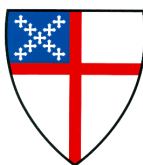


The First Sunday after the Epiphany
The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ
Jan. 12, 2025



St. John's Episcopal Church
Crawfordsville, IN



Prelude

Oh, How I Love Jesus

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Welcome

The Rev. Jason Fortner

The Word of God

Please stand as you are able at the bell.

Processional Hymn

Hymnal 135

Songs of thankfulness and praise

Opening Acclamation

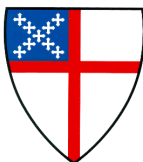
Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

The Presider may say

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 Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

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 Lessons

Please be seated for the reading of scripture.

First Reading

Reader A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

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 The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 29

Please read responsively by half verse.

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.

Second Reading

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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 The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

WLP 766

You're called by name, forever loved

Please stand as you are able.

The Gospel

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

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

Luke 3:15-17,21-22

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."

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Jason Fortner

A brief silence may follow.

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Presider

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

Presider Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People I do.

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

Presider 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.

Presider 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.

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.

Presider 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.

Presider Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People I will, with God's help.

Presider 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.

The Presider concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Presider blesses the water, first saying

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Presider

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Presider

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 Presider sprinkles Holy Water on the People as a reminder of their Baptisms.

The Prayers of the People

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Jennifer our bishop, Jason our priest, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Crawfordsville, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially, Brittany Weathers, Shelbi Fortner, Larry Bennett, Elaine Pickering, Jack Weyrauch, Brittany Green, Catherine, Les, Lauren, Frank, Don, Ann, Cynthia, and Mark let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the members of the Reunification Discernment committee, for the work they continue to do, and for the ongoing mission of The Episcopal Church in Indiana, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of Blessed Mary, Blessed John, and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

The Presider adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The people kneel or stand as they are able.

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.

Presider pronounces God's absolution of sin saying

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

Please stand as you are able.

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings
and come into his courts.

Psalm 96:8

The Holy Eucharist

Our altar is the Table of our loving God, a table set to nourish all of creation through the love of Jesus Christ. You, who are a beloved part of that creation, are most welcome, indeed invited to partake! If you wish to receive the Body of Christ in the bread, please place one hand on top of the other, palms up. If you wish to receive the Blood of Christ from the chalice, please take a sip when it is offered. If you would prefer a blessing rather than Communion or would like to abstain from the bread or the wine, please cross your hands over your chest.

Offertory Anthem

All Who Believe and Are Baptized

Bach

Offertory Hymn

Hymnal 380 verse 3

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Please stand as you are able.

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

Please remain standing as you are able.

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Presider continues

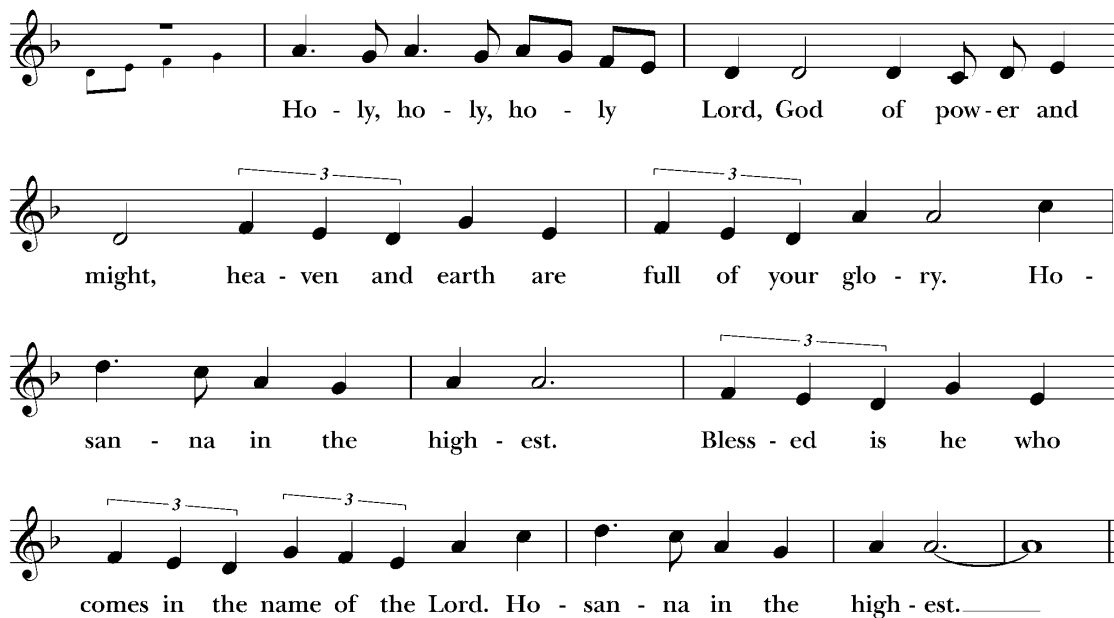
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth...

