

*You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.*

The Baptism of  
Our Lord



January 11, 2026  
10:30 am  
Holy Eucharist

# Welcome

- Nave services may be livestreamed for our online congregation. Cameras focus primarily on vested ministers, but others in the cathedral may also be visible in live or archived video.

## Prelude Chorale Prelude on Caithness

Rosalie Bonighton

- at the sound of the bells, all stand

## Hymn 381 Thy strong word did cleave the darkness

1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark-ness; at thy speak-ing  
2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark-ness, dark as night and  
3 Thy strong word be-speaks us right-eous; bright with thine own  
4 God the Fa-ther, Light-Cre-a-tor, to thee laud and

it was done; for cre-a-ted light we thank thee,  
deep as death, broke the light of thy sal-va-tion,  
ho-li-ness, glo-rious now, we press toward glo-ry,  
hon-or be; to thee, Light of Light be-got-ten,

while thine or-dered sea-sons run: Al-le<sup>3</sup>-lu-ia, al-le-  
breathed thine own life-giv-ing breath: Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-  
and our lives our hopes con-fess: Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-  
praise be sung e-ter-nal-ly; Ho-ly Spi-rit, Light-Re-

lu-ia! Praise to thee who light dost send! Al-le-lu-ia,  
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lu-ia! Praise to thee who light dost send! Al-le-lu-ia,  
veal-er, glo-ry, glo-ry be to thee; mor-tals, an-gels,

al-le-lu-ia! Al-le<sup>3</sup>-lu-ia with-out end!  
al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia with-out end!  
al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia with-out end!  
now and ev-er praise the Ho-ly Tri-ni-ty.

*The Alleluias in stanzas 1-3 may be sung antiphonally.*

Words: Martin H. Franzman (1907-1976)

Music: *Ton-y-Botel*, Thomas John Williams (1869-1944)

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## Opening Acclamation

*celebrant*

Bless-ed be God: most holy, glorious, and undi-vi-ded Tri-ni-ty.

*people*

And blessed be God's reign, now and for ev - er. A - men.

## Collect for Purity

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.

## Song of Praise • S 278

*Gloria in excelsis*

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

**Setting:** William Mathias (b. 1934)

## Collect for the Baptism of Our Lord

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.

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- *all be seated*

**First Reading**     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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**Thanks be to God.**

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.

**Second Reading** 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."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**Thanks be to God.**



# Hymn 533

*How wondrous and great thy works, God of praise!*

1 How won - drous and great thy works, God of praise!  
2 To na - tions of earth thy light shall be shown;

How just, King of saints, and true are thy ways!  
their wor - ship and vows shall come to thy throne:

O who shall not fear thee, and hon - or thy Name?  
thy truth and thy judg - ments shall spread all a - broad,

Thou on - ly art ho - ly, thou on - ly su - preme.  
till earth's ev - ery peo - ple con - fess thee their God.

Words: Henry Ustick Onderdonk (1759-1858), alt.; para. *The Song of the Redeemed*

Music: Lyons, att. Johann Michael Haydn (1737-1806)

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## **Gospel**     Matthew 3:13-17

The Holy Gospel of our Savior, Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

**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."

The Gospel of our Savior.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **Sermon**     The Reverend Charles Myers

### **Renewal of Baptismal Vows**

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.

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil  
and renew your commitment  
to Jesus Christ?

**I do**

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?

**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.**

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 people are sprinkled with water as a reminder of their Baptism while the following is sung:*

### **Hymn 679** *Surely it is God who saves me*

1 Sure - ly it is God who saves me; trust - ing him, I shall not  
2 Make his deeds known to the peo - ples; tell out his ex - alt - ed  
fear. For the Lord de - fends and shields me and his sav - ing  
Name. Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works his  
help is near. So re - joice as you draw wa - ter from sal -  
might pro - claim. Zi - on, lift your voice in sing - ing; for with  
va - tion's liv - ing spring; in the day of your de -  
you has come to dwell, in your ve - ry midst, the  
liv - erance thank the Lord, his mer - cies sing.  
great and Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

## Prayers of the People

- *the deacon says:*

Almighty God, who proclaimed Jesus as your Son at his baptism, help us to proclaim Him daily, saying "Lord, give us your blessing and strength."

