

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Raleigh, NC

January 9, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.

Welcome to St. Mark's Episcopal Church. The Episcopal community in the Wilder's Grove neighborhood. Today we celebrate the Baptism of our Lord in the Jordan River by John the Baptist. This event marks an occasion for us to be reminded of our own baptism and how this sacrament is central to the initiation of Christians into the household of faith as well as their ongoing formation. In baptism, we are sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked as Christ's on forever. In baptism, we receive the call of the Spirit to exercise our gifts for ministry and our personal mission in the world. Let us give thanks and rejoice together.

THE GATHERING

The people gather in silence

Community Announcements

Voluntary

The Altar Party and people gather at the Baptismal Font.

Thanksgiving over the Water

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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 forever 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 forever. **Amen.**

During the Entrance, the people are sprinkled with holy water as a reminder of their baptism.

Acclamation

Presider Blessed be the one, holy and living God.

People **Glory to God, forever and ever.**

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 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 WORD OF GOD

Isaiah 43:1-7

But now 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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 29

Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,
 ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name;
 worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

**The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders;
 the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;
 the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;
 the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;**

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

**The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe
and strips the forests bare.
And in the temple of the LORD
 all are crying, "Glory!"
The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;
 the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.
The LORD shall give strength to his people;
 the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.**

Acts 8:14-17

Now 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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

People **Thanks be to God.**

✦ The Holy Gospel Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

The holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

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

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

The Homily

A marked period of silence follows the Homily.

Musical Interlude

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Presider People of God: In Holy Baptism we received full adoption through God's grace and full empowerment of ministry through the Holy Spirit. Will you work together as partners in the mission of the Church, to reconcile all people to God through Christ?

All **We will.**

Presider Through the grace God and the power of the Spirit, let us renew the vows made at our baptism.

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?
I do.

Do you believe in God the Father?
People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
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.

Presider 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.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

I will, with God's help.

Presider May God who has given you the will to do these things also give you the grace to accomplish them.

Amen.

Prayers of the People

We look in faith today toward the Lord, the one on whom God's favor rests. In confidence, let us bring our petitions to the Lord's altar, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who lead the believing community throughout the world, that they might lead us on the path of faithful discipleship, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the baptized gathered in this church, that we might follow in the path of John the Baptizer and always acknowledge Jesus as Lord, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who yearn for a deeper connection to their own baptism, that they might draw closer to the servant who is God's chosen, the light of the nations, and our light, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the healing of all those who are blind to God's impartial love; for reconciliation among nations, races, creeds, sexual orientations and all that can divide us; for the gifts of unity and peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the consolation and support of all who are incarcerated, struggling in addiction, grappling with mental illness and for all who have requested our prayers especially, **Rudolph McEwan, Ryoko Roberts, Beth Plumeri, Leah Underwood, Becky Toole, David Robbins, Sarah Robbins, Valerie Aguirre, Vickie LoMonte, Judy Wray, Elayne Karickoff, Ruth Mufandaedza, Lee Witcher, Audrey Witcher, Deanna Hill, Sophia Vaughan Morning, Mary Mainwaring, Katie Critcher, Denise Davis, Carmen Reeve, James Barber, Celia Nail, Betty Johnson, William Nail, Ginny Barber, Janice Fowlkes, Harriet Banner, Susan Tobie, Hugh Stohler, Rpaul Smith Lucas Sams, Missy Sams and Justin Sams**, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those celebrating birthdays this week: **Gene Brown (9th); Keith Reeve, Mike Wilson (11th)**. Let us give thanks and let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For our own needs. *[Here other intercessions may be offered each ending with, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**]*

For the 13 people, including seven children, who died in the Philadelphia Row House fire this week and for those who mourn them, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those suffering the wildfires and devastation in Boulder County, Colorado and for those who have died and for those who mourn them, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the more than 830,000 citizens in this country and the millions across the globe who have died from COVID-19 and for those who mourn them, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those who die violent deaths rooted in racism, misogyny and homophobia and for those who mourn them, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those who will die today; unsuspecting and unprepared, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who have died in the expectation of Christ's full victory in their life and death, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Presider offers a concluding Collect

The Exchange of Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider: All things come from you, O God.
People: **And of your own have we given you.**
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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 the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voice with Angel and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name,

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.***

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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death. We proclaim his Resurrection. And await his coming in glory.

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

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. 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 the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Presider breaks the consecrated bread also known as 'The Fraction' and continues with the following:

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Healing Prayers

After receiving communion, those who desire healing prayer and anointing, may do so by gathering at the prayer desk located near the entrance. There, a prayer partner will pray for you.

Prayer after Communion

The people stand or kneel.

Almighty and everlasting God, 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 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 for ever. Amen.

When communion is being carried from the altar to those who are home bound.

Presider The bread which we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ?
People **Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.**
[N.], In the name of God and of this congregation, bear these gifts to those who are bound; share the Lord and bless His name.
Amen.

The Epiphany Blessing

The people stand.

May Almighty God, 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, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth. **Amen.**

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

And the blessing of God Almighty: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

THE SENDING

The Dismissal

The Book of Common Prayer, 366

Alleluia. Alleluia. Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

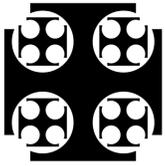
Voluntary

The Rev. Tyrone Fowlkes, Presider



St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 1725 N. New Hope Road, Raleigh, NC, 27604 Phone: (919) 231-6767
Website: www.stmarks-ral.org, Rector: The Rev. Tyrone Fowlkes, Rector's Email: tfowlkes@stmarks-ral.org

Notes



Notes regarding today's service

You must wear a mask covering your nose and mouth at all times and maintain social distance with those who are not from your household.

Please avoid touching, kissing and handshakes.

All are welcome to participate in the service of Holy Communion and, at the appropriate time, may come forward to receive Communion which will be offered in one kind, **bread only** and will be administered by the Presider.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions and for the safety of all who are gathered here, the following guidelines must be adhered to in order to receive Holy Communion.

1. Follow the directions of the Presider and/or ushers who will guide you and help facilitate the flow of traffic.
2. Wear your mask. Maintain 6ft. of distance between yourself and others who are not in your household.
3. When approached by the Presider, simply stretch out your hands to receive the consecrated bread.
4. **Do not remove your mask in the presence of the Presider. Rather, you will receive the consecrated bread in your hands and take it back to your seat.**
5. At the appointed time, the Presider may direct the removal of masks for Communion as the entire Assembly will consume the consecrated bread together.
6. After you have received the consecrated bread, quickly place your mask back on.
7. If you wish to participate in this service but would not like to receive Communion, you may come forward for a blessing. You will indicate this by crossing your arms across your chest and with hand stretched over you. Without physically touching you, the Presider will extend his hand over you and offer you a blessing.
8. Continue to wear your mask and maintain 6ft. of distance between yourself and others for the duration of the service and your time on campus.

Thank you for being a part of our assembly.

Please take this service bulletin home with you.
If you would rather it be recycled, then simply leave it on your seat upon exiting.