



St. Mark's Anglican Church

*The Baptism of the Lord*

January 12, 2025

Sung Eucharist at 10:30 am

*Welcome to St. Mark's.*

*The order of service is set forth in this service sheet.  
Please stand and kneel as you are able—and as is your custom.  
Please join in singing the hymns and saying the parts printed in **bold***

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PRELUDE    *Als unser Herr zum Jordan kam*

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

### THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

HYMN

Music: *Solothurn* Swiss Traditional Melody  
Text: George B. Timms (1910-1997)

The sin - less one to Jor - dan came to  
Up - ris - ing from the wa - ters there, the  
A - bove him see the heav'n - ly Dove, the

share our fal - len na - ture's blame; God's right-eous-ness he  
voice from heav'n did wit - ness bear that he, the Son of  
sign of God the Fa - ther's love, now by the Ho - ly

thus ful-filled and chose the path his Fa - ther willed.  
God, had come to lead his scat-tered peo - ple home.  
Spi - rit shed u - pon the Son's a - noin - ted head.

*Celebrant*     The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
                    and the love of God,  
                    and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
                    be with you all.

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

*Celebrant*     There is one body and one Spirit  
*People*           **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

*Celebrant*     One Lord, one faith, one baptism,  
*People*           **One God and Father of all.**

#### THE COLLECT

*Celebrant*     Let us pray.

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus  
revealed him to be your Son,  
anointing him with the Holy Spirit,  
keep your children, born of water and the Spirit,  
faithful to their calling;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*People*           **Amen.**

*All sit*

#### THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

##### FIRST READING

Isaiah 43:1-7

*Reader:* Wendy Steel

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, Cush 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*           Thanks be to God.



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 / glo-ry / thunders:  
the Lord is u- / pon the / migh-ty / waters.

The voice of the Lord is a / power-ful / voice;  
the voice of the Lord / is a / voice of / splendour.

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 / wil-der- / ness of / Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord makes the / oak trees / writhe  
and / strips the / for-ests / bare.

**2nd**

And in the temple / of the / Lord  
---/all are / cry-ing / “Glory!”

The Lord sits enthroned a-/bove the / flood;  
the Lord sits enthroned as / king for / ev-er- / more.

The Lord shall give / strength to • his / people;  
the Lord shall give the / people • the / blessing • of / peace.

**SECOND READING**

Acts 8:14-17

*Reader: Wendy Steel*

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*            Thanks be to God.

**HYMN 45***Down Galilee's Slow Roadways*

GOSPEL

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

*Celebrant*     The Lord be with you.  
*People*        **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*     The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
*People*        **Glory to you, Lord Jesus 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 strap 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."

*Celebrant*     The Gospel of Christ.  
*People*        **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rector

*All stand*

THE NICENE CREED

*Celebrant*     Let us confess our faith, as we say,  
*All*            **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:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

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.  
With the Father and the Son  
he is worshipped and glorified.  
He 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.

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Leader:* Larry Bourk

*Leader* Jesus calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light.  
Washed clean by the waters of baptism,  
let us pray that we may live the life to which he has called us.

*People* Lord Jesus, eternal Word,  
proclaimed as the Christ by John the forerunner, hear us as we pray for all who  
proclaim your word. Lord of truth,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Lord Jesus, baptizing with the Spirit and with fire, strengthen us to withstand all  
the trials of our faith. Lord of truth,  
*People* **hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Lord Jesus, bringing forgiveness to all who repent, teach your Church dependence  
on your grace. Lord of truth,  
*People* **hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Lord Jesus, fulfilment of the promises of old, give hope to all who suffer or are  
ignored. Lord of truth,  
*People* **hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Lord Jesus, beloved Son of the Father, anoint us with the gifts of your Holy Spirit.  
Lord of truth,  
*People* **hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Lord Jesus, bringer of hope, share with all the faithful the riches of eternal life.  
Lord of truth,  
*People* **hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant* Lord Jesus Christ, in you the Father makes us and all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory.

**Amen.**

**\*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

*Celebrant* Dear friends in Christ,  
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;  
he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table.  
Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

*All* 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 neighbours 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.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*People* **Amen.**

**THE PEACE**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

## WORDS OF WELCOME

### THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

#### HYMN

Music: *This Endris Nyght* 15<sup>th</sup> century English Carol

Text: *Christian Hymnbook*, 1865, alt.

"I come," the great Re - deem - er cries, "To  
 "Thus is be - comes us to ful - fill all  
 Hark, a glad voice! The Fa - ther speaks from  
 The Sa - viour Je - sus, well be - loved! His  
 No more we'll count our - selves our own but  
 do thy will, O Lord!" at Jor - dan's stream, be -  
 right - eous - ness," he said. Then faith - ful to the  
 heav'ns ex - al - ted height: "This is my Son, my  
 name we will pro - fess, like him de - sir - ous  
 his in bonds of love. Oh, may such bonds for -  
 hold! He seals the sure pro - phe - tic word.  
 Lord's com - mands through Jor - dan's flood was led.  
 well be - loved, in whom I take de - light."  
 to ful - fill God's will in right - eous - ness.  
 ev - er draw our souls to things a - bove.

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant*                      *People*  
 The Lord be with you. And al - so 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 him thanks and praise.

*Celebrant*      Blessed are you, gracious God,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
by water and the Holy Spirit  
you have made us a holy people  
in Jesus Christ our Lord;  
you renew that mystery in bread and wine and nourish us,  
to show forth your glory in all the world.  
Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the holy people  
who have served you in every age,  
we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD

*Common Praise*, no. 689

*All remain standing or kneel*

*Celebrant*      We give thanks to you, Lord our God,  
for the goodness and love  
you have made known to us in creation;  
in calling 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 Saviour 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 he was handed over  
to suffering and death,  
a death he freely accepted,  
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.

*All* Therefore, Father, according to his command,  
**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, 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, made acceptable in him,  
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time,  
reconcile all things in Christ  
and make them new,  
and bring us to that city of light  
where you dwell with all 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 whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,  
now and forever.

*People* **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Celebrant* And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
*All* **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,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## \*THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Celebrant* We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
*People* **We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

*Celebrant* The gifts of God for the people of God,  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## LAMB OF GOD

*Common Praise*, no. 690

## THE COMMUNION

*Please follow the directions of the greeters as you make your way to the altar  
Kneeling and standing are both appropriate postures to receive the Eucharist*

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Kathryn Rose (b. 1980)

Over the land freckled with snow half-thawed  
The speculating rooks at their nests cawed  
And saw from elm-tops, delicate as flowers of grass,  
What we below could not see,  
Winter pass.

- Edward Thomas (1878-1917)

*After communion, all stand for*

## THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Celebrant* All your works praise you, O Lord.  
*All* And your faithful servants bless you.

**Gracious God**  
**we thank you for feeding us**  
**with the body and blood of your Son**  
**Jesus Christ.**  
**May we, who share his body,**  
**live his risen life;**  
**we, who drink his cup,**  
**bring life to others;**  
**we, whom the Spirit lights,**  
**give light to the world.**  
**Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,**  
**So that we and all your children shall be free,**  
**and the whole earth live to praise your name;**  
**through Christ our Lord. Amen**

## THE BLESSING

*Celebrant* May God, who in Christ gives us a spring of water welling up to eternal life,  
perfect in you the image of his glory; and the blessing of God almighty: the  
Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.  
*People* Amen.

## THE DISMISSAL

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

## HYMN 40

*O Spirit of the Living God*

VOLUNTARY *Schönster Herr Jesu*

Gerre Hancock (1934-2012)

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