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First Sunday after the Epiphany

The Baptism of our Lord

January 8, 2023

Holy Eucharist— 9:45 AM

Welcome to St. Peter's. We are glad you are here!

Our worship uses the Book of Common Prayer (BCP), and the 1982 Hymnal (Hymnal), so the entire liturgy is here in the bulletin. If you have any questions, please ask any of our members who will be glad to help.

Children are always welcome in worship.

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Prelude

At the sound of the bell, the congregation stands as able for the processional hymn.

Opening Hymn

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

Hymnal 135

The people standing, the Celebrant sings

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

People

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

The Celebrant then says

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

Hymnal S-280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty - 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 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Celebrant then continues

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you***

Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

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. ***Amen.***

First Lesson (*please be seated*)

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.

"After each reading, the Lector says **"The Word of the Lord"** and the People respond: **"Thanks be to God."**



- 1 AS-CRIBE to the / Lord, you^gods, *
ascribe to the Lord / glo-ry and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his / Name; *
worship the Lord in the beau-/ty of ho-li^ness.
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory / thun-ders; *
the Lord is upon the / might-y wat-ers.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful / voice; *
the voice of the Lord is a / voice of splen-dor.
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the / ce-dar^trees; *
the Lord breaks the ce-/dars of Leb-a^non;
- 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 / wil-der^ness; *
the Lord shakes the wilder-/ness of Ka-desh.
- 8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees / writhe *
and / strips the for-ests^bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the / Lord *
all are / cry-ing, "Glo-ry."
- 10 The Lord sits enthroned a-/bove the^flood; *
the Lord sits enthroned as / King for ev-er^more.
- 11 The Lord shall give strength to his / peo-ple; *
the Lord shall give his people the / bles-sing 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."

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All stand, as able, for the procession and proclamation of the Holy Gospel.

Sequence *Alleluia. Alleluia. I have found David my servant:
with my holy oil have I anointed him. Alleluia.*

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew.

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

Gospel

Matthew 3:13-17

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."

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Homily

The Reverend Derek H. Miller

We believe in one God,

*the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.*

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

*the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.*

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

*he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.*

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Intercessions for Christian People

Officiant *Through our baptism we are joined to Christ as God's beloved children. As sisters and brothers in the Spirit, let us bring before God the needs of the world and the church, saying: Lord, have mercy.*

For the victory of justice among the nations, and for the outpouring of the Spirit's gift of peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the liberation of all oppressed and imprisoned, for the preaching of the liberating gospel, and for reconciliation of all who oppress and persecute others, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the healing of all who are gripped by despair and frustration, and for all who inspire them with hope and joy, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all in this community to be alive to the call of their baptism, for the newly baptized, and for all who guide and teach along the way, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who in their illness look to us for strength and healing in Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the expectation of Christ's full victory in their life and death let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

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 Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says

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. **Amen.**

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

Offertory Anthem

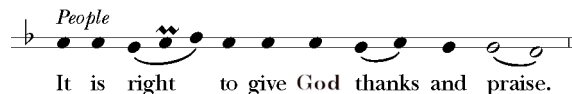
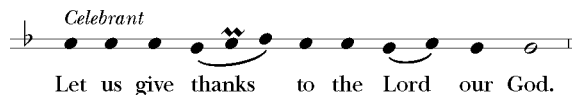
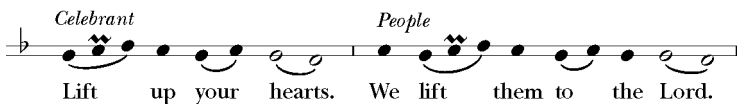
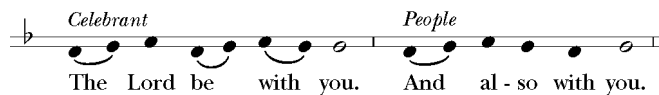
Presentation Hymn

The sinless one to Jordan came

Hymnal 120

The people stand while offerings are presented and placed on the altar.

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says



Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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

The Celebrant continues to chant the Proper Preface of the Season followed by:

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues the consecratory prayer telling of God's interaction with humanity throughout history, our need for redemption in Jesus Christ, and consecrates the bread and wine with the words Jesus used at the Last Supper. The full text is found in the BCP on page 367.

