

First Sunday after the Epiphany:
The Baptism of our Lord

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*Welcome to The Episcopal Church of the Ascension.
Here “we challenge ourselves and the world to love
like Jesus as we worship joyfully,
serve compassionately and grow spiritually.”*

Our shared purpose in the Diocese of Atlanta,
as agreed upon at Annual Council 2015

Please remember to silence your cell phones.

The people may make the sign of the cross (optional) when this sign † appears throughout the order of the service.

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

The Word of God

The Organ Voluntary

Organ Sonata IV, op. 65, *Allegretto*

Felix Mendelssohn

Please stand, as you are able, at the ringing of the bell.

The Hymn in Procession

Hymn 116

This Endris Nyght

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 people standing, the Celebrant says

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

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Celebrant then continues

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.**

Celebrant and People

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



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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 people sit.

The First Lesson

Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;

I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.

He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;

a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,

who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:

I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;

I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,
to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

I am the LORD, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.

See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

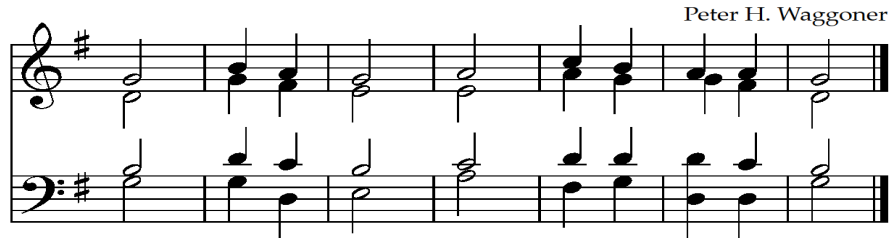
Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response

Psalm 29

Afferte Domino



- 1 Ascribe to the | LORD, you | gods, *
ascribe to the LORD | glö- | ry 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 up- | on the | mighty | waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a | power- • ful | 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 | wilder- • ness | of Ka- | desh.
- 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 a- | bove the | flood; *
 the LORD sits enthroned as | King for | ever- | more.
- 11 The LORD shall give | strength • to his | people; *
 the LORD shall give his people the | blëss- | ing of | peace.

The Second Lesson

Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Sequence

Hymn 295

Christus, der ist mein Leben

1 Sing praise to our Cre - a - tor, O you of Ad - am's race—
2 To Je - sus Christ give glo - ry, God's co - e - ter - nal Son;
3 And praise the Ho - ly Spi - rit poured forth up - on the earth;

God's chil - dren by a - dop - tion, bap - tized in - to his grace.
as mem - bers of his Bo - dy we live in him as one.
who sanc - ti - fies and guides us, made strong in our re - birth.

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The Gospel

Matthew 3:13-17

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he 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.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Richard H. Winters

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

The Celebrant may first address the people in these or similar words, all standing

