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CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, NEWTON

The First Sunday after Epiphany

January 12, 2025

10:00 am – Holy Eucharist & Holy Baptism

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

Prelude

Caithness

Healey Willan

Hymn in Procession #119

As with gladness men of old

Dix

Introit

The Wise May Bring Their Learning
Junior Choir

John Carter

<i>The wise may bring their learning,</i>	<i>We'll bring Him hearts that love Him;</i>	<i>We'll bring the little duties</i>
<i>The rich may bring their wealth,</i>	<i>We'll bring Him thankful praise,</i>	<i>We have to do each day;</i>
<i>And some may bring their greatness,</i>	<i>And young should meekly striving</i>	<i>We'll try our best to please Him</i>
<i>And some bring strength and health.</i>	<i>To walk in holy ways;</i>	<i>At home, at school, at play;</i>
<i>We too, would bring our treasures</i>	<i>An these shall be the treasures</i>	<i>And better are these treasures</i>
<i>To offer to the King;</i>	<i>We offer to the King,</i>	<i>To offer to the King;</i>
<i>We have no wealth or learning</i>	<i>And these are gifts that even</i>	<i>Than richest gifts with out them;</i>
<i>What shall we children bring?</i>	<i>The poorest child can bring.</i>	<i>Yet these a child can bring.</i>

from Book of Praise for Children, 1881

Opening Acclamation

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

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

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;

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

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

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

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 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 29:3-11

led by the 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]

The Second Lesson

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.**

Sequence Hymn #120 (vs. 1-3) The sinless one to Jordan came *Solemnis haec festivitas*

The Gospel Acclamation



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

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

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

The Holy Gospel

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon The Rev. Chris Streeter

Hymn #120 (vs. 4-6) The sinless one to Jordan came *Solemnis haec festivitas*

The Holy Baptism of Eliose Grace Dubel & Anna Elizabeth Dubel

*Parents: Daniel Mark Dubel & Cassidy Nicole Pegg
Christopher Dubel & Anna Bogashova Dubel
Godparents: Christopher Dubel & Kayla Riccardi
Mark Dubel, Laurie Dubel & Daniel Dubel*

Celebrant The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents I present Eloise Grace Dubel and Alessandra Elizabeth Dubel to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Parents and Godparents I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Parents and Godparents I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?
Parents and Godparents I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?
Parents and Godparents I do.

Celebrant Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
Parents and Godparents I do.

Celebrant Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
Parents and Godparents I do.

Celebrant Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Trent in his life in Christ?
People **We will.**

The Baptismal Covenant

Please stand.

Celebrant Let us join with Eliose and Alessandra, who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own 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 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.**

Prayers for the Candidates

Celebrant Let us now pray for Eloise and Alessandra, who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open their heart to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring them 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

The Congregation may please be seated.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God 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.

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.**

Eloise and Alessandra, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed on *Eloise and Alessandra*, the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new

life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them inquiring and discerning hearts, 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.**

Celebrant & 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.

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

River In Judea

arr. John Leavitt

*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.*

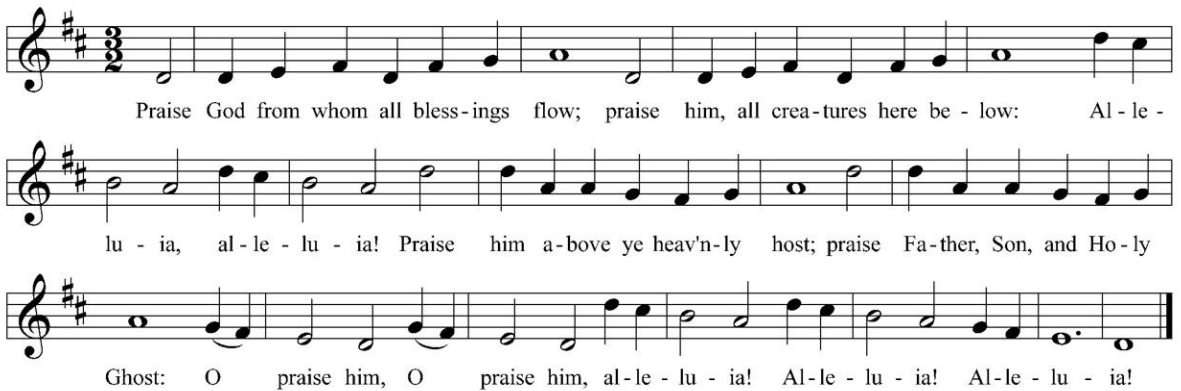
*I believe it keeps on travellin'
But it rests on the Sabbath day.
And the time when it pauses in stillness,
I almost hear it pray.*

