



Holy Cross EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The First Sunday after the Epiphany
January 7, 2024

The Service of the Word

Opening Hymn: "Baptized in Water"

*Baptised in water,
Sealed by the Spirit
Cleansed by the blood of Christ our king;
Heirs of salvation,
Trusting his promise -
Faithfully now God's praise we sing.*

*Baptised in water,
Sealed by the Spirit,
Dead in the tomb with Christ our king;
One with his rising,
Freed and forgiven
Thankfully now God's praise we sing.*

*Baptised in water,
Sealed by the Spirit,
Marked with the sign of Christ our king;
Born of one Father,
We are his children
Joyfully now God's praise we sing.*

<i>Celebrant</i>	Alleluia! Christ is risen.
<i>People</i>	<i>The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!</i>
<i>Celebrant</i>	There is one Body and one Spirit;
<i>People</i>	<i>There is one hope in God's call to us;</i>
<i>Celebrant</i>	One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
<i>People</i>	<i>One God and Father of all.</i>

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	<i>And also with you.</i>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day - prayed by the Celebrant

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL *** (Ages 4 – 10 years)
During the following hymn, children process with the leader to the Chapel for a lesson and singing; they return at The Peace.

Song of Praise 686: "Come Thou Fount"

*Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount oh fix me on it
Mount of God's unchanging love*

The First Reading: Acts 8:27-40

So Philip started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means "queen of the Ethiopians"). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it."

Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked. "How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading:

"He was led like a sheep to the slaughter,
and as a lamb before its shearer is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.
In his humiliation he was deprived of justice.
Who can speak of his descendants?
For his life was taken from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?" Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.

As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?" And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and traveled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	<i>Thanks be to God.</i>

Psalm: 29:1-5, 9-11 (read responsively by whole verse)

- 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;
- 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.

Sequence Hymn: "Open"

*Take my life and let it be a holy offering
Here I am Lord all of me I surrender ev'rything(x2)*

*I leave my heart open open to You
I'm holding back nothing nothing from You*

The Gospel Reading: Mark 1:4-11

Reader 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."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

Sermon: "2024: Grief or Grace"
The Rev. Rob Dixon

Baptismal Covenant (*see insert*)

Prayers of the People (p. 305) (Kneeling as you are able)

Leader Deliver, us O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill us with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep us in the faith and communion of your Holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach us to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send us into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring us to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Peace: Welcome & Announcements

**For Giving
Electronically**

*Point phone
camera at this
Image.*

Thank You!





The Holy Communion

This portion of the service begins on p. 361 in the BCP however, you are encouraged to give your attention to the altar.

The Communion. *All seeking God through Jesus are invited and welcome to receive Communion. Anyone who does not wish to receive communion is invited come forward, cross their arms over their chest, and receive a blessing. If you would like the clergy to bring communion to someone in the pews, please notify the ushers at the door of the church. For bread only, no wine, put one arm across your chest. Gluten Free available.*

Offertory: “Gratitude” (see insert)

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

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.

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

Sanctus S-129

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People **Christ has died.**

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Lord’s Prayer (p. 336 BCP)

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.

Communion Hymn: “It Is Well” (see insert)

Communion Hymn: “Who You Say I Am”

*Who am I that the highest King
Would welcome me
I was lost but He brought me in
Oh His love for me
Oh His love for me*

*(Refrain) Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes I am
In my Father's house
There's a place for me
I'm a child of God
Yes I am*

*Free at last
He has ransomed me
His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin
Jesus died for me
Yes He died for me
(Refrain)*

*I am chosen not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me not against me
I am who You say I am*

Post Communion Prayer (p. 365 BCP)

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.*

The Blessing

Closing Hymn 296: “We Know That Christ is Raised and Dies No More”

Serving Today

8:00am

DOD: Nancy Gibbons
Ambassadors: Jane Briscione
Chalice Bearers: Hunter Walker
Readers: Chip Lands, Isabelle Peterson

10:30am

DOD: Susan Bell
Acolytes: Gabe Lukow, McKenzie Simpler,
& Sierra Dixon
Ambassadors: Clay Coleman
Chalice Bearers: Angela Hinkle, Wanda Reed
Readers: Marline Austin, Leslee Williams

Flower Dedications

The flowers this week are given to the glory of God.

