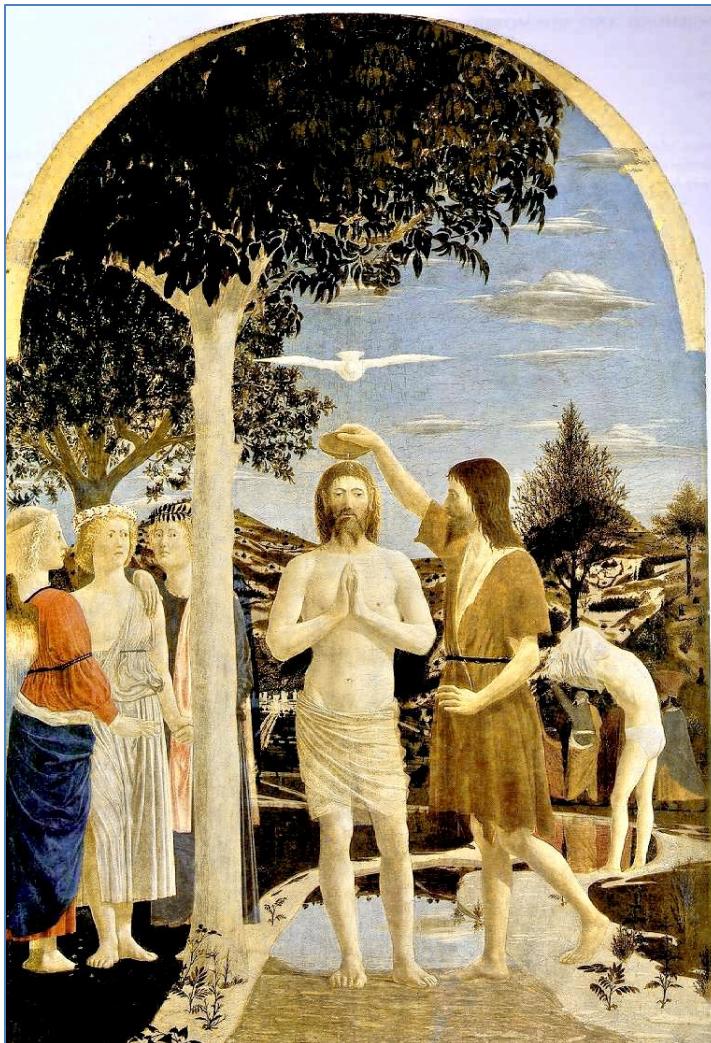


# HOLY BAPTISM AT ST. PAUL'S

## The First Sunday after Epiphany: The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Sunday, January 11, 2026



*The Baptism of Christ, egg tempura on wood, Piero della Francesca, about 1440 AD, original in the National Gallery in London.*

# Welcome to St. Paul's!

Whether you come from far or near, we greet you in the name of Jesus Christ! We invite people of all denominations and none to join in our worship together.

**Worshipping With Us:** Our worship follows the Book of Common Prayer in the pew racks (**BCP**) and authorized supplements, The People's responses are in **bold**. Our music comes from The Hymnal unless noted. "**H-**" is the Hymnal, and "**L-**" is the black-and-red Lift Every Voice and Sing. Explanations of each section are marked with ¶.

Restrooms are located downstairs; please ask for directions.

Please ensure devices are off or set to vibrate. Thank you.

## The Word of God

Prelude

Instrumental

¶All Stand as Able

Opening Hymn

We Know That Christ is Raised

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1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold,  
and our despair he turned to blazing joy.  
Alleluia!

3 The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life.  
The Spirit's power shakes the church of God.  
Baptized, we live with God, the Three in One.  
Alleluia!

2 We share by water in his saving death.  
Reborn, we share with him an Easter life  
as living members of a living Christ.  
Alleluia!

4 A new creation comes to life and grows  
as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.  
The universe, restored and whole, will sing:  
Alleluia!

The Acclamation

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

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever, Amen.**

Presider: There is one Body and one Spirit.

People: **There is one hope in God's call to us.**

Presider: One Lord, one Faith, One Baptism

People: **One God and Father of all.**

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*The Collect is the prayer appointed for each Sunday that “collects” or captures the theme of the day or season of the Church year. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the scriptures for the day.*

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*Presider:* The Lord be with you. *People:* And also with you.

