



THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

January 12, 2025

8 am & 10 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Welcome to St. Thomas'!

For use in your pew racks: *the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) is the red book, The Hymnal 1982 is the blue book, and Wonder Love and Praise (WLP) is the green book. * Indicates 10 am service only.*

VOLUNTARY

***HYMN 121**

"Christ, when for us you were baptized"

Caithness

THE COLLECT OF PURITY

BCP 355

THE GLORIA

BCP 356 / *S-280

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 214

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 43: 1-7

Thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth--everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 29 *Afferte Domino*

BCP 620

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.

THE SECOND LESSON

Acts 8: 14-17

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*HYMN 120

"The sinless one to Jordan came"

Solemnis haec festivitas

GOSPEL

Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Ryan R. Whitley

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Please stand or kneel. The Leader and People pray responsively

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.

God of our salvation, hope of all the ends of the earth, we pray: **Your kingdom come.**

That the world may know Jesus Christ as the Prince of Peace, we pray: **Your kingdom come.**

That all who are estranged and without hope may be brought near in the blood of Christ, we pray: **Your kingdom come.**

That the Church may be one in serving and proclaiming the gospel, we pray: **Your kingdom come.**

That we may be bold to speak the word of God while you stretch out your hand to save, we pray: **Your kingdom come.**

That the Church may be generous in giving, faithful in serving, and bold in proclaiming, offering special prayers for the work at Benison Farm, we pray: **Your kingdom come.**

That the Church may welcome and support all whom God calls to faith, we pray: **Your kingdom come.**

That all who serve the gospel may be kept in safety while your word accomplishes its purpose, we pray: **Your kingdom come.**

That all who suffer for the gospel may know the comfort and glory of Christ, we especially pray for those on our parish prayer list, and those we now name: _____, we pray: **Your kingdom come.**

That the day may come when every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, we pray: **Your kingdom come.**

Celebrant

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may ever be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN **BCP 360**

THE PEACE **BCP 360**

OFFERTORY

THE HOLY COMMUNION, EUCHARIST PRAYER D **BCP 372**

SANCTUS BCP 362/***S-114**

LORD'S PRAYER **BCP 364**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD **BCP 364**

FRACTION "Agnus Dei" ***S-158**

COMMUNION

***HYMN 337** "And now, O Father, mindful of the love" *Lobet den Herren*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER / BLESSING **BCP 366**

***HYMN 448** "O love, how deep, how broad, how high" *Deus tuorum militum*

DISMISSAL **BCP 366**

VOLUNTARY

Thanks to those who are serving today: **Acolytes:** Joni James, Jace Viera, Hannah Wetmore. **Altar Guild:** Linda Sordan, Laura Labbee. **Camera Operator/Digital Commentary:** Joy Howerton / Russ Martin. **Coffee Host:** Charlotte Higgins. **Flower Guild:** Teri Andrés Coryell. **Greeters 10am:** Valerie Hendry. **Healing:** Kay Mahoney. **Lay Eucharistic Minister 10am:** Dudley Savage. **Lector 8am:** Mike Bice. **Lectors 10am:** Elise Whitley, Bill Thomas. **Oblations:** Steve and Susan McMullen. **Prayers of the People 8am:** Mike Bice. **Prayers of the People 10am:** Tom Alison. **Ushers:** Tom Shevlin, Bill Hendry.

Prayer List: Dona, Geoff, Sharon Joanne, Barbara, Carrie, Yvonne, Jo, Terry, Julia, John, Russ, Freddy, Kevin, Nancy, Rosalie, Anje, Angie, Joyce, Linda, Rick, Carol, Beverly, and all those adversely affected by hurricanes.

Healing prayer: Anyone wanting Healing prayer with the imposition of holy oil at the 10am service, is invited to come to the baptismal font after making your communion and receive a confidential healing prayer from a trained parishioner. Intercessory prayers for others can also be made.

Guest Pianist: Rebecca Kassang. Rebecca has been a Music Minister off and on for 30 years, mostly in Lutheran churches. She has been teaching K-8 music for this time as well and currently teaches full time at LCC Day School. Rebecca also owns RK Music Studio, a teaching studio with a dozen teachers providing lessons in piano, voice, guitar, and violin all around St. Petersburg.

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