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

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

The Leader and People pray responsively

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

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

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

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

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

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

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

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

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Parish Notices

The Offertory Anthem

Of the Father's Heart Begotten

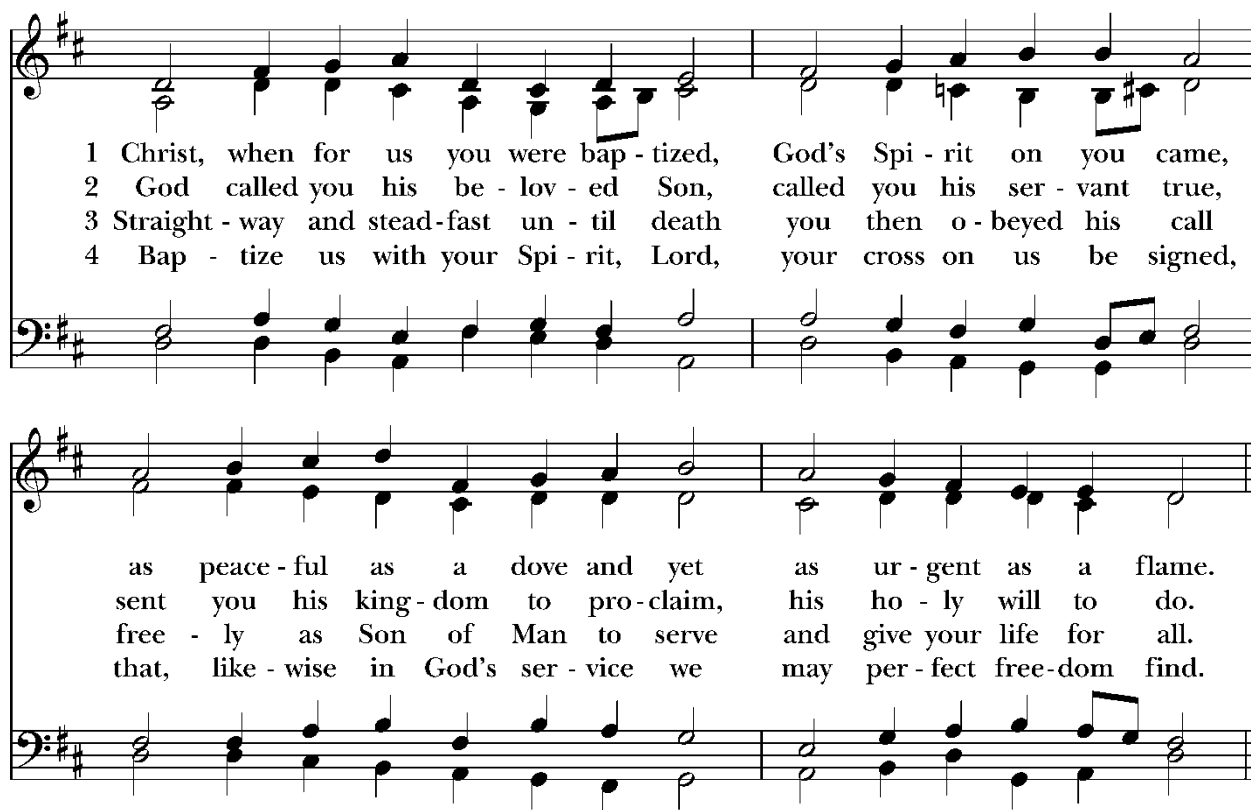
Melody from 'Piae Cantiones'

Arranged by David Willcocks

The Presentation

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.

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The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

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.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

Celebrant and People

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

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The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you

sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

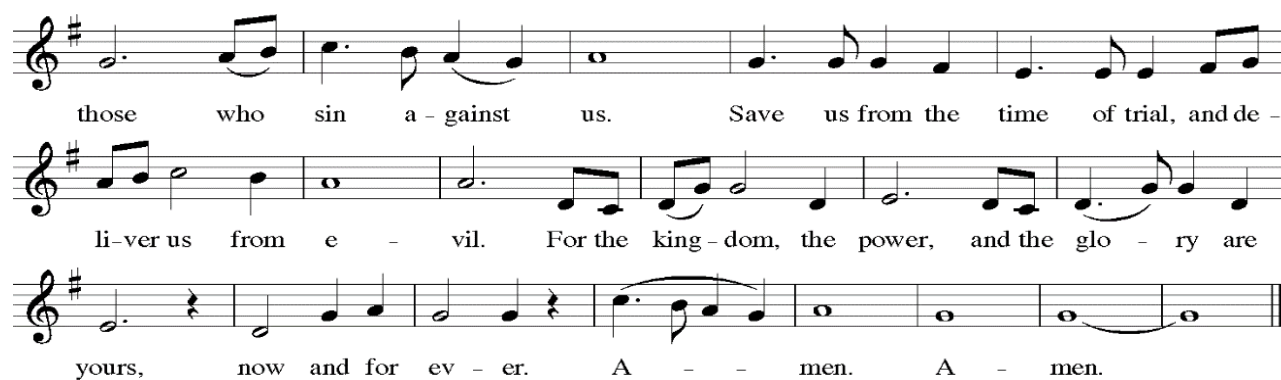
**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. †Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Our Fa-ther in hea-ven, hal lowed be your
Name, your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea-ven.
Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins as we for-give