*Presider:* 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 First Reading

*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.

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*This 1<sup>st</sup> Reading is from the Jewish Scriptures, (what we call the Old Testament,) which is the Bible that Jesus and the first disciples knew and read from.*

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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.

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

The Response

*Psalm 29*

*Afferte Domino*

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*(Prayed by all, alternating by half verse.)*

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*The Psalms and Canticles are songs from the Hebrew Scriptures that Jesus used and cover every mood of humanity's relationship with God and one another. Anglicans pray the Psalms daily at Morning and Evening Prayer and at nearly all public services.*

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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 New Testament 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."

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

Gospel Hymn *Christ, When For Us You Were Baptized (1-2 before, 3-4 after)*

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*This reading, taken from the New Testament, is typically from a letter (epistle) to the early Church, the Acts of the Apostles, or the Revelation to John.*

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1. *Christ, when for us you were baptized  
God's Spirit on you came,  
As peaceful as a dove, and yet  
As urgent as a flame.*

2. *God called you his beloved Son,  
Call you his servant true,  
Sent you his kingdom to proclaim  
His holy will to do.*

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*This reading, the most important of the three, is always from one of the four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John), which depict the life, teachings, death, resurrection, and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

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The Gospel                    *Matthew 3.13-17*

*Presider:* The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*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.” The Gospel of the Lord.

*Response after the Gospel*

**Praise to you, Lord Christ**

3. *Straightway and steadfast until death  
You then obeyed his call  
Freely as Son of Man to serve  
And give your life for all.*

4. *Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord  
Your cross on us be signed  
That, likewise in God's service, we  
May perfect freedom find.*

Sermon

The Rev. Robert Solon

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

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

*Sponsors*                    I present Joseph Richard Scott Chung to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*The Celebrant asks:* Do you desire to be baptized?  
*Candidate*                    I do.

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*The Sacrament of Baptism now begins, by ensuring the Candidate really wants to be Baptized and is ready to do so.*

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*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.

¶*All Stand as able.*

*Celebrant*: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Joey in his life in Christ?

*People*    **We will.**

*Celebrant*: Let us join with him who is committing himself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

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### The Baptismal Covenant

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?

*Candidate* I believe in God, the Father almighty,

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

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*There are two parts to the Covenant: What God is doing for us, and what we do in response. The first part is called the Apostles' Creed, used at Baptisms for nearly 2000 years.*

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*Celebrant* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*Candidate* I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

*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?

*Candidate* I believe in 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.**

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*This second part gives the basic outlines of the Christian life, always responding to God's initiative first. The five promises move from oneself to the community, then to one's friends, family, and neighbors, and finally to the whole world.*

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

*Candidate* I will, with God's help.

*People* **And we will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*Candidate* I will, with God's help.

*People* **And we will, with God's help.**

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

*Candidate* I will, with God's help.

*People* **And we will, with God's help.**

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

*People* **And we 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* **And we will, with God's help.**

## Prayers for the Candidate

*Celebrant* Let us now pray for Joey, who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

*Sponsor* Deliver him O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

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

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*We now pray for the Candidate and especially for the gifts of the Spirit.*

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*Sponsor* Open his heart to your grace and truth.

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

*Sponsor* Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

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

*Sponsor* Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

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

*Sponsor* Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

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

*Sponsor* Send him into the world in witness to your love.

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

*Sponsor* 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 for ever. **Amen.**

## Thanksgiving over the Water

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*The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying*

*The Font (not a printing term!) is where baptisms actually take place. The word comes from the Latin "fons," a spring or fountain.*

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The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the 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

*The Celebrant pours water upon the candidate, saying:*

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Joseph Richard Scott, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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*This is the moment of Baptism itself, when the Candidate becomes fully initiated into the Body of Christ.*

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*Then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross, using Chrism, holy oil blessed for this purpose and saying*

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

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*The priest then says the Thanksgiving Over the Water, making it holy and set apart.*

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*When this action has been completed the Bishop or Priest, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over them, saying*

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.**

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*We now pray for what God has just accomplished by his own grace.*

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*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.**

*Applause is now appropriate.*

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*"Intercede" means "go between" from Latin. We now name - go between - the needs of the world to God, who hears all prayer.*

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*Celebrant* I now invite Joey, baptized, anointed and of the royal priesthood of the household of God, and a full member of the Body of Christ, to lead us as we intercede for the needs of the church and the world.

