

HOLY COMMUNION THE FIRST SUNDAY of EPIPHANY

The Baptism of Our Lord
January 9, 2022

WELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;

To all who mourn and long for comfort;

To all who struggle and desire hope;

To all who sin and need a Savior;

To all who are strangers and yearn for fellowship;

To all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;

And to whoever will come;

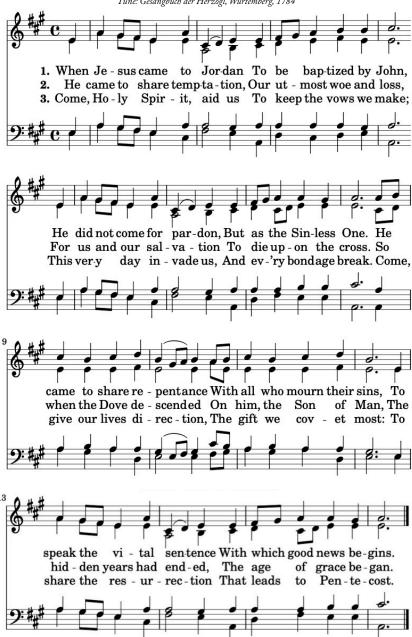
This church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the name of the risen Lord Jesus Christ.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Congregational responses are indicated in boldface.

When Jesus Came to Jordan's Stream

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THE ACCLAMATION

The People standing, the Celebrant says

I will make you as a light for the nations,

That my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.

ISAIAH 49:6

The Celebrant then continues

There is one Body and one Spirit;

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

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

One God and Father of all.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Jesus said: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

MATTHEW 22:37-40

THE KYRIE

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE GLORIA

All Glory Be to God on High

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Celebrant says to the People

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Let us pray.

Eternal Father, at the baptism of Jesus you revealed him to be your Son, and your Holy Spirit descended upon him like a dove: Grant that we, who are born again by water and the Spirit, may be faithful as your adopted children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR CHILDREN

Children in first grade and younger may attend Children's Chapel at this time and return at The Peace.

Almighty God, heavenly Father, you have blessed our congregation with the joy and care of children: Give us courage, patience, and wisdom, as we bring them up in the faith, that they may never know a day apart from your love and care; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

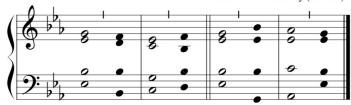
THE LESSONS

ISAIAH 42:1-9

After the Lesson the Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



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- 20 I have found David my | servant; | with my holy oil have I a | nointed him. ||
- 21 My hand shall hold him | fast, | and my arm shall | strengthen him.
- 22 The enemy shall not be able to do him 'violence; | the son of wickedness shall not 'hurt him. |
- 23 I will smite his foes before his | face | and strike down those who | hate him.
- 24 My faithfulness and my mercy shall be 1 with him, 1 and in my Name shall his horn be e 1 xalted. 1
- 25 I will give him dominion over the ¹ sea, | and with his right hand shall he rule the ¹ rivers. ■
- 26 He shall say to me, "You are my | Father, | my God, and the rock of my sal | vation."
- 27 And I will make him my | firstborn, | higher than the kings of the | earth.
- 28 My mercy will I keep for him for 'ever, | and my covenant shall stand fast with 'him. |
- 29 His seed will I make to endure for 'ever | and his throne as the days of 'heaven.

ACTS 10:34-38

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THE GOSPEL

LUKE 3:15-22

All stand for the Gospel as the Priest reads, first saying

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the Gospel, the Priest says

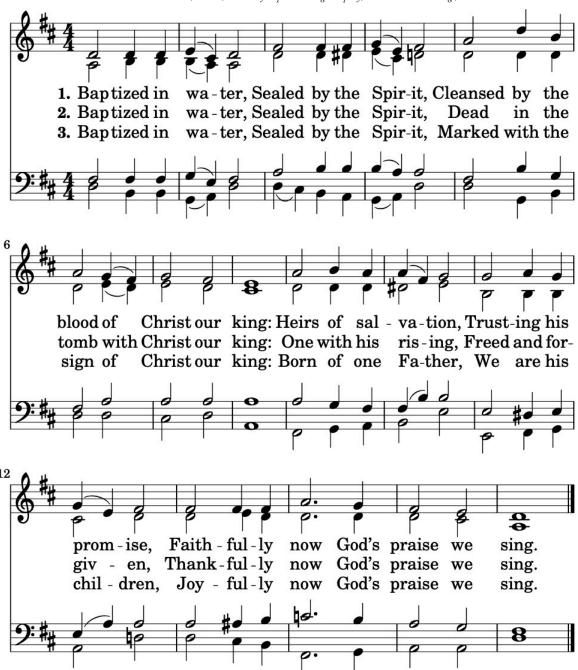
The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