Then the Celebrant says.

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues until

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours,
 Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Lord's Prayer

*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.*

Fraction Anthem

Hymnal S-155

This setting is not used in Lent.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
lu - ia, al - le - lu - 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.

Invitation to Communion

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people who may also receive both kinds.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Should I Receive Communion?

What follows is Holy Communion, the sacred meal of the Christian faith. The Episcopal Church, as do all other denominations rooted in the historic Christian faith, affirms that the sacrament of Baptism is the ancient and normative entry point for receiving the sacrament of Eucharist. That being said, no one who comes forward to receive the bread and wine at communion is ever turned away from God's table. Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, the Episcopal Church welcomes you, and we invite you to explore with us what baptism may mean for you. Want to know more? Please speak to our Rector, Fr. Derek, following the service (he LOVES talking about baptism!). When receiving the Holy Communion, you may take just the bread if you prefer, or the clergy person can provide a gluten-free wafer upon request. If you are not baptized or would prefer not to receive communion for any personal or religious reason, you are still invited to come forward at the time of communion to receive a blessing from the priest. (Please place your arms across your chest to indicate your desire to receive a blessing.) Above all, remember that we at St. Peter's practice radical welcome, because Jesus did the same!

Gluten free wafers are available - please let the priest know you desire gluten-free when you come to the altar rail.

If you are unable to come forward, please let the usher know and the ministers will bring the Sacrament to you in the pew.

Communion

*Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity:
wherefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee
with the oil of gladness. Alleluia.*

Communion Hymn

Christ when for us you were baptized

Hymnal 121

Post-Communion Prayer

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son 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 Lord. 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.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Hail to the Lord's anointed

Hymnal 616

Dismissal

People ***Thanks be to God!***

Postlude

Today's flowers are given to the Glory of God.

ST. PETER'S PRAYER LIST

The Church: Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church; Eugene, Bishop of Maryland; Derek, our Rector, Joy, our Assisting Priest

Recent Needs: Pat & Ollie Hand, Sebastian Reid, Sharon Chenoweth, Darrell Reid, Midori Ataka, Katherine Schnorrenberg

(Names remain on the Recent Needs Prayer List for 30 days unless notified otherwise.)

Ongoing Needs: Stephanie Reid, Phil Reid, Chuck Hersl, Sylvia Ramsey, Sabrina Mitchell, Scott Miller, Gwen Watts, Carlos Bonilla, Gigi Bonilla & Family, Bernadette Skelly, Bob Williams, Morris Powell, Sue & Steve Hartlaub, Butch Lanham, Ron Brueggeman, Tom Tozazini, Mary Lewis, Harrison Morson, Rebecca Light, Jennie Boyer, Ray & Rose Powell, Thomas Kirwan, Mary Mitchell, Jennifer Foster, Arthur Ronald Parham, Brian & Rick Kneeland, George Spencer, John Jordan

(Names remain on the Ongoing Needs Prayer List for 90 days unless notified otherwise.)

Homebound Members: Allie & Dick Suelflow, Frieda Gregory, Earl Elliott, Irene & Walter Closson

Rest of the Soul: Patrick Johnson-Lowe

(Names remain on the Rest of the Soul List for 30 days unless notified otherwise.)

Vestry and Officers: Doug Pryor, Stacie Parsells, Alexa Fair, Greg Busch, Jonnie Widener, Tom Donohue, Hal Clay, John Francis, Katie Shaw

Would you like to add someone to the prayer list or have an announcement featured here? Please submit names/announcements to the church office by email: parish.admin@stpetersec.org BY SUNDAY NIGHT.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join Us Online!!

St. Peter's Website (stpetersec.org/events).

Bulletins are now available on our Website for each Service!

FORWARD MOVEMENT: Daily inspirational meditations reflecting on a specific Bible passage, chosen from the daily lectionary readings as listed in the Revised Common Lectionary or the Daily Office from the Episcopal Church's Book of Common Prayer. **November - January are NOW available at the church, ready for pick up if you wish!**

HOSPITALITY HOUR: Do you enjoy seeing your friends after church? Do you want to help St. Peter's welcome guests? Volunteer for Hospitality Hour! For help or instructions: Squad@stpetersec.org OR Call: **Judi (443-794-6477)**.