*Intercessor.* Let us pray for those who have asked for our prayers.

**We pray for Sue Ferguson, Heather Durdil, Jeanne Burgess, Laura Booker Caviello, Dave Frederick, Zach Mitchell, Michele Johnston, Smith Solon, Bob White, Kelly White, Russell Brohl II, Bill Sulesky, and those others whom we now name, aloud or in our hearts....**

We pray for all who have died, especially in war and gun violence, and for Sandy Chance, Mary Jo LaPresti, Ralph DeVore, and those we remember now, aloud or in the silence of our hearts....

We pray for a just ending to war and unrest throughout the world, and especially in Ukraine, Gaza, Venezuela, and in our own nation as well.

We give thanks for all your blessings that you have given us, and especially those we name, aloud or in our hearts....

We pray for all the residents and visitors of these Lake Erie Islands, and those we name now, aloud or in our hearts....

We pray for **all the members and guests of this parish**, for **Bob our rector**, for **Joey, newly Baptized**, and for our sister churches of **Our Lady Star of the Sea Pelee Island, Mother of Sorrows Put-in-Bay, Zion Methodist Kelleys Island, St. Michael's Kelleys Island, St Paul's Duluth, and St. Paul's Elkins Park**.

In our Diocese of Ohio, we pray for: **Anne our Bishop, and Trinity Church, Alliance; St. Matthew's Church, Ashland; and St. Peter's Church, Ashtabula, and their surrounding communities**.

And in the Anglican Communion, we pray for: **Sarah, the Archbishop of Canterbury-elect**, and for the people and clergy of: **The Anglican Church of Central America; the Diocese of Sodor and Man (England); the Diocese of Sokoto (Nigeria); the Diocese of Central Solomons (Melanesia); the Diocese of Soroti (Uganda); the Diocese of Southwark (England); and the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham (England)**.

And we pray for ourselves and for our own needs, naming them to God in the silence of our hearts or aloud....

For whom else and what else shall we pray today?

*The Presider will add a concluding prayer.*

The Greeting

*Presider:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*All may greet those close to them with a sign of peace. Short announcements may follow. An offering is then taken up.*

### ***The Holy Communion***

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*Having listened to the Word of God, celebrated Baptism, prayed for the Church and the world, and shared in the peace, we are prepared for the sacrifice and miracle of the Holy Communion. At the offering, we gratefully offer back to God some of what God has given us, in the money we give, and symbolically in the bread and wine.*

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## At the Offering

*It requires nearly \$330 a day to keep our church and food pantry open every day. Please support the ministry of St. Paul's with your tithes and offerings. To give securely online, scan this QR code:*

Instrumental



## At the Presentation

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow*

H-380, vs 3

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below  
Praise him above, ye heav'ly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost*

## The Eucharistic Prayer:

## Prayer B

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

The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Priest* Lift up your hearts.

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

*Priest* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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*In this introductory dialog, the priest receives permission from the assembly to begin the Great Thanksgiving.*

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*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. Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

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:

## The Angelic Hymn

*Holy Holy Holy*

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly      Lord, God of pow - er and

might, hea - ven 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.

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*The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues*

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; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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*The Celebrant now recalls what God has done for us in the past, and asks God's blessing over the Bread and Wine.*

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*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do

this for the remembrance of me.”

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*

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.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed John the Baptist, St. Paul-on-the-Island our Patron, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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*We pray for the Holy Spirit, on and over the Bread and the Wine, and on and over ourselves. We ask again for the Coming of Christ to finally redeem the universe, and that we too will be redeemed.*

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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,

*People and Celebrant*

**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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept. Then all sing while the final preparations are made:*

*This setting is not used in Lent.*

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

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## The Invitation

*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.

