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First Sunday after Epiphany

The Baptism of Our Lord Year B & The Baptism of William Jackson Deane

January 7, 2024



8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m., The Holy Eucharist, Rite II The Rev. William Petersen, Celebrant Holly Simons, Music Minister

Prelude "As lately we watched" - *Trad. Austrian Carol/arr. by L. Larson* Choral: "In the bleak mid-winter"- *C. Rosetti/H. Darke Jack Ferguson, soloist*



Processional Hymn #119 As with gladness men of old (v 1-4)

Opening Acclamation

CelebrantBlessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, creator of darkness and light,
word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters.

People Amen

Song of Praise (*Glory to God*) – *S* 280 *Canticle* 20 (1982 *hymnal*)



Collect Of The Day We center ourselves for worship in prayer.

Celebrant	God be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	Let us pray together.

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*.

WORD OF GOD God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Lesson

Reader

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

Genesis 1:1-5

In our opening lesson we read the beginning of the story of creation. God sweeps like a wind over the chaos and formless void and begins to establish order, bringing forth light and separating that light from darkness. This light precedes the creation of the sun, moon and stars and may be perceived as an initial revelation of God's character as this first step in creation is declared good.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Reader	Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.
People	Thanks be to God

Psalm 29

The majesty of God is described in the likeness of a thunderstorm: the Lord is mighty over land and sea.

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.

The Second Lesson Acts 19:1-7

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

In our second reading the apostle Paul continues to travel through Asia Minor carrying the good news of Jesus to Jew and Gentile alike. In Ephesus he encounters a group of believers who had received only John's baptism of repentance. Paul baptizes them in the name of Jesus. He then lays his hands upon them and they are filled with the Holy Spirit, speaking in tongues and prophesying as had others among those who first came to faith. The number of believers was twelve, which could reflect a connection with the original twelve disciples, the twelve tribes of Israel, and the ongoing power of the Spirit of God evident in Paul's ministry.

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— altogether there were about twelve of them.

ReaderHear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.PeopleThanks be to God

The Gospel Mark 1:4-11 We hear the Good News of Jesus our Lord and Savior.

Our gospel is the story of the ministry of John the Baptist, and of Jesus' baptism. John tells of the mightier one to come whose baptism will be with the Holy Spirit. Jesus is then baptized and the Spirit is manifest. A voice from heaven speaks to Jesus in words that echo ancient oracles concerning the king and the calling of the Lord's chosen servant.

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

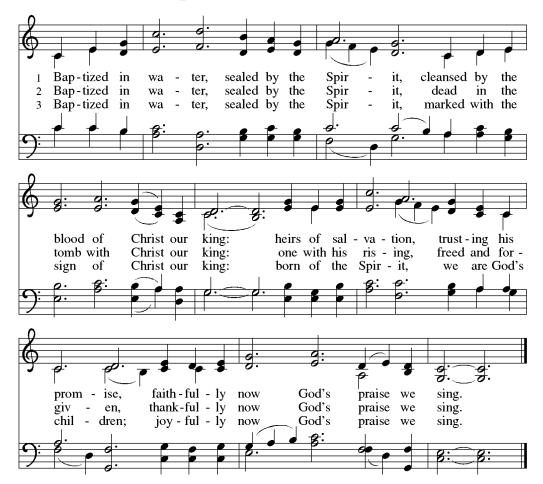
In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

GospellerThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Rev. William Petersen

Hymn of the Day ELW #456 Baptized in Water



(8 am) continue

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We profess our faith with the whole church.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Inspire wisdom and a spirit of proclamation in your church, God of forgiveness. Uplift leaders to share the truth of your word in community. Encourage us to live into the promises of baptism, working for justice and peace in all the world. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Renew your creation, God of thunder and mighty waters. Restore the rivers in which your children are baptized. May fields flourish and grow. Summon the stewards and caretakers of the land to cherish your good works. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Give strength to your leaders, God who is present in every country and community. Raise up leaders committed to equity and healing. Grant them discernment and compassion as they lead in love. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Protect and cherish the most vulnerable among us, God of strength. Accompany those separated from family or hurting from broken relationships. Shelter our unhoused neighbors and any experiencing poverty. Protect those incarcerated in prisons and detention centers. Care for the sick and suffering. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Encourage this congregation, God who calls and sends disciples. Guide us in accompanying, learning from, and serving our neighbors on the margins, following the example of Jesus. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Trusting the assurance of the Holy Spirit, we remember all who have died and rest in God's care. Give hope to those who grieve even as we rest in your eternal promise of resurrection. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Confession Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. Silence may be kept

Minister and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Absolution Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace	We share the gift of Christ's peace and love.
Celebrant People	The peace of Christ be always with you. And also with you.
Announcements	We share our life of faith together in community.
The Offering	An offering is gathered for the mission of God in the world

I appeal to you, siblings, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. *Romans 12:1*

For everyone's safety, we will not pass the traditional plate during today's service. Instead, an offering plate is available at the entrances to the worship space, or you may visit wolfesaints.com/donate.