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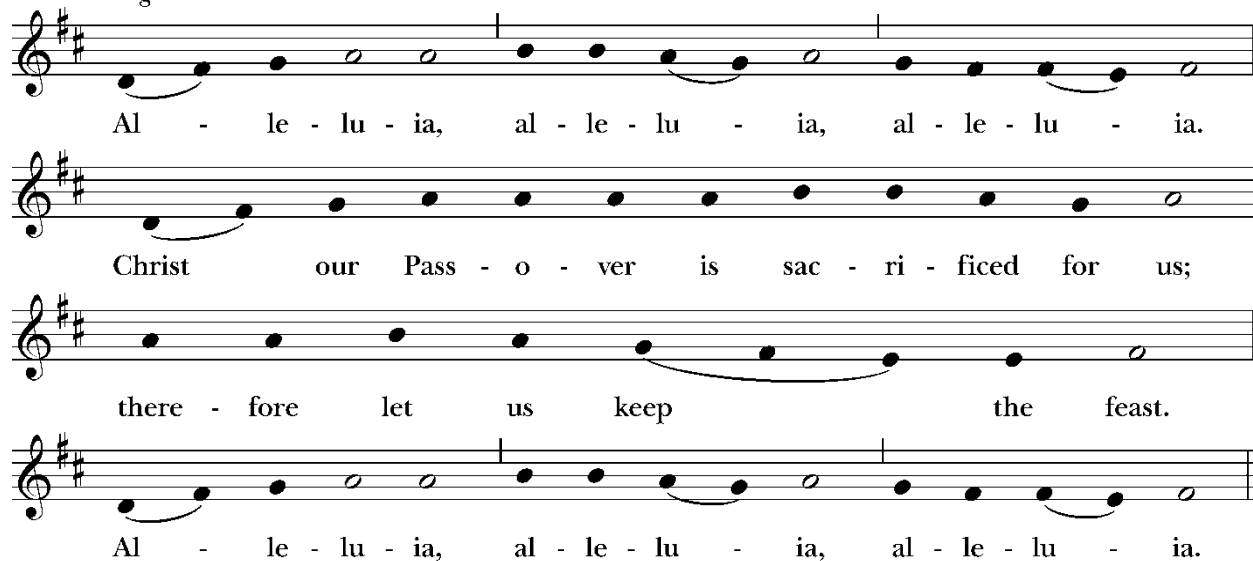
The Breaking of the Bread

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

Celebrant and People

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Celebrant 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.

Hymns during Communion

Hymn 339

Schmücke dich



1 Deck thy - self, my soul, with glad - ness, leave the
 2 Sun, who all my life dost bright - en; Light, who
 3 Je - sus, Bread of Life, I pray thee, let me

gloom - y haunts of sad - ness, come in - to the day - light's
 dost my soul en - light - en; Joy, the best that an - y
 glad - ly here o - bey thee; nev - er to my hurt in -

splen - dor, there with joy thy prais - es ren - der
 know - eth; Fount, whence all my be - ing flow - eth;
 vit - ed, be thy love with love re - quit - ed;

un - to him whose grace un - bound - ed hath this
 at thy feet I cry, my Ma - ker, let me
 from this ban - quet let me mea - sure, Lord, how

won-drous ban-quet found-ed— high o'er all the heavens he
 be a fit par-ta-ker of this bless-ed food from
 vast and deep its trea-sure; through the gifts thou here dost

reign-eth, yet to dwell with thee he deign-eth.
 hea-ven, for our good, thy glo-ry, giv-cn.
 give me, as thy guest in heaven re-ceive me.

Words: Johann Franck (1618-1677); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: *Schmücke dich*, melody Johann Crüger (1598-1662); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906.

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Carlisle

1. God of gentle strength,
 your love embraces me.
 Within the sureness of your care
 my heart rests willingly.

2. Your waters of rebirth
 have claimed us as your own.
 As members of one body,
 we shall never be alone.

3. And when life's challenges
 eclipse our minds with doubt,
 let holy wisdom spark a flame
 to drive the darkness out.

4. Where will the journey lead?
 The path may be obscure.
 But promised hope of things unseen
 will keep our footing sure.

If you are worshiping with us virtually, please pray the Prayer for Spiritual Communion.

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, and remembering particularly my own parish and those worshiping at home, I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. And particularly for the blessings given me... I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart.

†I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the people.

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Hymn in Procession

Hymn 448

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
4	For	us	to	wick - ed	hands	be -	trayed,	scourged,	mocked,	in
5	For	us	he	rose	from	death	a -	gain;	for	us he
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	temp -	ta -	tions
3	dai -	ly	works	he	wrought:	by	words	and	signs	and
4	pur -	ple	robe	ar -	rayed,	he	bore	the	shame -	ful
5	went	on	high	to	reign;	for	us	he	sent	his
6	deep,	so	high,	so	broad;	the	Trin -	i -	ty	whom



1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.
 2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er ov - er - threw.
 3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.
 4 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.
 5 Spi - rit here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.
 6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

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The Dismissal

The Closing Voluntary

Improvisation on *Divinum mysterium*

Herbert Buffington

The order of service from the Book of Common Prayer, 1979
according to the use of the Episcopal Church.

