

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The First Sunday after the Epiphany:
The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ
January 10, 2021
10:00 am

Welcome

The Reverend Florence Ledyard

Prelude

When Jesus came to Jordan's stream

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Opening Hymn

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

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Opening Acclamation

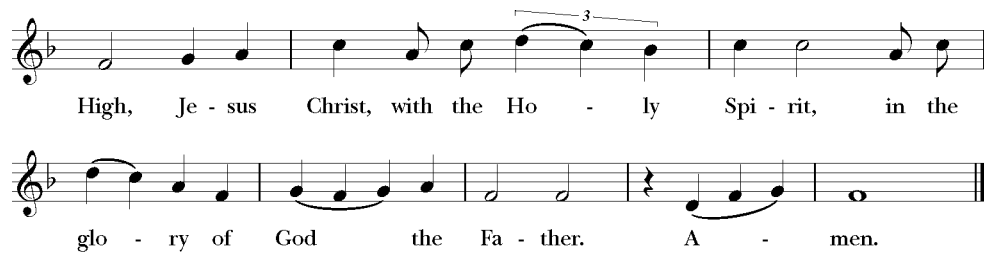
Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.**

Gloria

Hymnal S-280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most



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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant 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.

People **Amen.**

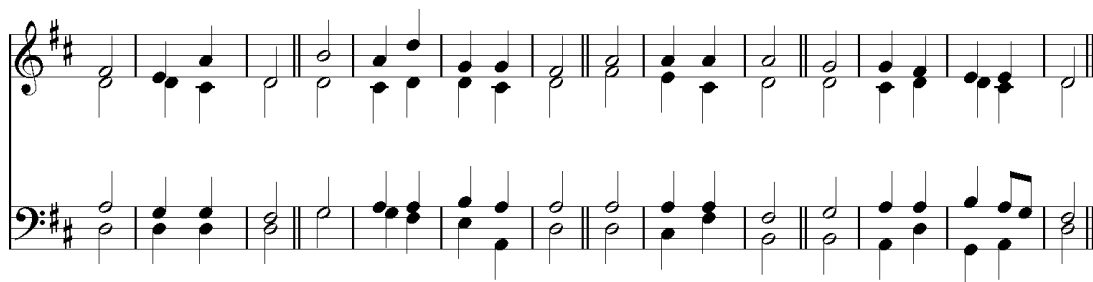
The Lesson

Genesis 1:1-5 read by Benjamin Dethridge

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 God's people.

People **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 / holi- / ness.

The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
the God of / glory / thunders; *
the LORD is up- / on the / mighty / waters.

The voice of the LORD is a / power • ful / 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 / wilder- / ness 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, / "**Glo-** / ry!"

The LORD sits enthroned a- / bove the / flood; *
the LORD sits enthroned as / King for / ever- / more.

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

The Epistle

Acts 19:1-7, *read by Terry Amann*

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.

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

The Holy Gospel

Mark 1:4-11, *read by The Rev. Neva Brown*

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior 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."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Thelma Smullen

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Celebrant 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.

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

People **I do.**

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 the 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.**

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

People **I will, with God's help.**

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 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.

People **Amen.**

The Prayers of the People, led by Nicete Moodie

Intercessor In the waters of baptism, we were called to be God's children and to minister to one another. Let us therefore pray for ourselves, for one another, and for all those in need of our prayers.

Let us pray for the church, that it may stand fast in the one faith to which it has been called. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Let us pray for the world, that our conflicts may cease and that peace may reign in this new year. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Let us pray for all Christians who have been baptized into the one family of faith, that our lives reflect the forgiveness and love which was first shown us. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Let us pray for all who are blind to the injustices of our world, that their eyes may be opened and that they may work for an end to oppression and injustice. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Let us give thanks for our many blessings, joyfully remembering _____. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Let us pray for the sick, remembering _____. That their sickness may be turned to health and that they may once again join us in our work and worship. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Let us pray for the faithful who have gone before us, remembering _____. That we may follow the example of their lives and be reunited with them in the joy of everlasting life. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer**

Intercessor Omniscient God, you know our thoughts and needs better than we ourselves. Accept the prayers which we now offer, and strengthen us to do your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

The Peace, greet one another in the name of the Lord

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Comments

Great Thanksgiving

Enriching Our Worship — Eucharistic Prayer 3

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.**

Celebrant All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we sing with joy:

Sanctus and Benedictus

Hymnal S-129

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. Blessed is the one who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Celebrant Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Celebrant and People

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Celebrant Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed Bartholomew, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Celebrant and People

Blessed are you now and for ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer, *contemporary*

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, *followed by silence*

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

For the Agape Meal

Blessed are you, O Lord our God; you bring forth bread from the earth and make the risen Lord to be for us the Bread of life: Grant that we who daily seek the bread which sustains our bodies may also hunger for the food of everlasting life, Jesus Christ our Lord . Amen.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, creator of the fruit of the vine: Grant that we who share this drink, which gladdens our hearts, may share for ever the new life of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Eucharistic Meal:

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. Amen.