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.

Presider and People sing

Sanctus   

Powell



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. _____

Please stand or kneel as you are able.

The Presider continues

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,

Presider and People

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

The Presider continues

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 Blessed Mary, Blessed John, and 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.**



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

People and Presider

**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.**

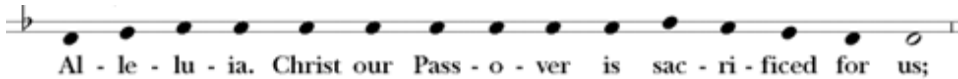
**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

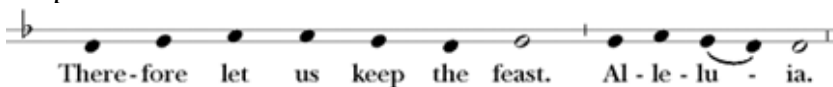
The Presider breaks the consecrated bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Presider:


Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

People:


There-fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

Communion Hymn Hymnal 116 “I come,” the great Redeemer cries”

Post-Communion Prayer

Presider Let us pray.

Presider and People

**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 Blessing

The Presider blesses the people with these or similar words.

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

Recessional Hymn Hymnal 121 Christ, when for us you were baptized

The Dismissal

The Presider dismisses the People.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

All Who Believe and Are Baptized

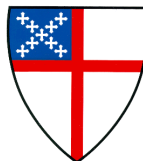
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Serving Today

President: The Rev. Jason Fortner

Music: Jerilyn Yerkes

	Jan. 12, 2025		Jan. 19, 2025	
	8:00am	10:30am	8:00am	10:30am
Lector	Mark Kussmaul	Jessie Hartnett	Kitty Haffner	Max Short
LEM	Meribeth Kussmaul	Peggy Lohorn & Dan Booher	Meribeth Kussmaul	Peggy Lohorn/Dan Booher
Crucifer	Robert Swanson	Jeremy Hartnett	Teresa Titus	Sam Smith
Greeters		Jim & Kathy Gary		Aaron & Katharine Morrison
Childcare		Kim Green & Kari Brock		
Altar Guild	Betty Culley	Meegan Reidy	Cindy Fields	Teresa Titus
Counters	Ellen Ball	Cindy Smith	Nancy Bennett	John Roberts
Coffee	Frank Sorrentino		Frank Sorrentino	
Clean Up		Meegan Reidy		Meegan Reidy



St. John's Episcopal Church, Crawfordsville, Indiana

Mission: St. John's Episcopal Church is called by the love of Christ to welcome and witness to our community.

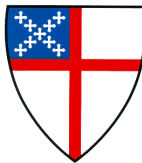
Vision: As a place of welcome and care for all, we want our community to know that:

- We listen to the needs and concerns of our neighbors and each other.
- We foster connections with varied and diverse groups in our community.
- We care for those who are vulnerable and marginalized.
- We serve others by challenging unjust systems.

We nurture rich spiritual practices for people of all ages, develop leadership within our church through education, communal prayer, and worship, and act on this knowledge and love by serving together.

As stewards of creation, we embrace and encourage sustainable practices in our community and ensure that our property supports our vision.

We are faithful stewards of all the gifts that God has given to us in order to sustain the ministries to which God has called us.



ST. JOHN'S UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Epiphany White Elephant Gift Exchange Today!** Join us this afternoon in Whitlock Hall from 4:00 to 6:30pm for this fun time for adults and children alike. Bring snacks and beverages to share. Please keep your white elephant gifts family-friendly. 😊
- Thank you, Kim Green for the **2025 Budget Presentation** during Adult Formation today!
- The **Men's Group** will hold their monthly business meeting at 7pm on Monday, January 13, 2025 in Whitlock Hall.
- **Omelet Sunday, January 19, 2025** Join the fun and eat a delicious made-to-order omelet beginning at 9:15am. All donations will go to a worthy cause!
- **St. John's Annual Meeting is Jan. 26, 2025** Plan ahead to attend worship with the whole community at 9:00am followed by a pitch-in and our annual meeting. We will elect our new vestry members and approve the 2025 budget.
- Come join us for **Bible Study** every **Tuesday morning** at 9am in Whitlock Hall and Tuesday evening at 5:30pm at Wellbrooke located at 517 Concord Road in Crawfordsville. Contact Dan Booher with questions.

St. John's Vestry

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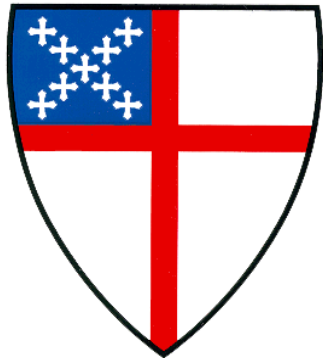
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