The people stand in body or spirit.

HOLY COMMUNION God feeds us with the real presence of Jesus Christ

Music is offered as the table is prepared

Eucharistic Prayer 2

Celebrant	The Lord be 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 our thanks and praise.

All honor and praise be yours always and everywhere, mighty Creator, ever living God, through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord: for at this time we celebrate your glory made present in our midst. In the coming of the Magi the King of all the world was revealed to the nations. In the waters of baptism Jesus was revealed as the Christ, the Savior sent to redeem us. In the water made wine the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast. Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy. Therefore with all the angels of heaven we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name and (say) sing our joyful hymn of praise:

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Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer We pray the prayer our Lord Jesus taught us.

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ. We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

There is a long-standing practice in the Episcopal Church to offer a means for people to receive Holy Communion spiritually when it cannot be received physically.

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

The people sit or kneel.

Communion Piano Meditation "One small Child" – D. Meece/arr. Jay Rouse

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray together.

Almighty and everliving 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.

THE SENDING God blesses and sends us in mission to the world. The people stand in body or spirit.

Sending Blessing

We stand to receive God's blessing.

God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, + bless you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn: #ELW 673 God, Whose Almighty Word



Dismissal

We depart to live as Christ's body in the world.

- Leader: Go in peace. You are God's beloved.
- People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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The Baptism of William Jackson Deane

Date of Birth: April 2, 2023 Parents Patrick Ian Deane, Marie Anna Deane Witnesses Meghan Buskey, Jamie Clem

- Celebrant: The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented. Parents and Godparents: I present William Jackson Deane to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.
- Celebrant: Will you be responsible for seeing that this 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.

[The Celebrant asks the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the child]

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 these persons in their life in Christ?

The Congregation: We will.

Celebrant: Let us join with those 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.

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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.

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

Prayers for the Candidate

Celebrant: Let us pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

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

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Open him heart to your grace and truth.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

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

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

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

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

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

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

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

People: Lord, hear our prayer

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

People: Lord, hear our prayer

Celebrant: The Lord be 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 him thanks and praise.

The congregation may be seated.

The Blessing of Water

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 him 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.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

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

- Celebrant: William Jackson Deane, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen*.
- Celebrant: William Jackson Deane, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. *Amen*.
- Celebrant: 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.*
- Leader: Let your light so shine before others, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in Heaven.
- Celebrant: Let us welcome the newly baptized.
 - 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.

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About All Saints' ~ We welcome you to a church that is clear about the Christian faith that stands in the rich tradition of Christian worship that encourages people to grow in the faith they profess, that believes we ought to live so as to make a difference in the world. If you are looking for such a church, then All Saints' Episcopal Church is for you - we invite you into our community of faith.

How to use this Worship Bulletin ~ We follow the order of worship from The Book of Common Prayer as it is printed in this bulletin. Leader parts are in regular print; the congregation parts are in **bold** print. Notes and directions are printed in *italics*. Hymn numbers are noted in this bulletin and can be found in The Hymnal 1982 found in the pew racks.

All are invited to receive Communion in this church.

The Common Cup *as an Option* Following guidance from Bishop +Rob to clergy and discussion with our Worship and Music Team and Vestry, we will offer the option of receiving wine by common cup as we offer the option of gluten free bread during Holy Communion. The Eucharistic Ministers will continue to distribute wine via individual cups and if you desire the common cup*, please ask Pastor Bill (just as you would for gluten free).

*Note: For sanitation concerns and at the direction of our bishop, we will no longer offer the opportunity for Intinction (the dipping of the bread/wafer into the wine. The common cup is only available for drinking from.

Facility Information ~ Handicap accessible restrooms are located downstairs in the hallways exiting the Parish Hall and upstairs in the hallway exiting the sanctuary. A small restroom is located off the narthex lobby at the rear of the worship space. We welcome children in worship, but should you (or they) need, an unstaffed nursery area is located off the narthex lobby.

Seeking a Church Home? ~ If you would like additional information about All Saints', are seeking a faith community to call home, or interested in exploring your faith, please speak with the rector.

Masks are not required in the building at the present time. However, if you feel more comfortable wearing a mask, then you are encouraged to do so.

Sharing of the peace will be done from your seat only.

Offering plates are available at entrances to the worship space or giving online @ wolfesaints.com.

We continue to livestream for those unable to worship in person.



Ministers: All the People of All Saints' Bishop: The Rt. Rev. A. Robert Hirschfeld Rector: The Rev. William "Bill" Petersen Priest Associate: The Rev. Elizabeth Preysner Minister of Music: Holly Simons Sunday School Teacher: Danielle Pierpont Parish Administrator: Debra Hoyt Sexton: Mark McLaughlin