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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

In union, O God, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church – wherever that may be, I offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. No matter how I have received you today in our meal of communion, whether by sacrament or otherwise, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me in your grace, Holy Spirit, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me – now and always, wherever I am. Amen.

Blessing

Closing Hymn

Songs of thankfulness and praise

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Dismissal

Deacon As we go forth into the world, refreshed and renewed, we reaffirm our commitment to our vision and mission as a congregation:

People **We will, with God's help, be a vibrant faith community that is a blazing beacon of God's transforming love in the world. God is calling us to take righteous risks. We accept this call, and will respond by seeking and serving Christ in ALL people.**

Deacon Alleluia, Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

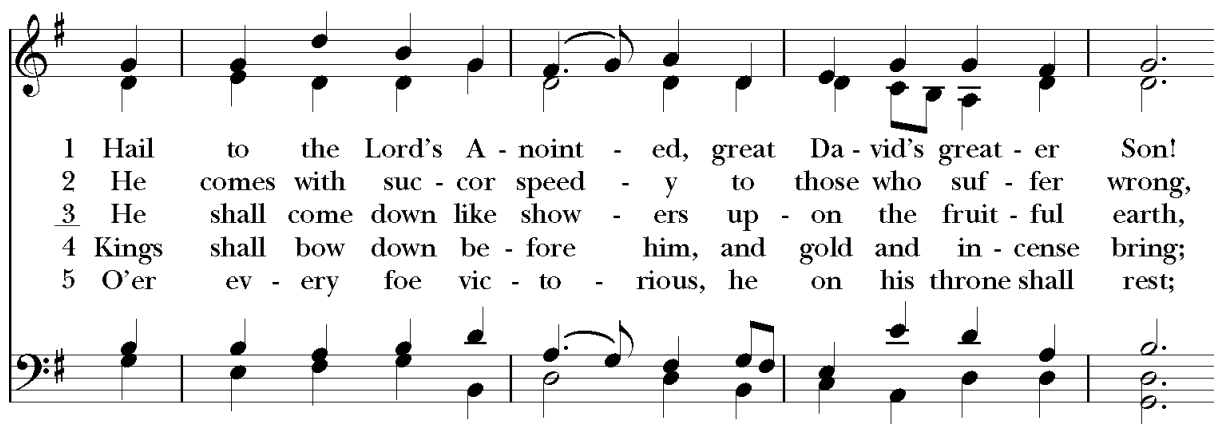
Postlude

Fanfare

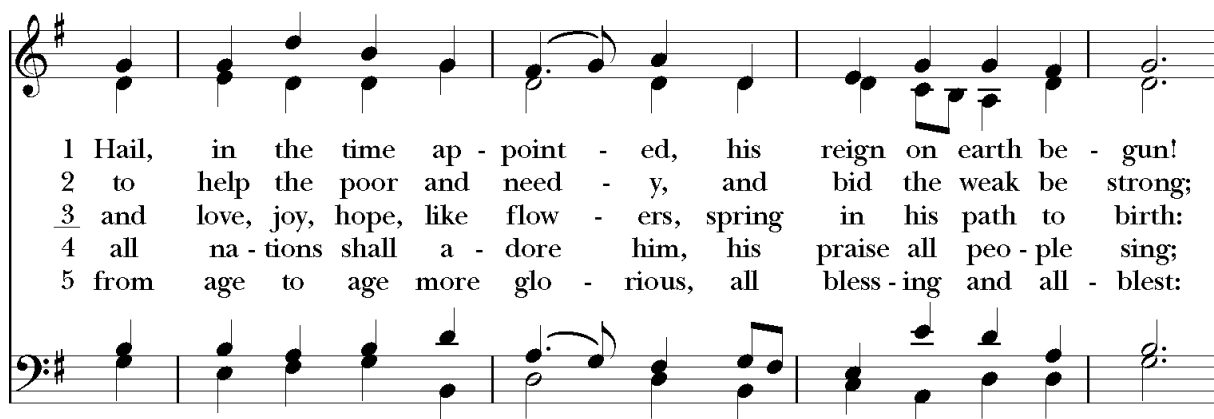
Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens (1823-1881)

Your prayers are requested for members and friends of St. B's ...