## Reception of Communion

*All who are baptized and permitted to receive Communion in their own traditions are welcome at the Lord's Supper. We offer both wheat and gluten-free bread, and both wine and grape juice. Come up to the Altar Rail and stand or kneel.*

*Receive the Bread or gluten-free Host in your hand - ask the Presider if you require gluten-free. Then either consume the Bread and drink from the Chalice, or dip the Host into the Chalice when it comes to you, again asking the minister if you desire the Juice. If you wish to receive a blessing instead of Communion, please simply cross your hands over your chest.*

***For those who do not receive the Sacrament today,  
you may wish to pray this prayer while Communion is being distributed:***

*In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and body with the earnest wish that I may always be united to you. And since I cannot now receive you with my own faith community, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you live in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.*

Hymn After Communion    *Lord God, You Now Have Set*

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*Lord God, you now have set your servant free  
To go in peace as promised in your word;  
My eyes have seen the Savior, Christ the Lord,  
Prepared by you for all the world to see,  
To shine on nations trapped in darkest night,  
The glory of your people, and their light.*

Prayer After Communion

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**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.

The Epiphany Blessing (*After each portion, reply Amen!*)

Closing Hymn        *The Song of Ephrem* (next page)

# The Song of Ephrem

## Ode to Joy

Words: Annie Lawson (2024)  
Paraphrase of Ephrem the Syrian (4th century)  
Music: Ludwig von Beethoven (1824)



Be - hold Fire and Spirit with - in the womb that grew you to birth-size  
In your Bread there dwells your Spi - rit; in your Wine there dwells your Fire  
Humb-lest ri - ver re - pre-sents John: bap - ti - zer, fore - run - ner, who



Be - hold Fire and Spirit with - in the riv - er where you were bap-tized  
Won - ders set a - part yet pres - ent, there for our lips to ac-quire  
Like the ri - ver in its small-ness nev - er can com - pare to you.



9 Fire and Spirit in our bap - ti - sm, Fire and Spirit in Bread and Cup Bread  
Your great foot-steps walk on wa - ter; your feet quell the migh - ty deep Yet  
You the Lord of John and Jor - dan, you o'er all the heav'n's en-throned You



13 with Spirit not to be eat - en; Wine with Fire not to drink up.  
you bowed your head to be bap - tized in streams that bare - ly sleep.  
to stream and hum - ble ser - vant doffed the glo - ry that you own.

*Celebrant* Let us go forth to be a Light to All People!

*People. . Thanks be to God!*

Postlude

Instrumental



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## News and Announcements

- Please feel free to take your Poinsettias home with you at any time.
- Chalk blessed for Epiphany house blessings, along with the prayer to use, is available in the back. If you wish to have Fr. Bob perform the blessing, please contact him directly.
- Please also return your 2026 Pledge to us as soon as you can, as it helps us plan our budget for the year.
- If you wish to be on our weekly email blast, please contact Fr. Bob. We will need an email address or a phone number that can receive texts.
- Dedications for the flowers on the Altar made be made at any time (except in Lent.) To arrange for a dedication, which is included in the prayers and the bulletin, contact Fr. Bob. The suggested price is \$50, but any amount is welcome.

### Service Schedule

Altar Guild  
Accompanist  
Reader  
Intercessor  
Eucharistic Minister

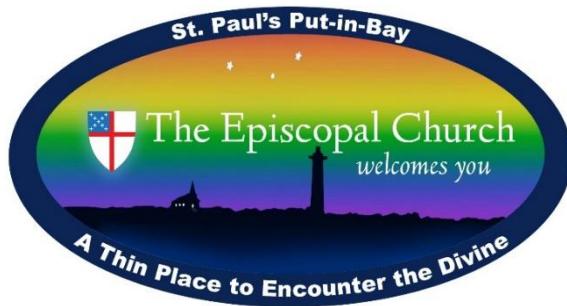
### This Sunday Jan.11

Ruth Scarpelli  
Mary Steunenberg  
Amy Huston  
Joey Chung  
Paula Hubner

### Next Sunday Jan. 18

Ruth Scarpelli  
Mary Steunenberg  
TBA

*Contact Val Chornyak or Fr Bob if interested in a service ministry*



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### This Week at St. Paul's

*The Church remains open daily for prayer and meditation.*

#### *Worship:*

Sunday 9 AM: Christian Formation in the Parish Hall

Sunday 10:30 AM: Holy Eucharist with hymns

Wednesday 12 noon: Prayers for the Nation and World, with Holy Communion

*Winter Office Hours:* By appt. – call Fr Bob to arrange a time.

*12-Step Groups, in the Parish Hall:* Monday 8 AM – AA,  
Tuesday 7:30 PM – Al-Anon, Thursday 7 PM – AA; Saturday 8 AM – AA