

The First Sunday After The Epiphany:  
The Baptism Of Our Lord Jesus Christ  
Holy Eucharist: Rite II – January 8, 2023

*The baptism of Jesus.*

Prelude	O Living Breath of God	J. Bert Carlson
Processional Hymn 76 (1-4)	“ <i>On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry</i> ”	
Opening Sentences	BCPP Page 355	
The Gloria (Hymnal S-278)	BCPP Page 356	

THE WORD OF GOD

The Collect of the Day ( <i>The Baptism of our Lord</i> )	BCPP Page 214
First Lesson	Isaiah 42:1-9
Psalms 29	BCPP Page 620
Second Lesson	Acts 10:34-43

Sequence Hymn 121 “*Christ, When For Us You Were Baptized*”

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia.

Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations  
and believed in throughout the world.

**Alleluia.**

Gospel	Matthew 3:13-17
The Sermon	The Rev. Stuart C. Wood
The Renewal of Baptismal Vows	BCPP Page 292
The Prayers of the People	Insert

Invitation to Confession: The grace of God has dawned upon the world  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own.  
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The Confession and Absolution	BCPP Page 360
The Peace	BCPP Page 360

God has made us one in Christ. He has set his seal  
upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come, has  
given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

*Officiant* Open the heavens, Lord our God, and send your trans-forming Spirit on us and  
on these gifts. May we who are baptized into Christ be ready to share his cup of  
suffering and strengthened to serve him for ever. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving: Prayer B	BCPP Page 367
Sanctus and Benedictus (Hymnal S-128)	BCPP Page 367

The Lord's Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread:

*Officiant* We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

*People* God here among us, light in the midst of us,  
bring us to light and life.

*Officiant* God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

*People* Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

Agnus Dei (Hymnal S-164)

Com. Hymn 132 (1, 3, & 5) "When Christ's Appearing Was Made Known"

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of all time and eternity,  
you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father  
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of  
your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new  
creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

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The Blessing: May God the Father, who led the wise men by the shining  
of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you  
also in your pilgrimage to find the Lord. **Amen.**

May God the Son, who turned water into wine at the  
wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make  
glad your hearts. **Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit, who came upon the beloved  
Son at his baptism in the river Jordan, pour out his gifts  
on you who come to the waters of new birth. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn 135 "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"

The Dismissal We have come to Christ, the living water.

Go in the peace of Christ.

*People* Thanks be to God.

Postlude Intrada on "Salzburg"

*Philip Moore*

## The Collect of the Day

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

*Afferte Domino*

- 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.**
- 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 forests bare.**
- 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.**

## The Epistle

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.”

## **The 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.”

We give thanks for those who are celebrating their birthdays this week: Stuart Wood, Garry Clay, and Jim Knupp.

We pray for our Diocese and in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Christ Ascension - Richmond.

**The mid-week Eucharist is Cancelled this Wednesday January 11<sup>th</sup>. It will resume on the 18<sup>th</sup>.**

## PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

### Holy Eucharist: Rite II 10:00 a.m.

Celebrant / Sermon	The Rev. Stuart Clary Wood
Deacon	The Rev. Deacon Peg Moncure
Organist	Libby Boyer
Gospel Bk. Bearer / Prayers / Euch. Min.	Ann Padgett
Eucharistic Minister	Grace Parker
Lector	Pat Anderson
Crucifer / Acolyte	John Hilliard
Ushers	Phil & Karen Brown
Altar Guild	Bev Hart, Evie Wilton, Kathy Clarke, Susan Hilliard, Helen Tarran, & Pam McClelland
Flower Guild	Harriette Floyd & Alyson Holt
Tech Team	Greg Grichtmeier, Ann de Peyster, Mike Floyd, Mike Gorin, Jeff Loustaunau, Robin Wells, & Jack Fackler

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### *Christ Church Parish Vestry*

Jeannette Adkins – Senior Warden ‘22

Betsy Evans – Junior Warden ‘23

Lydia Dudley ‘22

Karen Brown ‘24

John Quilter ‘22

Garry Clay ‘24

Mike Gorin ‘23

Ann de Peyster ‘24

Clayton Neal ‘23

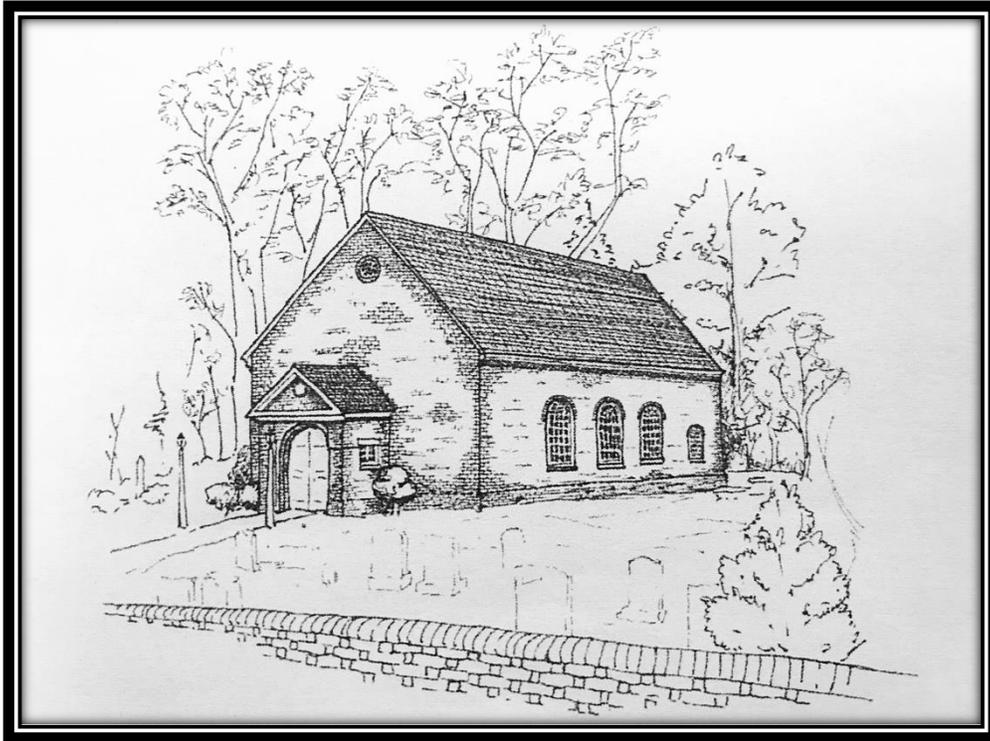
*Welcome to Christ Church Parish*

*(Episcopal)*

*January 8, 2023*

*10:00 a.m.*

*The First Sunday After The Epiphany:  
The Baptism Of Our Lord Jesus Christ*



*Founded in 1666*

*Before the service, speak to God in the silence of your heart.*

*During the service, let God speak to you through  
Word and Sacrament.*

*After the service, speak with your neighbor!*

**Christ Church Parish Mission Statement**

*We are a family of faith,  
growing in Christ through worship, learning, and  
service, who strive to love God  
and to love our neighbors as ourselves.*