

# Trinity Episcopal Church

*Offering Companionship along the Way*

## First Sunday after The Epiphany

# The Baptism of our Lord

## January 12, 2025

**Organ Prelude:** Improvisation on tune *Star in the East*

**Processional Hymn 118, verses 1-3** Brightest and best of the stars

*Star in the East*

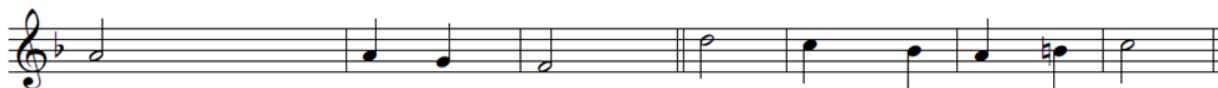
*Priest* Blessed be God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

*Priest* Behold, the dwelling of God is with humankind. God will dwell with them, and they shall belong to the Holy One. God will be with them and be their Lord. **Amen.** Rev. 21:3

**The Gloria S 276** Glory to God

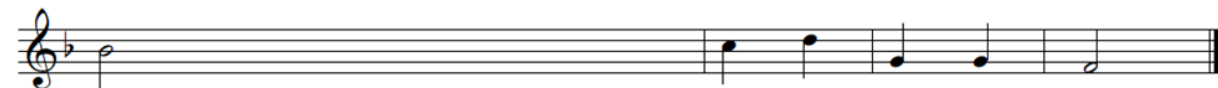
Edward Hodges (1796-1867)



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.  
*Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God.*  
For you alone are the Holy One; you alone are the Lord,



Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
*you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us;*  
you alone are the Most High,



we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.  
*you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.*  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. **A - men.**

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

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

*Priest* Let us pray together our collect:

**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.**

### **A reading from the Prophecy of Isaiah 43:1-7**

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. 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. 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. 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. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; 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-- 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 29:1-6**

*Gevert-5*

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;

6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

### **A reading from the Book of Acts 8:14-17**

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.**



Christine Gevert (b. 1964)  
For Trinity Church, January, 2025

*Pastor* The Holy Gospel of our Lord according to Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

*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."

*Pastor* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Heidi Truax

**Minute of silence for reflection**

**The Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:**

**by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom  
will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.**

**He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.**

**Amen.**

### **Prayers of the People**

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Presiding Bishop Sean, our Diocesan Bishops Jeffrey and Laura; for this gathering and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill and cooperation among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

I ask your prayers for all in the Los Angeles area who have lost their homes and their belongings, and those who have been injured in the frightening and horrific fires. And we pray for the repose of the souls who have lost their lives.

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. (*We read from the book and leave time for names to be added*). Pray for those in any need or trouble.

I ask your prayers for the departed (*we read from the book and leave time for names to be added*) Pray for those who have died.

On our parish cycle of prayer, I ask your prayers for Mike Cuoco, Jeremy Dakin, Dee Dee and Callie Davis, and for their families.

I ask you to lift up in prayer all those things for which you are thankful today...(*we leave time for thanksgivings to be added*).

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day. **Amen.**

*Pastor* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

### **Announcements**

**Offertory Hymn 127** Earth has many a noble city

*Stuttgart*

**Doxology Hymn 380, vs. 3** Praise God from whom all blessings flow

*Old 100<sup>th</sup>*

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*Priest* 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 God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; for you are the source of light and life. You made us in your image and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## Holy, holy, holy Lord

Gevert 2017-06

50 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, heav - en and earth - are  
58 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bles - sed is he who  
comes - in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na - in the high - est.

The musical score is written on three staves. The first staff is in 3/4 time, the second in 2/2 time, and the third in 3/4 time. The key signature is one flat (Bb). The lyrics are written below the notes, with line numbers 50 and 58 indicating the start of the second and third lines of text.

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,

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

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 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.**

And now as our savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**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.**

**Fraction Anthem: Blessed are those**

Gevert 2017-06

72 Bles - sed are those who are called to the sup-per of the Lamb. Praise the Lord, all you  
77 na - tions; laud him all you peo - ples. For his lov - ing - kind- ness\_ to ward  
us is\_ great, and the\_ faith-ful-ness of the Lord en-dures for - ev - er.