*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*

*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*

The Doxology

Lass uns erfreuen



Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low: Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise him a - bove ye heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly
Ghost: O praise him, O praise him, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The Holy Communion Eucharistic Prayer C



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
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give him thanks and praise.



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

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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.

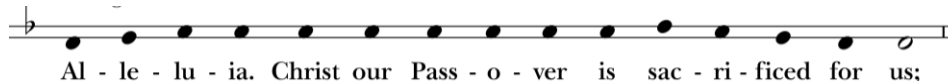
Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**

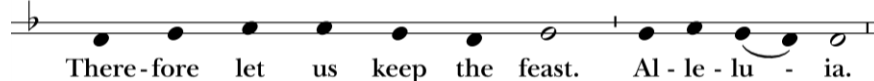
The Lord's Prayer

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

Shall We Gather at the River?

arr. Dale Wood

Communion Hymn #121 Christ, when for us you were baptized

Caithness

Thanksgiving after Communion

Please stand or kneel.

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 #443

From God Christ's deity came forth

Salem Harbor

The Dismissal

Clergy Let us go forth in the Name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Voluntary

O Love, How Deep

arr. David N. Johnson

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Serving in God's House Today

8:00 am

Lector: Walter Kiechel

L.E.M.: Mitch Hillard

Ushers: Dan Kous

10:00 am

Crucifer: Messiah Bent

Lectors: Tim Evans, Walter Thies,

Maureen Slamer

L.E.M.: Curt Wilson

Ushers: Nick Pachnos & Diana Riker

Christ Church Prayer List

For those who are ill: Antonia, Fred, Georgeann, Gizelle, Frank, Emily, Ruth, Linda, Bill, Nathaniel, Kevin, Lauren, Tricia, Kathy, Chris, Patrick, Marie, Carolyne, Ryan, Lorraine, Patricia, Francis, Rick Jr., Patricia, Antonia, Albie, Daryl, Diana, Joyce and Michael

For those serving in the armed forces: Parker, Dean, Michael, Angel and Nicholas.

We rejoice with... Sarah Jaqueth, Kelly Salerno, Merritt Ierley, John Gisler, Michael Josephs, Mary Eldridge, Laura Booker and all who are celebrating their birthdays this week. Also with Nick & Lisa Pachnos and Paul & Katie Reilly who are celebrating their Anniversaries.

Please contact Karrie Miller in the church office to have names added or removed from our prayer list.

Joining us in worship & fellowship on January 5, 2025

8:00 am: 35

10:00 am: 107

Announcements & Events

Confirmation Class

Parents & Participants Meeting

TODAY at 12 noon in Church Parlor

Join Father Chris TODAY to learn more about our Confirmation program here at Christ Church. Classes will begin next month. Christ Church will be hosting a regional Confirmation service on Saturday, May 10. For more information, please reach out to Chris directly.



CPR Training
Saturday, January 25
9 am - 12 noon

Learn the basics of CPR from an emergency management professional at a class to be held in Holley Hall, Saturday, January 25th, 9:00 a.m. - noon.

Fee is \$30 per person or \$50 per person if certification from the American Heart Association is desired. Space is limited. Call the church office, 973-383-2245, to register.



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