- *the intercessor continues:*

Let us pray for the Church Universal throughout the world; and particularly for Sarah, chosen to be Archbishop of Canterbury, for Sean our Presiding Bishop, for Terry our own Bishop, for all bishops, priests and deacons, and for all who minister to God's people, and especially for the ancient churches of the East, saying

**Lord, give us your blessing and strength.**

Let us pray for our country, and for our elected leaders and representatives, especially President Trump, Vice President Vance, Governors Beshear and Braun, that led by the light of your grace, we may be governed rightly and wisely, and led in peace, saying

**Lord, give us your blessing and strength.**

Let us pray for peace throughout the world, especially in Ukraine, West Africa, Sudan, the Middle East and Venezuela, saying

**Lord, give us your blessing and strength.**

Let us pray for all who are in danger, for all victims of hunger and natural disasters, for all victims of war, and for all refugees and those displaced by oppressive governments, saying

**Lord, give us your blessing and strength.**

Let us pray for the needs, concerns and thanksgivings of those who have asked for our prayers, specially Judy Donahue, Kitten Lawless, George Hubbard, Robert Huffman, Carlos LaGantta, Ginger Shackleton, Dean Weller and Marcia Wilmet, for those who celebrate a birthday, Bob Halliday, Bing Jacobs and Ben Wilson, and for those whom we now mention either silently or aloud . . . . . , as we say

**Lord, give us your blessing and strength.**

Let us pray for those baptized this day, that by the in-pouring of your grace they may flourish in the Faith and be strong witnesses in the church and in the world, saying

**Lord, give us your blessing and strength.**

Let us pray for those who have died, for those who are nearing death, and for those whom we now mention either silently or aloud, . . . . . , that they may behold your face in your eternal kingdom, saying

**Lord, give us your blessing and strength.**

- *the celebrant concludes:*

Grant, Lord God, to all who have been baptized into the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, that, as we have put away the old life of sin, so we may be renewed in the spirit of our minds, and live in righteousness and true holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

Let us pray also for the forgiveness of our sins.

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**Absolution** • *declared by the celebrant*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. .

**Amen.**

**The Peace** • *all greet one another in the name of the Lord*

The peace of Christ be always with you.

**And also with you.**

**Dean's Welcome**

# LITURGY OF THE ALTAR

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## **Offertory Anthem**     *At the River*

arr. Aaron Copland

Shall we gather by the river,  
Where bright angels' feet have trod,  
With its crystal tide forever  
Flowing by the throne of God.

Yes, we'll gather by the river,  
The beautiful, the beautiful river,  
Gather with the saints by the river  
That flows by the throne of God.

Soon we'll reach the shining river,  
Soon our pilgrimage will cease,  
Soon our happy harps will quiver  
With the melody of peace.

Yes, we'll gather by the river,  
The beautiful, the beautiful river,  
Gather with the saints by the river  
That flows by the throne of God.



# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

## Eucharistic Prayer B • Expansive Language

*celebrant*      *people*

God be with you. 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 our thanks and praise.

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

Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your beloved children, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

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 S 128

Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven 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.

Setting: William Mathias (b. 1934)

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 Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, 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 Savior 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 Jesus 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,

**We remember Christ's death,  
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,  
We await Christ's coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

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 in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, 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 [ \_\_\_\_\_and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

### **The Great Amen**



A - men.



## The Lord's Prayer • BCP 364 • *contemporary version*

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

### Fraction Anthem WLP 866

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

### Invitation to Communion

- *any baptized person from any Christian tradition who wishes to encounter the Real Presence of the Risen Christ in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood is welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you wish to learn more about the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, please speak with a priest or deacon following the liturgy.*
- *if you would like to receive a blessing instead of Communion, please indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest*
- *gluten free wafers are available; as you prepare to receive bread indicate your preference to the priest*
  - *for those attending virtually*

### An Act of Spiritual Communion

Jesus, my Savior, I ask you to come into my heart and fill me with your love. Although I cannot physically join with others to celebrate the Eucharist today, I desire to offer my thanksgivings and prayers in union with all who worship you, wherever they may be. And although I cannot receive you now sacramentally in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, still I desire to receive your body and blood spiritually and feed on your love, that I may be united with you and with all your people in one communion and fellowship, your mystical body the church, now and ever more. Amen.

# Communion 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!

Words: *Christian Hymnbook*, 1865, alt.

Music: *This Endris Nyght*, English melody; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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## **Sending of Eucharistic Visitors**

- *deacon*

In the name of this congregation we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Body and Blood of Christ.

- *people*

**We are all one Body, for we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.**

- *all stand; said by all*

## **Prayer after Communion**

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of 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 Savior. Amen.

## **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.**

## Concluding Hymn 121

*Christ, when for us you were baptized*

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.

Words: F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984), rev.

Music: *Caithness*, melody from *The Psalmes of David in Prose and Meeter*, 1635;  
harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

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## Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve Jesus Christ our Savior.  
Thanks be to God.

## Postlude *Postlude in D*

Johann Erasmus Kindermann

*serving today . . .*

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The Rev. Charles Myers, *celebrant*

The Very Rev. Matthew Bradley, *dean*

The Rev. Dr. Eva Markham, *deacon*

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*... as for  
me and my  
household,  
we will  
serve the  
Lord*

*Joshua 24:15*



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