

Trinity Church

First Sunday after the Epiphany - The Baptism of our Lord

January 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m.



Welcome to our Trinity Church family!

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We are a dynamic Episcopal family united in following Christ.

*Seeking God * Growing in spirituality * Serving all with compassion * Embracing courageous hope*

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9:30 a.m. Baptism and Holy Eucharist

Prelude

Prelude on an old Welsh carol

T. Tertius Noble

Posture Note: In the Episcopal Church we worship with our whole selves because we believe that how we pray shapes our belief. As able, we stand to praise God and sing, we sit to hear lessons and learn (although we stand for the Gospel), and we kneel or stand to pray. Worship as meets the needs of your body. Your presence among us is the most important thing!

The Word of God

Opening Hymn #124

What star is this, with beams so bright

Opening Acclamation

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

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

Priest: There is one Body and one Spirit;

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

Priest: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People: *One God and Father of all.*

Priest: God is with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Priest: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

Priest: 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.*

Lessons of the Day *(All may be seated for the lessons.)*

First Lesson

Isaiah 42:1-9

Reader: A reading from the book of Isaiah.

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.
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 29

Priest: Please join me in reciting Psalm 29. The congregation will respond on the italicized verses.

1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, *
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

*2 Ascribe to God the glory due his Name; *
worship God in the beauty of holiness.*

3 The voice of God is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; *
God is upon the mighty waters.

*4 The voice of God is a powerful voice; *
the voice of God is a voice of splendor.*

5 The voice of God breaks the cedar trees; *
God breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

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

7 The voice of God splits the flames of fire;
the voice of God shakes the wilderness; *
God shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

*8 The voice of God makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.*

9 And in the temple of God *
all are crying, "Glory!"

*10 God sits enthroned above the flood; *
God sits enthroned as Ruler for evermore.*

11 God shall give strength to God's people; *
God shall give God's people the blessing of peace.

Reader: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.
 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."

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Sequence Hymn #121	<i>Christ, when for us you were baptized</i>
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Gospel

Matthew 3:13-17

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, O Christ.

Priest: 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 Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

Holy Baptism

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

Priest: The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Sponsors: I present **Atlas Vail MacJarrett** to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Priest: *(to the parents and godparents)* Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Sponsors: I will, with God's help.

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

Sponsors: I will, with God's help.

(Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children)

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

Answer: I renounce them.

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

Answer: I renounce them.

Question: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Question: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer: I do.

Question: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer: I do.

Question: Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer: I do.

After all have been presented, the Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying:

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

People: We will.

The Baptismal Covenant

Priest: Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Priest: 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.

Priest: 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.

Priest: 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.

Priest: 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.

Priest: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: I will, with God's help.

Priest: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

Priest: 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

Priest: Let us now pray for **Atlas** who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth. Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People: God, hear our prayer.

Priest: Open his heart to your grace and truth.

People: God, hear our prayer.

Priest: Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: God, hear our prayer.

Priest: Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People: God, hear our prayer.

Priest: Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People: God, hear our prayer.

Priest: Send him into the world in witness to your love.

People: God, hear our prayer.

Priest: Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People: God, hear our prayer.

Priest: 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 forever. *Amen.*

Thanksgiving Over the Water

Priest: God is with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Priest: 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.*

The Baptism

The candidate is presented by name to the priest, who then pours water upon the candidate, saying

Priest: **Atlas**, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Priest: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, 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.*

Priest: **Atlas**, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. *Amen.* Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All: 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 Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Announcements

Thank you for your financial commitment to the life of Trinity Church. Your gift helps our church family spread God's love and joy in the world! Offering plates are located at the top of the center aisle on the way to the altar as well as near the center exit doors.

Offertory Anthem

Poverty

Welsh carol, arr. Caradog Roberts

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: God is with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus *S 124*

All: 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.

Eucharistic Prayer B *(People stand or kneel as able.)*

Celebrant: 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

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

Celebrant: 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.

The Lord's Prayer

(Congregants are invited to pray this prayer in any version or language with which they are familiar.)

