

ST. GEORGE'S ON-THE-HILL ANGLICAN CHURCH

The Baptism of the Lord

Sunday, January 11, 2026, 10:30am Holy Eucharist

Welcome & Announcements

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

We gather with song and prayer as the People of God

Processional Hymn: #163 When Christ's Appearing Was Made Known

PLEASE STAND

1. When Christ's appearing was made known, king Herod trembled for his throne;
But he who offers heavenly birth sought not the kingdoms of this earth.
2. The eastern sages saw from far and followed on his guiding star;
By light their way to Light they trod, and by their gifts confessed their God.
3. Within the Jordan's sacred flood the heavenly Lamb in meekness stood,
That he, to whom no sin was known, might cleanse his people from their own.
4. And O what miracle divine, when water reddened into wine!
He spake the word, and forth it flowed in streams that nature ne'er bestowed.
5. All glory, Jesus, be to thee for this, thy glad Epiphany:
Whom with the Father we adore and Holy Ghost for evermore.

The Greeting

Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

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.**

Song of Praise: Song of Creation (Benedicite Omnia Opera)



1. All you works of the Lord glo-ri - fy the Lord,
2. All you ang - els of God glo-ri - fy the Lord,
3. Let the earth bless the Lord, glo-ri - fy the Lord,
4. Let the peo - ple of God glo-ri - fy the Lord,
5. God - the Fa - ther, we sing: glo-ri - fy the Lord,



In the fir - ma - ment, glo-ri - fy the Lord
Sun and moon and stars glo-ri - fy the Lord,
All you beasts of the wild glo-ri - fy the Lord,
All you ser - vants of God glo-ri - fy the Lord,
God the Son, we - ex - alt: glo-ri - fy the Lord,



Praise and mag - ni - fy, glo - ry fy the
Night and day bless the Lord, glo - ri - fy the
All you birds of the air glo - ri - fy the
All you hum - ble of heart glo - ri - fy the
God the Spi - rit, we praise: glo - ri - fy the



Lord, glo - ri - fy the Lord.
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The Prayer of the Day

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

We read and respond to God's message in scripture

PLEASE BE SEATED

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)

Psalm 29:1-5, 7

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED & JOIN IN SINGING

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Choir: Ascribe to the Lord, all 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.

People: **There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism;**
there is one God who is Father of all.

Choir: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters, 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 splendour.

People: **There is one Lord . . .**

Choir: The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness.

People: **There is one Lord . . .**

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-43

A Reading from the Book of Acts.

Peter began to speak to the Gentiles: "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."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)

Gospel Acclamation

PLEASE STAND

1. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al -
2. Glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ! Glo - ry to you, Lord
3. Praise be to you, Lord Je - sus Christ! Praise be to you, Lord
Lord
le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al -
Je - sus Christ! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al -
Je - sus Christ! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al -
le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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

People: **(sing verse 2) Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

Then 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 fulfil 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."

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: **(sing verse 3) Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

Sermon: Fr Andrew Sheldon

(After the sermon, please keep a period of silence for reflection.)

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY BAPTISM

Presider: Blessed be God,

People: **the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,**

Presider: by whose great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope,

All: **through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.**

God's Call

(The presider addresses those who are presenting the candidates)

Presider: God is love. God gives us life. In Christ, God reaches out to us. In baptism, God calls us to respond. Do you accept this call?

Presenters: We hear and accept God's call to *Logan Riley Casey*. We ask for baptism.

Presider: Will you be responsible for seeing that *this child* you present is nurtured in the faith and life of the Christian community?

Presenters: I will, with God's help.

Presider: Will you by your prayers and example help *this child* to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Presenters: I will, with God's help.

(The presider addresses the rest of the congregation)

Presider: God calls the Church to reflect Christ's glory, in baptism, to declare His new life, and to share in the fellowship and in mission. Do you accept this call?

All: We hear and accept God's call.

Turning to Christ

(The presider addresses the presenters and candidates)

Presider: The Christian life means turning away from evil and turning to Christ. Do you renounce evil?

Presenters: I renounce evil.

Presider: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept Him as your Saviour, putting your whole trust in His grace and love?

Presenters: I do.

(The presider addresses the congregation)

Presider: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in his life in Christ?

All: We will.

Prayers for the Candidate

Celebrant: Let us now pray for *Logan* who is to receive the sacrament of new birth.

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

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Open *his* heart to your grace and truth.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

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

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

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

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

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

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

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

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: 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

(The presider blesses the water)

The Baptismal Covenant

Presider: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Presider: 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.

Presider: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in God the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

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

People: I will, with God's help.

Presider: 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.

Presider: Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

People: I will, with God's help.

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

People: I will, with God's help.

Presider: 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.

Presider: Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

People: I will, with God's help.

(The congregation may be seated)

The Baptism

Presider: I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

I sign you with the cross, and mark you as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Bells: *People:*

A - men, A - men! You have put on Christ this
day, in Christ you have been bap - tised. Al - le - lu -
ia, Al - le - lu - ia, A - men!

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The Prayer after Baptism

PLEASE STAND

Presider: 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.**

The Giving of the Light

(*The candidate receives a baptismal candle, lit from the Paschal candle*)

Presider: Receive the light of Christ.

