

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
January 12, 2020 – 10:30 A.M.
HOLY BAPTISM and HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

The Service begins on page 299 of The Book of Common Prayer.

Prelude: Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam, BWV 684

J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

THE WORD OF GOD

Introit *Dilexisti*

Anglican Chant: E. Elgar

Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; wherefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows. My heart overfloweth with a good matter; I speak of the things which I have made concerning the King.

– Psalm 45: 7,1

Hymn 616: “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”

Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein, *stand*

Opening Sentences

Priest: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Priest: There is one Body and one Spirit;

People: **There is one hope in God’s call to us;**

Priest: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People: **One God and Father of all.**

The Collect of the Day

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: 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.

People: **Amen.**

The Lessons

Lector: A Reading from The Book of the Acts of the Apostles.
(10: 34-43)

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Then 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.”

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 29

- 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.**

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.”

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon: The Reverend Scott Gunn

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Hymn 121: “Christ, when for us you were baptized”

Caithness, *stand*

(The children join the Service from their Sunday School classes.)

HOLY BAPTISM

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

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Baptismal Covenant

Priest: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Priest: 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.

Priest: 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.**

Priest: 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.**

Priest: 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.**

Priest: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

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

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

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

Priest: 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

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

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

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Priest: 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

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**
Priest: We thank you, Almighty God, ... *sit*
People: **Amen.**

The Baptism p. 307

After the Baptism:

Priest: Let us welcome the newly baptized.
All: **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.**

Exchanging the Peace p. 308, *stand*

Announcements *sit*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

All baptized persons are invited to receive Communion.

If you would like to receive gluten-free bread, let the priest know at the altar rail.

The Offertory Anthem: When in Jordan thou wast baptized John Tavener (1944–2013)

Today is the nature of the waters sanctified, and Jordan is cloven asunder, and rolleth back the current of its flood, as it beholdeth Christ baptized. Ἀλληλούια. Ἀλληλούια.

When in Jordan thou wast baptized, O Lord, the worship of the Trinity was made manifest, For the voice of the Father bare witness unto thee, calling thee his beloved Son, and the Spirit, in the form of a dove, confirms the steadfastness of that word. O Christ, who didst manifest thyself, and dost enlighten the world, glory to thee.

—from the Orthodox Great Blessing of the Waters

The Presentation (*Hymn 380, stanza 3*) Old 100th, *stand*

All: **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. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B p. 367

Sanctus and Benedictus (*Hymnal S 114*) p. 367
kneel

The Lord's Prayer p. 364

Breaking of the Bread p. 364

Administration of the Sacrament

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Anthem: The Baptism of Christ

Peter Hallock (1924–2014)

Jesus autem hodie regressus est a Jordane. [*Jesus again today returned to the Jordan*]

When Jesus Christ baptized 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 son, listen to him*]

There were Three Persons and one Lord, the Son baptized 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 baptized in from Jordan, at our last end, we pray thee, say then: Hic est filius meus ipsum intende.

–*Medieval text*

Hymn 339: “Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness”

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A Prayer of Thanksgiving

p. 365, *kneel*

The Blessing

Hymn 448: “O love, how deep, how broad, how high”

Deus tuorum militum, *stand*

The Dismissal

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary: Paean

Kenneth Leighton (1929–1988)

MUSIC NOTES: John Tavener (1944–2013) was an English composer who converted to the Russian Orthodox Church in 1977. The mysticism and liturgies of this tradition influenced his composition, particularly his large body of sacred music. *When in Jordan thou wast baptized* was commissioned by the Friends of Rochester Cathedral in 2001 to celebrate the dedication of a new baptismal fresco. • Peter Hallock (1924–2014) was a remarkable figure in Episcopal church music who is remembered as a “mystic, solitary, composer, organist, liturgist, and countertenor.” For forty years he was the organist and choirmaster at St. Mark’s Cathedral, Seattle. • The Alleluia verse at this service was written by David Sinden (b. 1982) last year. It is dedicated to his daughter Margaret, who was baptized on this day in 2019.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God

In honor of the Baptism of Mary Catherine Coughlin by her family.

In honor of the Baptism of Walsh Clinton Lauer by his parents.

