



CHRIST CHURCH
PORTOLA VALLEY & WOODSIDE

The Baptism of our Lord



The Holy Eucharist, Rite Two January 12, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

Celebrant and Preacher: The Reverend Matthew McDermott
Deacon: The Reverend Lauren P. McCombs

WELCOME!

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THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

Please stand as you are able.

OPENING HYMN 448 O love, how deep

Deus tuorum militum



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing
2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly
3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his



1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of
2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us tempt - ta - tions
3 dai - ly works he wrought: by words and signs and



1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.
2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er ov - er - threw.
3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.

Words: Latin, 15th cent.; tr. Benjamin Webb (1819-1885), alt. Music: *Deus tuorum militum*, from *Antiphoner*, 1753; adapt. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.; harm. after Basil Harwood (1859-1949).

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Officiant 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

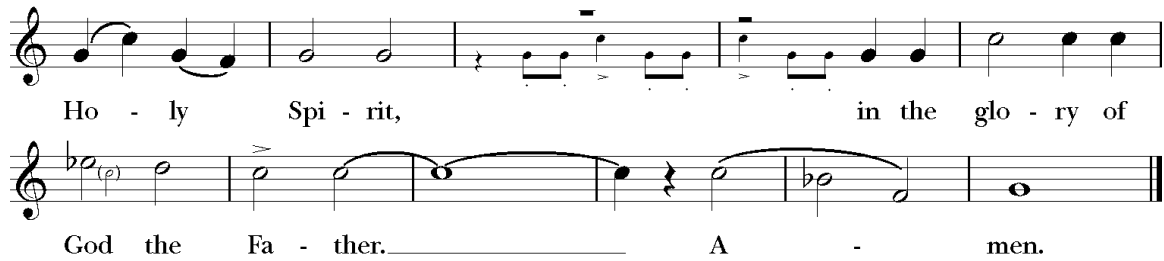
Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy Name;
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS S278

William Mathias (1934-1992)



1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
might - 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



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant 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.**

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING *Isaiah 43:1-7*

Reader A reading from Isaiah.

- 1 Thus says the Lord,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
- 2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
- 3 For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.
- 4 Because you are precious in my sight,
and honored, and I love you,

- I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.
- 5 Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;
- 6 I will say to the north, "Give them up,"
and to the south, "Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth--
- 7 everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 29 (*Read in alternation*)

Reader Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

People **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 EPISTLE Acts 8:14-17

Reader A reading from Acts.

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

SEQUENCE HYMN 121 Christ, when for us you were baptized

Caithness

1 Christ, when for us you were bap-tized, God's Spi-rit on you came,
2 God called you his be-lov-ed Son, called you his ser-vant true,
3 Straight-way and stead-fast un-til death you then o-beyed his call
4 Bap-tize us with your Spi-rit, Lord, your cross on us be signed,
as peace-ful as a dove and yet as ur-gent as a flame.
sent you his king-dom to pro-claim, his ho-ly will to do.
free-ly as Son of Man to serve and give your life for all.
that, like-wise in God's ser-vice we may per-fect free-dom find.

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THE GOSPEL *Luke 3:15-17, 21-22*

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

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

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. 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.**

THE SERMON *The Reverend Matthew McDermott*

Please stand as you are able.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

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?

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.**

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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(adapted from *Intercessions for the Christian People*)

Leader With all our heart and mind let us offer to God our prayers, saying: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For those who feed the believing community throughout the world that they might lead us on the path of faithful discipleship, let us pray to the Lord:

People **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Leader For leaders of nations, for those who serve us in government, for reconciliation among nations, races, creeds, and all that can divide us; for the gifts of unity, peace and grace, let us pray to the Lord:

People **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Leader For the consolation and support of all who are in prison, physically, spiritually, and emotionally, especially for *Caroline Huntley, Anne Wittine, Marina Bermudez, Joan Klappert, David Riggs, Alyssa Hardbarger, Tyler Britton, Dede Jamison, Catherine Aragon, Carl Cheney, George Mallinckrodt, Peggy Dubes* and those we name now either silently or aloud (pause), let us pray to the Lord:

People **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Leader For the dead and the bereaved and those who minister to them including especially

Marty Coddington, Jane Ulrich, Kenneth Larkin, Hervey Clark, Terry Akerman, Clara Bergamini, Norman McKee, John Hooper, Claudia Patronik, and those we now name either silently aloud (pause), let us pray to the Lord:

People Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Leader For the concerns on our hearts today, we pray either silently or aloud (pause), let us pray to the Lord:

People Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Celebrant Holy God, lover of the human family and helper of all in need, hear the prayers we offer in faith, and strengthen us in your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BIRTHDAYS

