

# ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

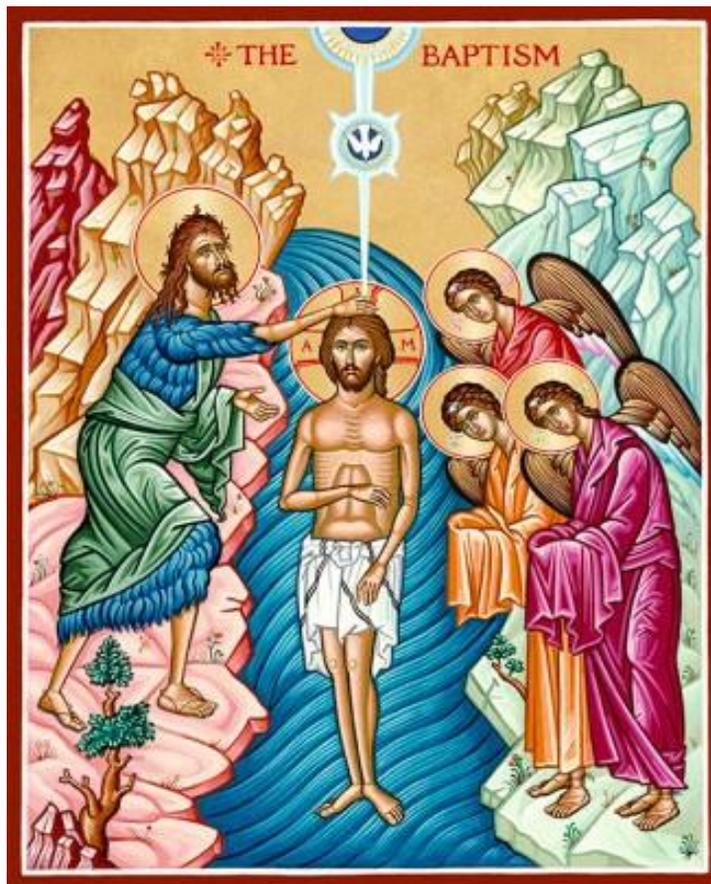
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The Liturgy of the Word

10:00 am

The Baptism of Christ

January 10, 2021



*The Baptism of Christ*

*All are welcome at God's Table*

## **TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS**

Presider	The Rev. Michelle Meech
Homilist	The Rev. Dcn. Sue Bonsteel
Deacon	The Rev. Dcn. Sue Bonsteel
Lector	Bob Dennison
Intercessor	Cathe Decker
Music Director	Terry Earles
Cantor	Wes Dangler
Zoom Usher	Laura Ricci

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Prelude

As Pants the Heart for Cooling Springs  
Once to Every Man and Nation  
Toccata in GM

Willan  
Willan  
Pachelbel

**THE ACCLAMATION**

*Presider* Blessed be the one, holy living God.

***People* Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.**

**THE COLLECT FOR PURITY**

*Presider and People*

**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.**

*Hymn*

*Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness*

*1982 Hymnal, 339*

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 - en.  
give me, as thy guest in heaven re - ceive me.

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presider* God be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

God 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 Christ as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.

**People** **Amen.**

### THE FIRST LESSON

*Lector* A Reading from the book of Genesis.

*Genesis 1: 1-5*

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw

that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

*Lector* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
**People** **Thanks be to God.**

## THE RESPONSE

### *Psalm 29*



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- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, you / gods, \*  
ascribe to the LORD glory 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 upon the mighty / waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful / 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 wilderness 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 above 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 blessing of / peace.

## THE SECOND LESSON

*Lector* A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

*Acts 19: 1-7*

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— altogether there were about twelve of them.

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

**People** Thanks be to God.

## THE GOSPEL

*Celtic Alleluia*

*O'Carroll/Walker*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - - ia! \_\_\_\_

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

*Mark 1: 4-11*

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

*Deacon* The Gospel of Christ.

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

## THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

*Presider* God be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to God.

**People** **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*The Presider continues on behalf of us all*

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 Child 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, God, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in the 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.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who are here 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 Presider addresses the congregation*

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

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

**People** **I do.**

*Presider* Do you believe in God the Father?

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

*Presider* 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.**

*Presider* 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.**

*Presider* 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.**

*Presider* 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.**

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

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

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

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

*Presider* 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 Presider concludes*

May Almighty God 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 grace, in Christ Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

*Christ is risen from the dead*

*Vermont Troparion, adpt. Fabian*

Christ is ri-sen from the dead, tramp-ling down death by death, and on  
those in the tombs be - stow - ing life, be - stow - ing life!

The image shows a musical score for a troparion. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics, and the second system covers the last two lines. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords and some melodic movement.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Intercessor* Let us offer our prayers for all creation to the Holy One who created the heavens and the earth and who gives life and spirit to all humankind saying: God of glory and peace, hear our prayer.