Lector/Eucharistic Ministers:	Wendy Olk, Nannette Rich
Ushers:	Bud Wilson, Doug Adderton, Matt Bouchard, Kurt Hibler
Acolytes:	Campbell Graves, Harper Graves, Walker Graves Katie Marks, Gretchen Mertz, Sam Wilson
Acolyte Master:	Allan Ivie
Hospitality:	Suzanne Johnson, Alden Pflager, Kathleen Rogers
Altar Guild:	Cheryl Gelstein, Nancy Grimes
Counters:	Ann Randazzo, Lisa Acker

PRAYER LIST

In Thanksgiving For: The Baptisms of Mary Catherine Coughlin and Walsh Clinton Lauer.

For Parishioners: Brooke Erwin and Bryan Miller.

For Family and Friends: Carol Fisher and Kathy Sheehan.

For the Faithful Departed: Phyllis Brissenden, Marian “Mim” Bland Langdon, John McKinney, Molly Robinson and Scott Peterson.

For the Men and Women of the Armed Forces: Zach Greata.

For those Committed to Our Ongoing Prayers: Michelle Arthur, Donna Brookman, Arlene Burnham, Elizabeth Clarke, Kathryn Dewein, Greg Evans, Samantha Forsko, Karen Goddard, Patty Hecker, Laney Johnson, Bob Kenny, Susan Kerkering, Madelyn Lane, Ann McDonald, Bill McMahon, Elizabeth Mendoza, Cheryl Meyer, Signe Myles, Louisa Rix, Jeffrey Rixleben, Sarah Roberts, Gerald Spencer, Wayne Spohr, Jane St. John, Julie Stephenson, Rolla Wetzel and Dick Williams.

TODAY...

WELCOME TO ST. PETER’S CHURCH! – This morning we welcome the Rev. Scott Gunn, Executive Director of Forward Movement (publisher of *Forward Day by Day*) and co-founder of Lent Madness. Scott led the Men’s Retreat on Saturday and will preach at both services today.

FAMILIES – Children are always welcome in church! Childcare is available in the Little Building from 9-11:45. If your child needs a break, the service is live-streamed in the Undercroft. A baby-changing station is available in the middle Undercroft restroom.

CHILDREN’S CHAPEL – All ages, please join us in Grace Chapel, 10:15 to 10:25 a.m. each Sunday before Sunday School.

PARISH BREAKFAST – Come enjoy a hot breakfast in the Undercroft today, served from 8:45 until 10:00. The cost is \$5 per person or \$20 per family.

RECTOR'S FORUM meets each Sunday morning, 9:15-10:00 a.m. in the Undercroft.

Come this morning and meet our guest preacher!

EPIPHANY LESSONS AND CAROLS – This candlelit service of music and readings is held **today at 5:00 p.m.** Music by Vaughan Williams, William Walton, Jane Marshall, John Weaver, Nico Muhly, and David Sinden.

ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN – In this new year, please help us wrap up our 2020 campaign by sending in your pledge if you haven't yet. Pledge online or via mail. Thank you to the 270 families who have pledged support in the amount of \$948,080.

THIS WEEK...

NEWS DEADLINE – Please submit news to the Church Office by noon on Tuesdays.

ST. PETER'S CARES – Need a ride, a meal or a prayer? St. Peter's has a ministry that can help – that's St. Peter's Cares! Leave a voicemail or email (314-993-2306, ext. 125 or shepherd@stpetersepiscopal.org) and a Shepherd will contact you within 24 hours.

SUNDAY FLOWERS – To dedicate altar flowers in memory or in honor of your loved ones, go to the parish website at <http://stpetersepiscopal.org/worship/sunday-flowers/> or you may contact Carol Lyons, our Parish Secretary (314-993-2306, ext. 101; clyons@stpetersepiscopal.org. Thank you!

MEN'S BREAKFAST – Join us in the Undercroft for good food and fellowship this Tuesday at 7:15 a.m.

WOMAN'S GUILD – Join us this Tuesday for lunch at 12:15 p.m., followed by our program by Fr. Joseph. Yoga meets at 11:00 a.m. each Tuesday.

BOOK GROUP – Join us in the Elliot Room this Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. to discuss *Rules of Civility* by Amor Towles. All are welcome.

SEARCHING FOR GOD IN THE DAILY NEWS meets on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. in the Conference Room across from the office. Come explore the lively intersection where theology meets current events.

BIBLE STUDY – Join us at 7:00 on Thursday mornings in the Elliot Room.

PRAYER GROUP – Come on Friday mornings at 10:00 for contemporary Bible Study of the Sunday readings and to pray for the needs of the parish and the world.

