARSAL
7:00 PM | Choir Room

FRI.-SAT., JANUARY 14-15

VESTRY RETREAT
Graham Parlor.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15

SUNRISE SERENITY AL-ANON
7:45-9:45 AM | Bishop Wright Room

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I
8:00 AM | St. James Sanctuary

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
9:00 AM | St. James Sanctuary

ONLINE RITE II LIVE STREAM
9:00 AM | St. James Website or Facebook

FAITH FORMATION
10:00 AM | St. James Parish

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
11:15 AM | St. James Parish

YOUTH GROUP
5:00 PM | Perry Hall

EDITORIAL DEADLINES: The deadline for the Dec. 21st Digital Grapevine is Dec. 17th. Please use online form to submit.

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