*Intercessor* For the well-being of the church and all who serve it faithfully. For the holy people of God - for Michael, our presiding bishop; Andrew, Mary and Allen, our diocesan bishops; for Michelle, priest; Sue, deacon; and for all lay ministers of the church. With one voice we say:

**People** **God of glory and peace, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* For lasting peace in our world and for those who persevere in the work of reconciliation and justice for all people. May our we offer prayers for our troubled nation and for Donald, president; Mike, Vice-President; Joe, President-elect ;and Kamala, Vice-President elect that there may be a peaceful transition of power. With one voice we say:

**People** **God of glory and peace, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* For our community of St. John's that we may always be faithful to our baptismal vows. May we be filled with compassion and mercy as we walk alongside our neighbors in need. Open our hearts that we may be generous spirits in a world that is often harsh and uncaring. With one voice we say:

**People** **God of glory and peace, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* For a renewed sense of reverence for all life that we may always see your presence in every human being. Give us strength to protect the vulnerable. May we be agents of change in order to help end the cycle of violence in our nation, our communities and our hearts. With one voice we say:

**People** **God of glory and peace, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* For loving spirits that we may see the face of Christ in the poor, those without shelter, the hungry, the refugee, the lost, the lonely, the addicted, and the sick. May we share our blessed abundance with those who suffer. Let us now name aloud and in our hearts those who are in any need:

*You will be asked to unmute. Please offer your intercessions either silently or aloud.*

With one voice we say:

**People** **God of glory and peace, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* For those who have died and rest in your eternal embrace, especially Mary Mine, Mary and John Mansfield Sr., John Mansfield Jr. and Edna and Howard Mine. May we also hold close in our hearts all who have died due to the coronavirus and those who mourn. With one voice we say:

**People** **God of glory and peace, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* For whom else and what else shall we pray?

*You will be asked to unmute. Please offer your intercessions and thanksgivings either silently or aloud.*

*Presider* Savior, Redeemer, Beloved of God: Fulfill our prayers as may be best for us. Clothe us in your love, strengthen us to live gently on this earth, give us humility to see all we encounter as precious to you, and teach us to walk with kindness and patience this hour and always.

**People** Amen.

### THE PEACE

*Presider* The Peace of God be always with you.

**People** And also with you.

### THE OFFERTORY

*Please provide your attention to our Wardens for an announcement.*

*Presider* Let us walk in love as Christ loved us and offer of ourselves a sacrifice to God.

*Hymn* *Come, thou fount of every blessing* *1982 Hymnal, 686*



1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my  
2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,  
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly



heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er  
by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good  
I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a



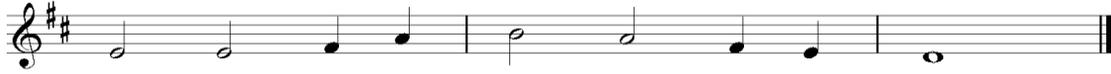
ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by  
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering  
prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to



flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me  
 from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from  
 leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and



on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.  
 dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
 seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

And now, as our Savior Christ has 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.**

**THE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNITY PRAYERS**

**THE BLESSING**

Beloveds of God, Love is born among us, around us, and within us. Let this be your truth so you may be a bridge of God's boundless Love to every soul you meet. And may the blessing of the God of Love, the Holy and Undivided Trinity, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**THE DISMISSAL**

*Deacon* Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The **Sacrament of Communion** will begin at **11:45 am** in the St. John's Sanctuary.  
 All are welcome at God's Table... with masks, please.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Next Sunday: Pastoral Care Team** meeting. Sunday, January 17 at 12:30. Click here to join Zoom meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/768878535>. All are welcome!

**Epiphany House Blessings!** Each year Rev. Michelle makes the rounds to offer a blessing upon your home and will gladly do so this year, although she cannot stay for a visit. You can sign up for a House Blessing visit from Rev. Michelle or download simple instructions on how to bless your own home. [Epiphany House Blessings – St. John's Kingston](#)

**The Page Turners** book for February 2nd is "Braiding Sweetgrass," by Robin Wall Kimmerer. Speak to Lynn Dennison for more information. All are welcome!

**Education for Ministry (EFM):** What is EFM? Every baptized person is called to ministry. EFM is a program designed to support that ministry. Participants gather in small, mentored groups where they learn more deeply about the Christian faith and how it shapes our lives. A Tuesday evening Zoom group is being shaped among the Episcopal congregations in Ulster County that will start in January. Space is limited so contact Teri Jones ASAP for more information at [terijones@optonline.net](mailto:terijones@optonline.net).

### St. John's Annual Meeting

Sunday, **January 31** via **Zoom**  
More details soon to come.

#### Vestry Slate

Thank you to these good people who are willing to stand for election and serve as leaders!

- Lynn Dennison – Warden (2 years)
- Liz Moeller – Vestryperson (3 years)
- Nilsa Rodriguez-Jaca – Vestryperson (3 years)
- Sara Hutton – Vestryperson (1 year)

## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

**Children's New Book Drive:** Family of Woodstock is in need of books for children who are in or are leaving shelters. If you are coming to in-person church, please consider bringing a new children's book (all ages). Or send a donation to the church (207 Albany Ave) and we will do the shopping. Questions? Contact Outreach Coordinator Elaine (845-532-6585) or Deacon Sue (845-331-5575).

*Have an announcement for the bulletin?  
Please send by Wednesday at noon to [stjohnskingston@aol.com](mailto:stjohnskingston@aol.com).*

## **Worship & Programming: January 3-9**

All worship and formation programs are online through Zoom unless otherwise noted below. **Go to: [stjohnskingston.org/online-streaming-worship](https://stjohnskingston.org/online-streaming-worship)** and click on the appropriate heading/link to join the Zoom room.

- Sunday Worship at 10:00 am – Online only  
Communion at 11:45 am – In-person only
- Tuesday Compline at 9:00 pm – Online only
- Wednesday Open Prayer at 9:00 am on Facebook Live
- Wednesday Morning with Terry at 10:00 am – Online only
- Wednesday Centering Prayer at 5:45 pm  
(musical prelude starts at 5:15) – Online only
- Friday Morning Prayer at 8:00 am – Online only
- Friday Bible Study at 9:00 am – Online only

All activities in the church building have been canceled so that Angel Food East can continue to operate. Please do not enter the kitchen. If you need access to another part of the church building, please check-in with Rev. Michelle.