SEARCH COMMITTEE – Sr. Warden Jeanie Davis and the Vestry are pleased to announce the following parishioners who will serve on the Rector Search Committee: Chris Knight, Chair; the Rev. Susie Skinner, Chaplain; John Bradley; Mokie Carmichael; Laurie Haffenreffer; Hedy Lee; Danny Orthwein; Charlie Peters; Susan Schettler; Rachel Sokolich and DeWayne Trainer.

UPCOMING EVENTS...

SAVE THESE DATES! Please plan to join in celebrating our Rector's ministry among us with two special events.

Friday, January 31st: A celebratory evening at the Deer Creek Club. If you have not received your invitation in the mail, please contact Janet Rouse in the Church Office.

Sunday February 9th: A parish lunch for all ages following the 10:30 worship service. Both celebrations will be wonderful opportunities to thank Luke for all he has done with and for us at St. Peter's!

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 12 - 19, 2020

Sunday	1/12		The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ
		8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
		8:45-10:00	Parish Breakfast – Undercroft
		9:15 a.m.	Rector's Forum – Undercroft
			Confirmation Class
		10:15 a.m.	Children's Chapel
		10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
		5:00 p.m.	Epiphany Lessons and Carols
Tuesday	1/14	7:15 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
		12:15 p.m.	Woman's Guild Lunch
		2:00 p.m.	Book Group
		4:15 p.m.	Choristers
Wednesday	1/15	1:00 p.m.	Searching for God in the Daily News
		5:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
Thursday	1/16	7:00 a.m.	Bible Study
		5:15 p.m.	Probationers
		6:00 p.m.	Choristers
		7:15 p.m.	Parish Choir
Friday	1/17	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Group
Sunday	1/19		The Second Sunday after The Epiphany
		8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
		8:45-10:00	Parish Breakfast – Undercroft
		9:15 a.m.	Rector's Forum – Undercroft
		10:15 a.m.	Children's Chapel
		10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
		2:00 p.m.	EYC Meeting

Candidates

The Nominating Committee announces the following candidates who, if elected, have consented to serve St. Peter's Church:

Lisa Acker – Candidate for Member of the Vestry

Lisa has been a lifelong member of St. Peter's. She and her husband, Tom, were married here in 1990 and raised two children at St. Peter's: Billy (28) and Johnny (26). Lisa taught Sunday School and served on the Board of St. Peter's Playgroup. She has been involved with The Haven of Grace and Bravelly. Additionally, she is a Counter; helps weekly in the Church Office, and enjoys delivering flowers during the holidays with her mother. Lisa is a devoted 8 o'clock attendee.

Louise Jones – Candidate for Member of the Vestry

Louise Jones has spent her life in the Episcopal church as her father was an Episcopal priest. She joined St. Peter's Church in 1989, after moving to St. Louis from the Boston area, and has raised her two children, David and Frances Jones, at St. Peter's. Both children sang as Choristers and served as Acolytes. Louise has worked at MICDS as the Director of Alumni Relations for 18 years, and prior to that worked in Development, raising major gifts for Washington University School of Medicine. She enjoys serving on the Stewardship Committee and substituting on the breakfast team.

Julie Peters – Candidate for Member of the Vestry

Julie and her husband, Turner Peters, moved to St Louis in 2012 from New York City. Their son Hays was born in July 2018 and baptized in November 2018. Turner and his family have been active lifelong members of St Peter's. Julie is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW), with advanced training in post-traumatic stress disorder treatment. She is currently the Interim Executive Director at the Woman's Exchange of St. Louis, and has volunteered for the Missouri Botanical Board Members, the American Red Cross and the Garden Club of St. Louis. At St. Peter's Julie is a Sunday School teacher and an instructor for Vacation Bible School.

Michael W. Newport – Candidate for Member of the Vestry

Mike Newport has been a member of St. Peter’s Church since 1983 and Head Usher since 2010. He taught Sunday School for a couple of years in the late 1980s when his two daughters were young. Mike has been an attorney in St. Louis for over 40 years and is currently a partner at Foley & Mansfield PLLP. He is retiring at the end of February 2020. Mike is married to Peggy Barnhart and together they have five daughters and six grandchildren. Peggy is Catholic and attends Church of the Annuziata. Mike has held a variety of volunteer positions over the years including serving the American Red Cross and the United Way of Greater St. Louis.

The Nominating Committee also announces the following candidates who, if elected, have consented to serve St. Peter’s Church as Delegate and Alternate Delegates to the annual Diocesan Convention: Ann Randazzo, Doug Adderton, Liz DeLaperouse and Jimmy Grimmett.