Christine Gevert. For Trinity Church Lime Rock, June 1, 2017

*Here at Trinity we welcome all to take communion with us. You may drink from the chalice, or you may intinct your wafer. Or, if you prefer, you may receive communion in one kind only, the wafer. We offer wheat and gluten free wafers, wine and grape juice. If you do not care to take communion but would like a blessing, please also come forward and ask Pastor Heidi for a blessing.*

**Communion Hymn 116** I come, the great Redeemer cries

*This Endris Nyght*

**Postcommunion Prayer**

**Loving God, we give you thanks for the gift of this holy sacrament. Nourished by your grace and filled with the Holy Spirit, as Jesus was at his baptism, send us forth renewed and empowered to live as your beloved in the world, sharing your love with all. Amen.**

**Blessing**

May the Sun of Righteousness shine on you, and scatter the darkness from before your path. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn 126** The people who in darkness walked

*Dundee*

**The Dismissal**

*Pastor* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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

**Postlude** Improvisation on tune *Dundee*

*The altar flowers this morning are given to the glory of God .*

### **Serving Today**

*Rector:* The Rev. Heidi Truax  
*Music Director:* Christine Gevert  
*Minister of Communion:* Mary Anne Carley  
*Lector:* Jim Conzo  
*Epistoler:* Hotchkiss Student  
*Intercessor:* Diane Walters  
*Altar Guild:* Bev Becker  
*Flowers:* Tom Schindler  
*Counter:* Barry Anderson  
*Greeter/Usher:* Mike Cuoco/Jim Conzo  
*Verger:* Geoff Brown

### **Announcements**

*The Senior Warden and Treasurer are on vacation until the end of January. If you need one of them please reach out to Jr. Warden, Theresa Kenny, or Pastor Heidi Truax, in their stead.*

- Sunday, Jan. 19**     12:00 Noon—Vestry Meeting, Finalizing of 2025 Budget
- Friday, Jan. 24**     **Deadline for submitting reports for the Annual Meeting**
- Sunday, Feb. 2**     12 Noon—Annual Meeting with potluck lunch. Snow date is Feb. 9.

### **Weekly Schedule**

- Mondays**             6:30 PM Crescendo rehearsal in Walker Hall
- Tuesdays**          9:00 AM to 12 Noon Taichi Chuan with Christopher Kiely in Walker Hall
- Wednesdays**      Services at Noble Horizons, Geer Nursing, Geer Lodge each month  
6:00 PM Women's AA in Walker Hall
- Thursdays**         1:00 PM Bible Explorers will resume on Zoom on January 9
- Saturdays**          9:00 AM till Noon—Bookkeeper, Nancy Hiller is in the office every other Sat.

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and wait to have private conversations until after you have left the nave.*

## Episcopal Relief & Development

“We are heartbroken by the death and damage caused by the wildfires in Southern California and are praying for all affected,” said Lura Steele, Program Officer, Episcopal Relief & Development. “We are working with our partners to assess evacuee needs and provide support in the coming days.”

Emergency responders are currently working to contain the 100 mph wind-fueled fires that are consuming the dry land. At least ten people have died and around 130,000 people have had to evacuate their homes. Places of worship, businesses and other buildings have been heavily damaged. There are widespread power outages impacting hundreds of thousands of people.

Please pray for the people affected by the wildfires. Supporting the Wildfire Response Fund will help communities around the world respond to the impact of fires.

<https://www.episcopalrelief.org/press-resources/press-releases/2025-wildfire-response/>

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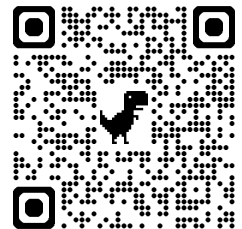
*O God, whose love encircles us; sustain those who respond when wildfires roar, keep them safe from harm and hold them in your sheltering embrace so that they may complete these burdensome tasks, return home to their families, and keep the lives and homes of all they protect safe from harm, in the loving name of Jesus, who gave his life for all. AMEN.*

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