Lucy Marshall; Doris Haughey; Vince Marsiglia; Donna Cartwright; Janet Churchill; Shirley Nathan Pulliam; Wyvetta Dupree; Tony Creek; Mike Knudsen; Lillian Thomas; Celia Vismale; Ray Zeigler; Larry Brown; Sandra DeSilva; Peter Griffin; Jon Davis; Young Sam; Michelle Haynie Madison; Kate Henshall; Mary Warfield; Ayodele House; Tom Cover; Jim Wright; Kathleen DeVale; David McClellan; Larry Bucher; John White; Steve Sprecher; Chris Bassett-Jellema; Michele Pearson; Don, Kelsey, and Jaxon Blackert; Melody Pitts; Wayne Selleck; Anne Lane; 40 West Assistance and Referral Center Clients; Hope Harbor partner families; Heidi; Theresa Thomas; Meg and Shaun; Kathy and Andy; Don and Angel; John and Jean; Sue Goodall; Amanda Ash Freeland; Kyle Yoder; Van Gardner; Scott Armentrout; John Mountain; Diane McPhillips; Ron Blouin; Mary Warren; Michael Pizarro; Robin Kaspar; Jerome Gray; Patricia Martin; Rick M.; Priscilla W.; Carlson T.; Clay Shiflet; David Liscinsky; Joyce Stanley; parents of Kevin Markle; Ann and Van Wolf; 65-year-old John; Jill Sandford; Laurel Vincenty; Juanita and Jim Schmitz; Chip Lee; Alan Varner; those affected by the coronavirus; those in our midst who are un- or under-employed & the homeless; AND any others we name at this time.



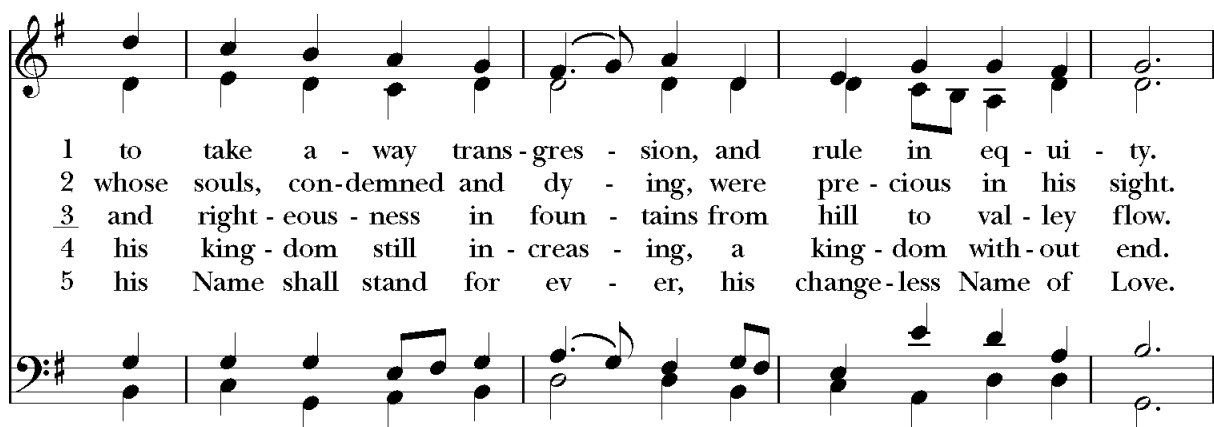
1 Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!
 2 He comes with suc - cor speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,
 3 He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth,
 4 Kings shall bow down be - fore him, and gold and in - cense bring;
 5 O'er ev - ery foe vic - to - rious, he on his throne shall rest;



1 Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!
 2 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;
 3 and love, joy, hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to birth:
 4 all na - tions shall a - dore him, his praise all peo - ple sing;
 5 from age to age more glo - rious, all bless - ing and all - blest:



1 He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free;
 2 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,
 3 be - fore him on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald, go;
 4 to him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows a - scend;
 5 the tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;



1 to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.
 2 whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, were pre - cious in his sight.
 3 and right - eous - ness in foun - tains from hill to val - ley flow.
 4 his king - dom still in - creas - ing, a king - dom with - out end.
 5 his Name shall stand for ev - er, his change - less Name of Love.

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 72

Music: *Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein*, German folk song; adapt. and harm. *A Student's Hymnal*, 1923, after Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941)

Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa - ter, chil - dren,

Wade in the wa - ter, God's a-gon-na trou-ble the wa - ter. **Fine**

1. See that host all dressed in white,
 2. See that band all dressed in red,
 3. Look o - ver yon - der, what do I see?
 4. If you don't be-lieve I've been re - deemed,
 God's a-gon-na trou-ble the

1. The lead - er looks like the Is - ra - elite,
 2. Looks like the band that Mo - ses led,
 3. The Ho - ly Ghost a - com - ing on me,
 4. Just fol - low me down to Jor - dan's stream,
 wa - ter.