Please use this to guide your prayers.

Please pray for the world.

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please pray for all veterans and their families and for those who are currently serving our country in the Armed Forces, especially Stovall Knight, Chandler Celluzi, Taylor Tekesky, Kyle Hubert, Steven Velencia, Louis Evans and Sean Baker.

Please pray for the Episcopal Church of the Ascension.

Lord, giver of every good and perfect gift, we pray for our next rector. We pray that he or she will listen to your voice and be led to apply for the position. We pray that he or she will discover a desire to lead our parish as we continue to love like Jesus. If he or she has a spouse and children in the home, we pray that they, too, will develop a love for our parish and our community. Finally, we pray that our nominating committee and Vestry will discern with wisdom and guidance from you as they work through the search process.

Pray for blessings on those who have birthdays this week.

Sally Tonsmeire and Michael Pruitt-Hall

Pray for guidance.

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with your most gracious favor, and further us with your continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy Name, and finally, by your mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please pray for those among us in need of healing, comfort, support, and compassion.

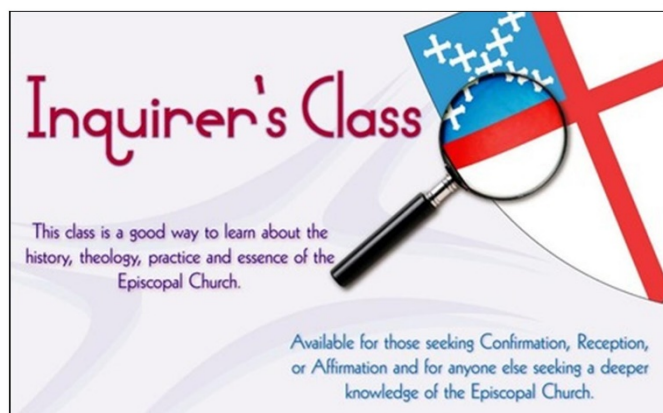
Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers by name, especially Linda Jones, C. B. Hatch, Clive Smart, Bob Meredith, Chris Tripp, Brooklyn Schimke, Betty Dean, Glenda Parker, John Atwell, Carolyn Spearing, Kit Caffey, Ronald Pittman, Michael Johnson, Annette Cockrill, Lysette & George, Judy Anne, Mal Underwood, Janet McMillad, Annelle Smith, Jim Gilbert, Lamar Tilley, Lynn Fowler, The Rev. Louis Tonsmeire, Sam Hood and Lynette Pasek.

Please pray for those who have long-term health problems or are homebound, especially Wendy Little, Beverly Montagno, Markie Montagno, Keith Scoimshaw, Arielle Levioff, Debbie White, Zane Hoyt, Janet Witner, Linda Kindon, Bob & Claudia White, Bonnie Harrelson, Sandy Rutters, Glendy Biggs, Hope Cunningham, Sarah McLeod, Kimberly Gottardi, and Steve Novak.

Please pray for those who have died.

Patsy and Lucius Bennett.

**Would you like to be confirmed in the Episcopal Church?
If yes, then the Inquirer's Class is for you.**



Any adult who is interested in becoming a confirmed Episcopalian is invited to join the Inquirer's Class led by Father Rich beginning January 15 during the Education Hour at 10:00 a.m. This class is also for adults who were confirmed in the Catholic Church and would like to be received into the Episcopal, as well as for any adult who is interested in learning more about Anglican Christianity. If you are interested in being confirmed or received, please send an email to Father Rich at

rich.winters86@gmail.com. For confirmation/reception preparation, please purchase *Walk in Love: Episcopal Beliefs & Practices* (Forward Movement 2018) by Scott Gunn and Melody Wilson Shobe. The book is currently discounted on Forward Movement's website at \$19.80, or you can buy it on Amazon for \$22.00.

Altar Flowers

There are many opportunities to donate for altar flowers in 2023. Please check the flower chart in the Parish Hall for available dates. This is an excellent opportunity to honor, give thanks, or remember a loved one. Contact Linda Hamilton at 770-842-8485 if you have any questions. Thank you for your consideration.



Annual Parish Meeting

Our Annual Parish Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 29, at 10:00 a.m. in the nave. Attending this meeting an excellent way to learn about the work of your Vestry and the financial plan for the new year. The 2022 Annual Report will be available. Our new Wardens and Vestry liaisons will be announced. The budget and other financial information will be discussed. Please show your support for Ascension by attending.