ST. PETER'S HEAVENLY EATS: St. Peter's "Heavenly Eats" Recipe Book is available for purchase **ONLY 6 COPIES LEFT**. \$20.00 per copy, which includes direct shipment to your home. To order on-line please go to: <http://bit.ly/SPCookbook>

2023 FLOWER DONATIONS NEEDED!: Thank you to everyone who has graciously donated! Flowers may be given in thanksgiving for, honor of, memory of, or celebration of someone or something. **We ask for a donation of \$55 to cover the cost of the flowers each week**, which are tax deductible and will be acknowledged in the corresponding Sunday Bulletin. Please sign up to donate by emailing the **Parish Admin** at parish.admin@stpetersec.org or on <http://bit.ly/DonateSPEC>

OUTREACH MINISTRY: The next ZOOM Outreach Ministry Meeting is on **January 10th, 2023**. Meetings are held on the **2nd Tuesday of the month at 2 pm**. All are welcome to attend. For more information on how to get involved please email:

Outreach@stpetersec.org

OUTREACH ACTION DATES: January 12, 2023—Pete’s Packs Delivery - Kofo Coker; January 19, 2023—Pete’s Packs Delivery - Stan Brown; January 26, 2023—Pete’s Packs Delivery - Kaye & Doug Pryor; February 2, 2023—Pete’s Packs Packing - Kitchen; February 2, 2023—Pete’s Packs Delivery - Sharon Sachs; February 6, 2023—First Monday Meal - Katie Shaw, Meal Coordinator - Kitchen & Day Resource Center; February 9, 2023—Pete’s Packs Delivery - Kofo Coker.

ST. PETER'S PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY: This Ministry is available to assist parishioners who are in need. In order for the Pastoral Care Ministry to coordinate a response to parishioner’s needs, please notify Father Derek: **rector@stpetersec.org** and/or the Pastoral Care Ministry: **pastoral.care@stpetersec.org**

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Upcoming Event Schedule

(In-Person and Virtually)

Sunday, January 15th, 2023 *(Epiphany 2)*

9:45 AM Mass

Coffee Hour to Follow in St. Joseph's Hall

Wednesday, January 18th, 2023 *(Confession of St. Peter)*

7:00 PM Mass

Praying and Pubbing With Pete

Sunday, January 22nd, 2023 *(Epiphany 3)*

9:45 AM Mass

Coffee Hour to Follow in St. Joseph's Hall

Wednesday, January 25th, 2023 *(Conversion of St. Paul)*

7:00 PM Evening Prayer

Sunday, January 29th, 2023 *(Epiphany 4)*

9:45 AM Mass

Coffee Hour to Follow in St. Joseph's Hall

Thursday, February 2nd, 2023 *(Presentation)*

7:00 PM Mass

Sunday, February 5th, 2023 *(Epiphany 5)*

9:45 AM Mass

Coffee Hour to Follow in St. Joseph's Hall

Sunday, February 12th, 2023 *(Epiphany 6)*

9:45 AM Mass

Coffee Hour to Follow in St. Joseph's Hall

Sunday, February 19th, 2023 *(Epiphany Last)*

9:45 AM Mass

Coffee Hour to Follow in St. Joseph's Hall

Loose-Plate Offerings

Offerings given in the plate that are not designated will go to support the following funds:

1st Sunday—Discretionary Fund

2nd Sunday—Outreach Fund

3rd-5th Sundays—General Operating Fund

SERVING THIS WEEK

Altar Guild	Judith Kilroy & Margaret Pratila
Acolyte	Team Mitchell
Bell Ringer	Tom Donohue
Celebrant	The Reverend Derek H. Miller
Flag Guild	Jeff Loveless
Flower Guild	Kennette Mitchell
Intercessor	Angela Mitchell
Lector 1	Alexa Fair
Lector 2	Tom Donohue
Preacher	The Reverend Derek H. Miller
Tellers	Stacie Parsells & Nancy Ritter
Thurifer	Stan Brown
Ushers	Angela Mitchell