

CHRIST CHURCH

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CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, NEWTON

The First Sunday after the Epiphany: The Baptism of our Lord

January 11, 2026

8:00 & 10:00 am

*omitted at 8:00 am

As we prepare our hearts and minds for worship, please keep conversations to a minimum.

*Prelude

Morning Star

Henry Balcombe

*Hymn in Procession #119

As with gladness men of old

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Opening Acclamation

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

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

Celebrant 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.**

A Song of Praise: Canticle 13 Glory to God 8 am: spoken; 10 am: Hymnal # S236

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; you are worthy of praise; glory to you.

Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;

we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim;

we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths; in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;

we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant 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 Lesson

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. 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.

Psalm 29:3-11

8 am: spoken; 10 am: led by choir



A-scribe to the Lord the glo-ry due his Name.

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; [ANTIPHON]

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

7 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.

8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forest bare. [ANTIPHON]

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. [ANTIPHON]



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The Second Lesson

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."

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

*Sequence Hymn #120 The sinless one to Jordan came *Solemnis haec festivitas*

*The Gospel Acclamation

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

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Verse All of you who were baptized into Christ *
 have clothed yourselves with Christ. Alleluia!

Clergy The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 3:13-17

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 Sermon

The Rev. Chris Streeter

The Nicene Creed

Please stand.

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.

The Prayers of the People

Please stand or kneel

Filled with the power of the Holy Spirit, let us offer prayers for the church and the world.

A brief silence

Radiant God, shine on your church and shower us with the gift of grace, so that we may bring to all peoples the good news of the boundless riches of Christ.

God of light, show us your glory and hear us.

Radiant God, kindle in the hearts of world leaders a desire for justice and righteousness, so that they may defend the cause of the poor and seek economic prosperity for all.

God of light, show us your glory and hear us.

We pray for those who labor in the night. We give thanks for the work of all caregivers, health care professionals, fire fighters, police officers, emergency dispatchers, snow-plough drivers, and all who serve while we sleep. Let us never forget that our common life together is built on the service of others.

God of light, show us your glory and hear us.

Radiant God, through the revelation of your Son we stand before you without fear and lift up to you all in need.

The names of those for whom prayers are intended may be offered aloud or silently.

We ask you to hear the prayers we offer in Jesus' name, including those listed on our prayer list, and answer them in your good way, according to your steadfast love.

God of light, show us your glory and hear us.

We pray to you for those we love, but see no longer. Let light perpetual shine upon them.
God of light, show us your glory and hear us.

The Confession of Sin & Absolution

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A period of silence is kept, ended by the Celebrant.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.



Welcome & Announcements

The Rev. Chris Streeter

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*Offertory Anthem

Oftentimes I dream of music
Of the river that freely flows.
And it sings a song sweeter than honey,
one everybody knows.

Late at night I hear it singing
Then again when I wake at dawn.
And it fills me up with hope and good will
the will to go on.....go on

chorus:
*There is a river in Judea
that I heard of long ago.
And it's a singing, ringing river
that my soul cries out to know.*

River In Judea

arr. John Leavitt

*I believe it keeps on travellin'
But it rests on the Sabbath day.
And the time when it pauses in stillness,
I almost hear it pray.*

When I'm weary and down hearted,
how I long for the song it sings,
for the calm within its gentle blue,
the peace that it brings

chorus (repeat)

May the time not be too distant
When we meet by the river shore.
'Til the dream of that wonderful day
As we sing once more, once more

final chorus (repeat)

*The Doxology

Hymnal #380, vs 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.

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer C



The Celebrant continues

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus and Benedictus

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 And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our ancestors; God of Abraham, Sarah and Hagar; God of Isaac and Rebecca; God of Jacob, Rachael and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**

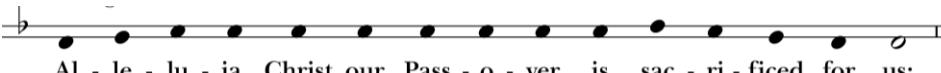
The Lord's Prayer

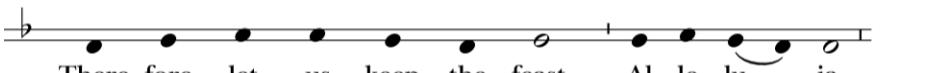
Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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, forever and ever. Amen.

The Fraction

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant 
Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

People 
There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

All are welcome at God's Table

Please come forward, at the direction of the ushers. The bread is received in the open palm. Gluten-free wafers are available by asking the priest. The wine, if desired, may be taken from the common cup by drinking (placing your hand gently on the base of the chalice to guide it). If you do not wish to receive communion, you may cross your arms over your chest and receive a blessing from the priest.

*Communion	Variations on 'Christus, der ist mein Leben'	Johann Pachelbel
*Communion Hymn #121	Christ, when for us you were baptized	Caithness
Thanksgiving after Communion		<i>Please stand or kneel.</i>
Celebrant	Let us pray.	
People	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 #537	Christ for the world we sing!	Moscow
The Dismissal		
Clergy	Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia. Alleluia.	
People	Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.	
*The Voluntary	O Love, How Deep	Paul Manz
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Serving in God's House Today		
8:00 am	10:00 am	
Lector: John Beasley	Crucifer: Adrienne Caggiano	
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Ushers: Mike Ragsdale	Geri Livengood	
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