People: **Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.**

The Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

(*We encourage you to share a sign of peace with those around you as you are comfortable.*)

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

We share God's banquet of love for this community of faith

Offertory Hymn: CP #155 From East to West, from Shore to Shore

PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING

1. From east to west, from shore to shore, let every heart awake and sing
The holy child whom Mary bore, the Christ, the everlasting King.
2. Behold! The world's creator wears the form and fashion of a slave;
Our very flesh our Maker shares, his fallen creature now to save.
3. For this how wondrously he wrought! A maiden, in her lowly place,
Became, in ways beyond all thought, the chosen vessel of his grace.
4. Assenting to the angel's word, she chose what God the Spirit willed,
And suddenly the promised Lord that pure and hallowed temple filled.
5. He shrank not from the oxen's stall, he lay within the manger bed,
And he whose bounty feeds us all at Mary's breast himself was fed.
6. And while the angels in the sky sang praise above the silent field,
To shepherds poor the Lord most high, the one great Shepherd, was revealed.

7. All glory for this blessed morn to God, the source of all, is due;
 All praise to you, O Virgin-born; all praise, O Holy Ghost, to you.

Prayer over the Gifts

The Eucharistic Prayer

Presider: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
 Presider: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.
 Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Presiding Celebrant acclaims the life-giving power of God in the story of salvation and calls on us to join all creation in the song of the angels. We then sing verses 1-3 of the Sanctus as follows:

(Sing in harmony)

The Presiding Celebrant recounts God's continuing love in the history of humanity and in the sending of his son, Jesus Christ. We join Jesus as he celebrates his Last Supper and acclaim his giving of himself in the gifts of bread and wine. After the words over the cup and the elevation of the chalice, we sing:

People: (sing verse 4) **Glory, glory, glory! Glory be to you, O Lord!**
Glory, glory, glory! Hosanna in the highest!

The Presiding Celebrant calls on the Holy Spirit to bless and strengthen us, the Church, until we come to share the joys of heaven. We praise God's endless love, and at the elevation of the bread and cup, we sing:

People: (sing verse 5) **Glory, glory, glory! Glory be to you, O Lord!**
Glory, glory, glory! Amen, amen!

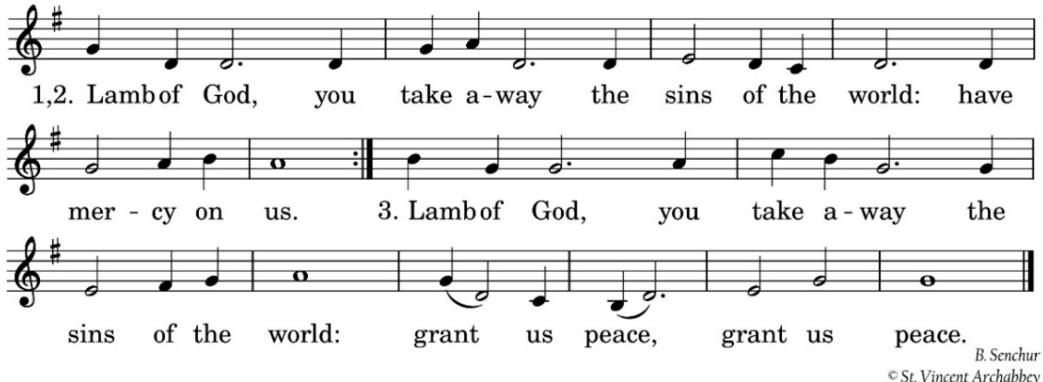
The Breaking of the Bread

Presider: "I am the bread of life," says the Lord. "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst."
All: **Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him!**

Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Song for the Breaking of the Bread



1,2. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have
mer - cy on us. 3. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: grant us peace, grant us peace.
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The Communion

PLEASE BE SEATED

All who seek God in Christ are welcome to receive the sacrament of holy communion.

If you would prefer a blessing, simply fold your arms across your chest to indicate this.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Music during Communion: I Wonder as I Wander

arr. J. J. Niles

Prayer after Communion

PLEASE STAND

The Doxology

Presider: Glory to God,

All: **whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Polychronia ("Many Years")

(Tune: Tallis' Canon)

Presider: Let us call down God's blessing:

All: **God give you many, many years to thank him for his blessings here.
And many, many, many more to pray God still his grace to pour.**

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn: CP #165 Mark How the Lamb

PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING

1. Mark how the Lamb of God's self-offering
Our human sinfulness takes on
In the birth-waters of the Jordan
As Jesus is baptized by John.
Hear how the voice from heaven thunders,
"Lo, this is my beloved Son."
See how in dove-like form the Spirit
Descends on God's Anointed One.

2. From this assurance of God's favour
Jesus goes to the wilderness,
There to endure a time of testing
That readied him to teach and bless.

So we, by water and the Spirit
Baptized into Christ's ministry,
Are often led to paths of service
Through mazes of adversity.

3. Grant us, O God, the strength and courage
To live the faith our lips declare;
Bless us in our baptismal calling;
Christ's royal priesthood help us share.
Turn us from every false allegiance,
That we may trust in Christ alone;
Raise up in us a chosen people
Transformed by love to be your own.

Dismissal

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: Toccata 'Joy to the World'

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