Birthdays: Lori Hunter, Daniel Lopez, Adellyn Geenen

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

**All Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown, things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant 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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

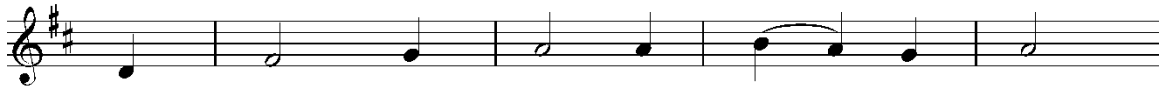
ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome all visitors and newcomers! Please join us in the parish hall for coffee after the service.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN 120 The sinless one to Jordan came

Solemnis haec festivitas



1 The sin - less one to Jor - dan came,
2 Up - ris - ing from the wat - ers there,
3 A - bove him see the heavn - ly Dove,
4 How blest that mis - sion then be - gun
5 O Christ, may we bap - tized from sin,



1 and in the riv - er shared our stain;
2 the Fa - ther's voice did then de - clare
3 the sign of God the Fa - ther's love,
4 to heal and save a race un - done!
5 go forth with you a world to win:



1 God's right - eous - ness he thus ful - filled,
2 that Christ, the Son of God, had come
3 now by the Ho - ly Spi - rit shed
4 Straight to the wil - der - ness he goes
5 grant us the Ho - ly Spi - rit's power



1 and chose the path his Fa - ther willed.
2 to lead his scat - tered peo - ple home.
3 up - on the Son's a - noint - ed head.
4 to wres - tle with his peo - ple's foes.
5 to shield us in temp - ta - tion's hour.

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At the start of The Great Thanksgiving, please stand as you are able.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant *People*

 The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*

 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant *People*

 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our 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.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 S128

William Mathias

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; 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.

On the night before he died for us, 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,

All
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.

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 Mary, Joseph, 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.

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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,
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.

THE COMMUNION

All people (including children of all ages) are welcome to receive Communion at this Church. Please come forward as directed by the ushers.

To receive the bread, hold out your hands and the clergy will place it on your palm.

*The common cup will be offered to all, and you may choose to sip or not as you feel comfortable. Please **do not** receive by intinction (dipping the bread in the wine).*

If you prefer not to receive bread or wine, you may come forward placing your hands over your chest, and the clergy will be glad to offer you a blessing.

*When Communion is to be sent out and administered to the sick from the service, the Eucharistic Visitors may be sent with this or some other charge: N., we send you to N. that they may share with us this day in the Communion of Christ's Body and Blood. Pray with them and share with them this sacrament with our blessing. The people respond: **Amen.***

COMMUNION ANTHEM The Baptism of Christ

Michael Bedford (b. 1949)

Today, Jesus returned to the Jordan.

When Jesus Christ baptized was,
the Holy Ghost descended with grace;
the Father's voice was heard in this place:
This is my Son, listen to him.

Today, Jesus returned to the Jordan.

There were three Persons and one Lord,
the Son baptized with one accord,

the Father said this blessed word:

This is my Son, listen to him.

Today, Jesus returned to the Jordan.

Now Jesu, as thou art both God and man,
and were baptized in from Jordan,
at our last end we pray thee, say then:
This is my Son, listen to him.

Please stand as you are able.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Mysterious God, we thank you
for feeding us with yourself;
and for making yourself known to us
in the holy child Jesus, the Christ.**

Let us carry within our hearts your Holy Spirit,
 that same Spirit which was in Jesus,
 so that that we may help bring your peace
 to all the earth in Jesus' Name. Amen.

THE BLESSING *The Celebrant blesses the People, who respond Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN LEVAS 141 Shall we gather at the river

1. Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, Where bright an - gel feet have trod; —
 2. On the mar - gin of the riv - er, Wash - ing up its sil - ver spray, —
 3. Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, Lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down; —
 4. Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, Soon our pil - grim - age will cease, —

1. With its crys - tal tide for - ev - er Flow - ing by the throne of God?
 2. We will walk and wor - ship ev - er, All the hap - py gold - en day.
 3. Grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, And pro - vide a robe and crown.
 4. Soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er With the mel - o - dy of peace.

Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, The beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;

Gath - er with the saints at the riv - er That flows by the throne of God.

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THE DISMISSAL

Leader Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE



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As a member of The Episcopal Church we embrace a legacy of inclusion and aspire to exemplify God's love for every human being. People of all genders, races, sexual orientations, and backgrounds are welcomed with open arms.

If you are interested in learning more about Christ Church, please fill out a pew card and place it in the collection basket during the service.

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