Your Sermon Notes:

Two Different Things: Becoming a Christian and _____ a Christian.

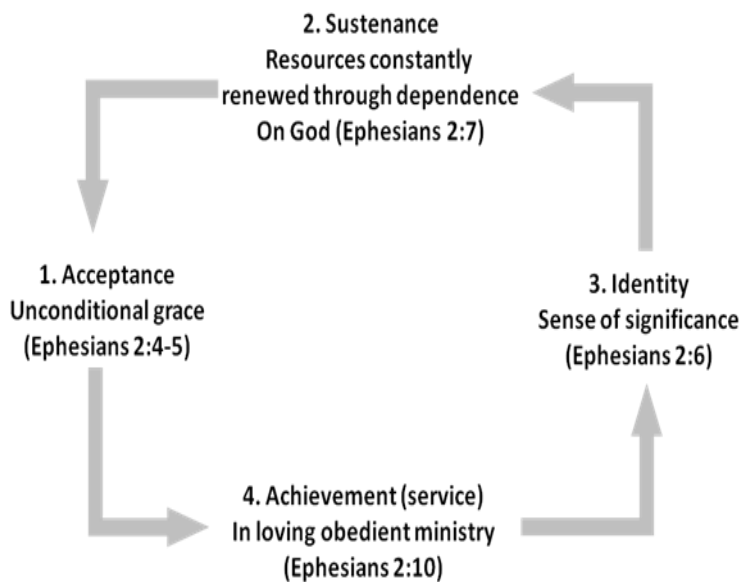
Meaning of Baptism: 1) People go _____; 2) God is _____ and quick to _____.

Lamentations 3:22-23 "The steadfast _____ of the lord never ceases; his _____ never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."

The cycle of grief



The dynamic cycle of grace



Prayer List

Requested Prayers will remain on the list for 4 weeks. Please let us know if you need to be on longer.

Requested Prayer

Angel, Ann, Anna, Anne M., Arlie, Art H., Barbara S., Brad, Brandon, Brenna, Butch, Byron, Carolyn, Chloe, Cindy B., Connie, Cory, Crystal, Curt, Daniel, David P., Della M., Diane P., Don, Duane, Elaine G, Elaine S., Evelyn, Fay, Francis, Gary, Gretchen, Herman, Ivy, Jack, Jacob C., Jan, Jean, Jeff, Jim W., John H., Jonathan U., Joyce Ba., Judy, Karen, Kathy B., Kathy M., Kathy S., Katie, Keith, Kelli, Kelly, Kenneth, Kenny, Linda, Louise, Mabel, Mallory, Manuel L., Manuel S., Marguerite, Marilyn, Mark, Mary, Martha, Melissa, Michelle, Mike, Nancy S., Pat, Phyllis, Rachel I., Ralph, Richard, Ron, Sally, Sarah, Seth, Sheri L., Sherry Jo, Stephanie, Susan, Tammy, The Boyer Family, The Donaldson Family, The Johnson Family, The Rev. Trisha Spencer, Thomas S., Tom L., Tonya, Victor, Virginia, Wade, Walt, Wendy, William B., William Z.

Military

Adam Paris, Adam Thomas, Adam Zigler, Alexander Logan, Anthony Robbins, Asa Ramsey, Ben Boyer, Benjamin Merriweather, Bruce Gough, Cale Eggart, Chase Coleman, Christian Clark, Corbin Czeck, Daniel Payden, Donovan Chau, Doug Wiessman, Dylan Hoewt, Grant Hungerford, Hunter Bailey, Jackie Neville, James Madden, Jeremy Rice, Jessica Parker, Jose Hernandez, Kathryn Rubio, Kevin Kahl, Landen Haskins, Laz Bailiff, Marc Ruiz, Mike Darrah, Nicholas Pinkston, Sean Haight, Shaun Southall, Stephen del Risco, Tyler Post

Prayers for Guidance & Peace

Leanne Beaumont
Ted Kirchharr

Repose of the Soul

Edith Danson (Godmother of Elaine Gaines & Cousin of Helen Stuebing)
Ina Birkencamp (Mother of Kathy Steenland)
David Dodwell (Brother of Bob, Teresa, Wayne, & Ken Donaldson)

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