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

All: (Rite 1 version)

*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.*

(Rite 2 version)

*Our loving God in heaven,
holy is your Name,
may your reign come, your will be
done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today 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.*

*Forgive us our sins as we forgive
those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and
deliver us from evil.
For all creation, the power, and the
glory are yours, now and for ever.
Amen.*

The Fraction

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover has sacrificed for us;
All: *Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!*

The Invitation

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All are welcome to proceed up the center aisle and either stand or kneel along the railing to receive Communion. Gluten free wafers and/or grape juice are available upon request. Those wishing to receive a blessing instead of Communion are invited to cross their arms as a signal to the priest. Please alert an usher if you wish to receive communion in your seat.

Communion Anthem

Carol of the Light

David Barton

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: *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.*

Blessing

Celebrant: May the blessing of God Almighty: Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always.

Closing Hymn #135

Songs of thankfulness and praise

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: *Thanks Be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Postlude

Trumpet Tune in D major

David N. Johnson

Exiting: Your presence is a blessing! Thank you for this gift. There are waste bins at each exit for communion container disposal.

We extend a warm welcome to the body of Christ to the newly baptized!

Announcements For week of January 8, 2023

Poinsettias Need Homes—Please take home a poinsettia plant! They need a “forever” home. You can find them in the chapel.

Boy Scouts’ Tree Pickup Service—Rutland Boy Scout Troops 105, 110, 120, and 2019 will collect discarded Christmas trees at the end of the holiday season, with pickup dates scheduled for Saturdays, January 7 and 14. To schedule your tree pickup, please call 802-438-8721 or email RutlandBSTreeCollection@gmail.com. (This is their major fundraiser, so donations are greatly appreciated and accepted at pickup.)

Giving Envelope Sets—There are box sets of envelopes (organized by last name) in the chapel narthex for those who prefer having envelopes. If you’d like envelopes, but don’t find a box with your name, please contact the office and we’ll get you set up.

Year-End Giving Statements—The statements for 2022 have been emailed, and paper statements are available in the chapel narthex for pickup. We will not be mailing statements except by special request. Please check your statements carefully and contact Wendy in the office if you have any questions or find any errors.

Annual Reports Due—Please make sure any reports for the 2022 year are submitted to the office no later than January 20. The Parish Annual Meeting is Sunday, January 29, 2023 following our worship service.



ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TODAY IN CELEBRATION OF:

The Trinity Church Family

Our Staff: *Priest-in-Charge*, the Rev. Sarah Ginolfi; *treasurer*, Linda Fay; *Parish Administrator*, Wendy Grace; *Music Director*, John Riddle; *Sexton*, Gil Nell

Our Vestry: *Senior Warden*, Fern Fryer; *Junior Warden*, Jay Slenker; *Members*: Melissa Alarie; Elizabeth Bushey; Lisa Frankel-Boerner; Kathy Hall; Rich Jones; David Thurmer; Holly Webb

Today’s Liturgical Assistants: *Altar Guild*— Sue Patrick, Brenda Thurmer, Lisa Boerner, Lisa Frankel-Boerner; *Chalice Assistant*— Dana Peterson; *Old Testament Reader*— Winnie Grace; *Epistle Reader*— Lisa Boerner; *Intercessor*— Mary Ruth; *Ushers*— Larry Patrick, Marc Brierre; *Live Stream Tech*— Lisa Frankel-Boerner; *Fellowship Hosts*— Ernie Hathaway, Melissa Slenker

—Precautions for In-Person Worship—

Masks are now optional for those fully vaccinated/boosted.

We'll begin serving communion along the railing, still consuming the elements together in pews once all are served.

We encourage all to consider getting the updated vaccine booster that is now available to everyone ages 12+ (Pfizer) and 18+ (Moderna).

Ways of Giving— We are humbled by the generosity of people who support our church and its mission and there are a number of ways to make your offering. You may opt to set up either a one-time gift or your recurring pledge gift on the giving tab of our website. Another option is to text “TrinityRutland” to 73256 to give using your mobile device. This number will never send unsolicited texts to you. To cancel further messages, text STOP. If you need assistance with text giving, text HELP. Standard text message and data rates may apply. You may also scan this QR code and follow the instructions. As always, if you prefer giving envelopes, we have those, too!

