

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
January 12, 2020 – 8:00 A.M.
THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

The Service begins on page 355 of The Book of Common Prayer.

Organ Prelude

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Sentences

stand

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

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

The Collect for Purity

Priest: 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.**

Gloria in Excelsis

All: **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

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)

sit

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.**

- 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 Kadesh.
- 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 evermore.**
- 11 The Lord shall give strength to his people;
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

All: **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. *stand*
(3: 13-17)

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.”

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon: The Reverend Scott Gunn *sit*

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows *stand*

Priest: Let us join in recommitting ourselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

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

People: **I do.**

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.**

Priest: 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.

Prayers of the People

Lector: God has called us out of darkness into the glorious light of the Son. Let us pray for the church and for the world, that all people may know the light of Christ, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

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For the church and its ministry to the world, for all bishops and clergy, remembering especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Wayne, our Bishop; Deon, our Bishop-elect; Luke, Kelly and Joseph, our clergy; for our parish staff; and for all those who bring the gospel of Jesus Christ to the nations, let us pray to the Lord.

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

Lector: For the nations of the world and their leaders, for all those in authority, and for an end to war and oppression, let us pray to the Lord.

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

Lector: For those who have not heard the good news of salvation, for those who have heard but have not believed, and for those who have forsaken their faith, let us pray to the Lord.

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

Lector: For the lonely and destitute, for the victims of injustice and discrimination, for the hungry and the homeless, for the unloved and the forgotten, and for all who seek to serve them, remembering especially the ministries of Beyond Housing, Bravelly, Episcopal City Mission, The Haven of Grace and Outreach Haiti, let us pray to the Lord.

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

Lector: For the sick in body, mind, and spirit, for the dying and the bereaved, and for all those in need of our prayers, especially Brooke Erwin, Carol Fisher, Bryan Miller and Kathy Sheehan, let us pray to the Lord.

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

Lector: For the saints who have gone before us in the faith and are now at rest, especially Phyllis Brissenden, Marian “Mim” Bland Langdon, John McKinney, Molly Robinson and Scott Peterson, and for all the saints on earth who surround us in a great fellowship of love, let us pray to the Lord.

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

Priest: Loving God, accept our thanks and praise for all your gifts so generously bestowed upon us, especially for the Baptism of Mary Catherine Coughlin and Walsh Lauer, hear the petitions and intercessions of your faithful people, and guide our thoughts and actions, so that your will may be done and your name glorified, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Priest: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All: **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Absolution

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

All: **Amen.**

We exchange the Peace at the altar rail after receiving Communion.

Announcements

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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 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 p. 367
kneel

The Lord's Prayer p. 364

Breaking of the Bread	p. 364
Administration of the Sacrament	<i>sit</i>
A Prayer of Thanksgiving	p. 365, <i>kneel</i>
The Blessing	
The Dismissal	<i>stand</i>
<i>Priest:</i>	Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
<i>People:</i>	Thanks be to God.

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:	Ann Randazzo, Jane Gilbert
Ushers:	Rich Huck, Tony Randazzo
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 McMahan, 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@stpeterseiscopal.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://stpeterseiscopal.org/worship/sunday-flowers/> or you may contact Carol Lyons, our Parish Secretary (314-993-2306, ext. 101; clyons@stpeterseiscopal.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.