



# St. Alban's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Baptism of our Lord  
Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
January 7, 2024

Words in **bold, italicized print** are words of the gathered assembly.

BCP refers to *The Book of Common Prayer* (1979). Unless otherwise listed, hymns are from *The Hymnal* 1982. Hymns beginning with “S” are found toward the front. Holy Scriptures are from the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV).

**Prelude** O Bread of Life from Heaven  
Rigaudon

Paul Manz  
Andre Campra

## Welcome and Hospitality Blessing

## THE WORD OF GOD

**Processional Hymn** 128 “We three kings of Orient are”

### Opening Acclamation

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

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

### Collect for Purity

Celebrant: 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 421

*(The children follow the cross to Children’s Chapel in the PLC)*



1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace on earth from  
2 O Lamb of God, Lord Je - sus Christ, whom God the Fa - ther  
3 You on - ly are the Ho - ly One, who came for our sal -



hea - ven, and God’s good will un - fail - ing - ly be  
gave us, who for the world was sac - ri - ficed up -  
va - tion, and on - ly you are God’s true Son, who

to all peo - ple giv - en. We bless, we wor - ship you, we raise for  
 on the cross to save us; and, as you sit at God's right hand and  
 was be - fore cre - a - tion. You on - ly, Christ, as Lord we own and,

your great glo - ry thanks and praise, O God, Al - might - y Fa - ther.  
 we for judg - ment there must stand, have mer - cy, Lord, up - on us.  
 with the Spi - rit, you a - lone share in the Fa - ther's glo - ry.

## The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: 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. **Amen.**

## The Lessons

The First Reading – Genesis 1:1-5

Reader: A reading from the Book of Genesis.

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Response – Psalm 29

Reader: Let us pray Psalm 29 responsively by whole verse.

<sup>1</sup> Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, \*

ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

<sup>2</sup> **Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; \***

**worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**

- <sup>3</sup> The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders; \*  
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- <sup>4</sup> **The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; \*  
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.**
- <sup>5</sup> The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; \*  
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- <sup>6</sup> **He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**
- <sup>7</sup> 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.
- <sup>8</sup> **The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe \*  
and strips the forests bare.**
- <sup>9</sup> And in the temple of the Lord \*  
all are crying, “Glory!”
- <sup>10</sup> **The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.**
- <sup>11</sup> The Lord shall give strength to his people; \*  
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

The Second Reading – Acts 19:1-7

Reader: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn 117** “Brightest and best of the stars of the morning” v. 1-3

The Holy Gospel – Mark 1:4-11

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

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."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sequence Hymn** 117 "Brightest and best of the stars of the morning" v. 4, 5

**Sermon**

The Rev. Peggy Lo

## **The Liturgy of Holy Baptism**

**Presentation and Examination of the Candidate** BCP p. 301

Celebrant: The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Sponsors: I present **Ian Robinson** to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant: Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate: I do.

### **Questions to the Candidate**

Question: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Question: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Question: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Question: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer: I do.

Question: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer: I do.

Question: Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer: I do.

Celebrant: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People: **We will.**

Celebrant: Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

### **The Baptismal Covenant** BCP p. 304

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Celebrant: 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.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.***

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,  
in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

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

Celebrant: 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.***

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

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

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

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

Celebrant: 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 Candidate** BCP p. 305

Celebrant: Let us now pray for this person who is to receive  
the Sacrament of new birth.

Intercessor: Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

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

Intercessor: Open his heart to your grace and truth.

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

Intercessor: Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

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

Intercessor: Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

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

Intercessor: Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

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

Intercessor: Send him into the world in witness to your love.

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

Intercessor: Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

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

Celebrant: 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 forever. **Amen.**

### **Thanksgiving Over the Water** BCP p. 306

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: 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 Son 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, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his 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.

*At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water*

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are 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 Baptism** BCP p. 307

Celebrant: Ian, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have

raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

*Then the Celebrant places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross.*

Ian, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

*The newly baptized is then presented with a candle lit from the Paschal Candle.*

Celebrant: Jesus said, I am the light of the world.  
Whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Celebrant: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People: **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.**

### **The Peace**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

### **Blessings for a Birthday, an Anniversary, or Travels**

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**The Offertory** O Sing to God a New Song  
St. Alban's Choir

Hal Hopson



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### **Offertory Hymn "The Doxology" 380 v. 3**

***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, BCP p.367**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**



Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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

### Sanctus S-128



The musical score for Sanctus S-128 is written on five staves of music. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Celebrant: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets...

... Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People:

***We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;***

Celebrant: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine....

... 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 forever. **AMEN**

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

Celebrant and People:

**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 Breaking of the Bread**

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant: 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.

### **Communion**

*Come up the center aisle to the altar rail, as directed by the ushers.  
After you receive the bread, you can consume it and then sip from the chalice  
or wait for the chalice to intinct (dip) and consume it.*

*Consuming either or both bread and wine constitutes full communion.*

### **Communion Music (Choir and congregation)**

711 "Seek ye first the kingdom of God"

339 "Deck thyself, my soul with gladness"

### **Postcommunion Prayer** BCP p. 366

Celebrant and People:

**Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood**

***of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.***

***And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.***

### **Blessing**

**Recessional Hymn** 124 “What star is this, with beams so bright”

### **Dismissal**

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

People: ***Thanks be to God.***

**Postlude** How Brightly Shines the Morning Star

Johann Pachelbel

Coffee hour will take place in the Parish Life Center after the service.