Baptized in Water

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THE EXHORTATION AND PRESENTATION

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The Celebrant then addresses the Congregation, first inviting them to stand.

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

The Congregation responds

We will.

The Celebrant then says

Let us join with these Candidates to proclaim our faith in the words of the ancient baptismal confession, the Apostles' Creed.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

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

Do you believe and trust in Jesus Christ?

I do. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by 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.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

I do. 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. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE CANDIDATES

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting Father, in your great mercy you saved Noah and his family in the Ark from the destruction of the flood, prefiguring the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Look mercifully upon these your servants. Wash and sanctify them through your Holy Spirit, that they may be delivered from destruction and received into the Ark of Christ's Church; and being steadfast in faith, joyful through hope, and rooted in love, they may pass through the turbulent floods of this troublesome world and come into the land of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Celebrant says to the People

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

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 in the River Jordan when the Holy Spirit descended upon him as a dove.

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 made regenerate 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.

Here the Celebrant touches the water and says

Now, Father, sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit. May all who are baptized here be cleansed from sin, be born again, and continue for ever faithful 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.**

THE BAPTISM

When all have been baptized and signed the Celebrant says

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, received them as your own children by adoption, made them members of your holy Church, and raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit, that they may enjoy everlasting salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Celebrant says to the People

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the fellowship of the Church. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in the royal priesthood of all his people.

THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And with your spirit.

THE OFFERTORY

You may place an offering in the basket, give online at holycrossva.org/give, text "Give" to 434-277-4975, or mail a check to PO Box 614, Crozet, VA 22932.

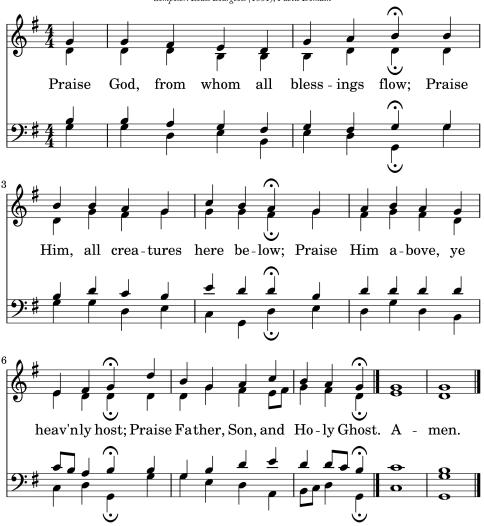
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The People stand while the offerings are presented.

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the Kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O Lord,

And of your own have we given you.

I CHRONICLES 29:11, 14^T

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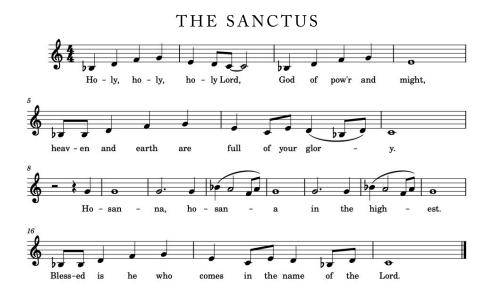
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THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

The Celebrant and the People say together

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed, once for all upon the Cross. **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

The celebrant will, as always, wash and sanitize his hands before the service and again right before communion.

To receive communion, come forward as directed by the usher. "Cross" the palms of your hands to receive bread from the priest. Gluten-free bread is available upon request.

If you desire to receive wine, please bring a chalice or cup from home. The chalice bearer will pour a small amount of wine into your cup for you (and your family).

If you do not desire to commune, but would like to receive prayer, cross your arms over your chest as you come forward, and the pastor will pray for you.

All baptized Christians who trust in the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, seek to lead a new life by God's mercies, and strive to walk in love and charity with their neighbors are welcome at this table.

During communion there are prayer ministers near the stairs who'd love to pray with you for any need, great or small.

PERSONAL PRAYERS FOR USE DURING COMMUNION

For those who Desire to Commit to the Christian Faith

Lord Jesus Christ, I am broken by sin and unable to save myself. I believe that you died for me, bearing my punishment on the cross, and that you offer me forgiveness and new life in you. I turn from my sins and trust in you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

For those in Search of Truth

God, I am uncertain whether you exist and whether you are listening to me now. I want to know the truth, and I am willing to live according to it. If you are there, please reveal yourself to me and give me faith that leads to the abundant life promised by Jesus Christ. Amen.

For those who Desire a Deeper Faith

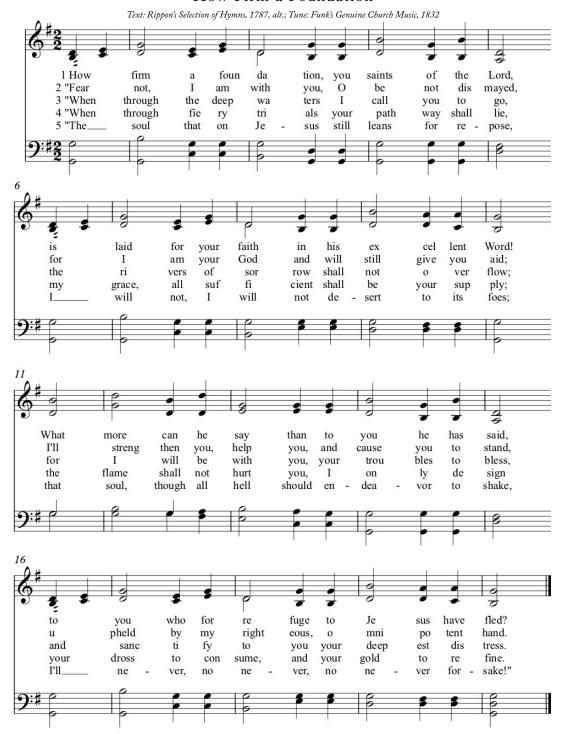
Almighty and eternal God, so draw my heart to you, so guide my mind, so fill my imagination, so control my will, that I may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated to you; and then use me according to your will, for your glory and the welfare of your people. Amen.

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

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THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious body and blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ: and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal Kingdom.

And now Father, send us out into the world to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

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Come, Holy Spirit, aid us
To keep the vows we make;
This very day invade us,
And ev'ry bondage break.
Come, give our lives direction,
The gift we covet most:
To share the resurrection
That leads to Pentecost.

THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Newcomers Dinner & Class Are you interested in learning more about our church? Please join us for the next Newcomers Dinner on January 30, 4:30-6:30 PM at the Johnsons. Sign up online. Also, for those interested in exploring membership, our next Newcomers Class begins February 6 on Sunday afternoons from 4:00-5:30 PM and lasts for 10 weeks.

Youth Sunday School, Sundays at 8:45 AM All teenagers are welcome to join us for this 5 week study of basic Christian theology. There will be room for discussion each week. Teenagers can submit questions or discussion topics here: https://tinyurl.com/HCyouthdiscussion. See Josh Waldron, Michelle Peck, or Sam Parks with questions.

Holy Cross Prayer Ministry A team of parishioners is available to pray daily for needs within the parish. Send prayer requests to Tom Harrison at thar65@gmail.com, and he will forward them to team members. All requests are held in strict confidence.

Holy Cross Prayer Booklets Prayer booklets with readings for the season of Epiphany can be found on the welcome table.

Communion Cup Reminder If you'd like to receive wine at communion, please bring a chalice or cup from home. Families are encouraged to share one cup.

Children We love the presence of a growing number of children at Holy Cross! Parents, please be sure not to leave your children unattended while on the premises at Pro Re Nata.

COVID Precautions When the temperature is above 50 degrees, we will worship with the large garage doors open to allow for maximum outdoor ventilation. Please consider the weather and dress comfortably. Outdoor, physically-distanced seating is available for those who desire it. Face coverings remain optional under current Virginia law.

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