God's a - gon - na trou - ble the wa - ter. **D.C.**

Words: Traditional
 Music: Negro Spiritual; arr. Carl Haywood (b. 1949), from *The Haywood Collection of Negro Spirituals*
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1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Jes - us, Lord, to thee we raise,
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro-phet, Priest, and King su - preme;
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;
 4 Man - i - fest on moun - tain height, shin - ing in re - splen-dent light,

man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;
 and at Ca - na, wed - ding-guest, in thy God-head man - i - fest;
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;
 where dis - ci - ples filled with awe thy trans - fi - gured glo - ry saw.

branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;
 man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill;
 When from there thou led - dest them stead - fast to Je - ru - sa - lem,

an - thems be to thee ad-dressed, God in man made man-i - fest.
 an - thems be to thee ad-dressed, God in man made man-i - fest.
 an - thems be to thee ad-dressed, God in man made man-i - fest.
 cross and Eas - ter Day at - test God in man made man-i - fest.

Words: Sts. 1-3, Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885); st. 4, F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984)

Music: *Salzburg*, melody Jakob Hintze (1622-1702); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. B'S

for the week beginning January 10, 2021



- Sunday** Join us at 10:00 am when we “Zoom” into worship.
- Children’s Word for Kangaroos!** The Kangaroo Class (for children age 3 through 2nd grade) meets with Miss Ebony on Zoom from 5:00 to 5:30 pm. If you have not yet received a Spark Story Bible for your child to use or the Zoom link for the Kangaroo Class, please contact Steve Miller (stmiller@umbc.edu) or Maggie Caldwell (mcaldwell@stbs-md.org).
- Youth Group, for those in grades 6—12, meets via Zoom** on Sundays from 5:00 to 6:30 pm. Please contact Youth Group Leaders Kathie or Marty Clark (peaceclark1@gmail.com) for the link to join. Come for fun, fellowship, and faith. And invite a friend!
- ✠ **Monday through Saturday** at 12:00 noon, we hold a brief service of **Noonday Prayer** (at home). ✠
If you have specific prayer needs, please send them to Maggie Caldwell (mcaldwell@stbs-md.org).
- Monday** **Episcopal 102** meets via Zoom on Mondays from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. We’re exploring the *Daily Office* section of The Book of Common Prayer. Everyone is welcome. Want more information? Contact Carol Burnside at shinyredtruck@msn.com or text/call at 410-440-7394.
- At 7:00 pm a **Sankofa Circle** meets via Zoom.
- Tuesday** **Bible Study** with Thelma Smullen and Chuck Sullivan meets on Zoom at 11:45 am.
- At 4:30 pm, youth from the Diocese of Maryland in grades 6—12 gather via Zoom for a weekly **Online Youth Group**. Information and a registration form are available at <http://episcopalmarylandyouth.weebly.com/events.html>.
- The **Adult Formation Committee** meets on Zoom at 6:30 pm.
- Children’s Word for Elephants!** The Elephant Class (for children in 3rd through 5th grade) meets with Miss Jo Anne on Zoom from 7:00 to 7:30 pm. If you have not yet received a Spark Bible NRSV for your child to use or the Zoom link for the Elephant Class, please contact Steve Miller (stmiller@umbc.edu) or Maggie Caldwell (mcaldwell@stbs-md.org).
- Also at 7:00 pm, the **Daughters of the King** meet via Zoom.
- Wednesday** At 7:00 pm, the **KIVA Committee** meets on Zoom.
- Also at 7:00 pm, a **Sankofa Circle** meets via Zoom.
- Thursday** At 4:30 pm, youth from the Diocese of Maryland in grades 8—12 gather via Zoom for a weekly **Online Leadership Program**. Information and a registration form are available at <http://episcopalmarylandyouth.weebly.com/events.html>.
- The **St. Bartholomew Choir (for older youth & adults)** gathers via Zoom at 7:30 pm. All are welcome! Please contact Ted Davis (ted@stbs-md.org) or the church office for more information.
- Saturday** The Creation Caretakers are sponsoring a **Litter Pick-Up** along the Route 40 Corridor from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon for volunteers in sixth grade and older. Meet in the St. B’s Parking Lot. Do a good deed, get outdoor exercise, and social distance with friends.

Community Notes ...

We are grateful for all the **Pledges** made to St. B’s. If you have not yet sent in your Treasure or Time and Talent pledges, you may find copies of the pledge cards available on our website. Or contact Maggie (mcaldwell@stbs-md.org) or call the office (410-945-7263) and leave a message.

Share St. B's with your friends and neighbors – INVITE them to Zoom Worship!

Recordings of St. B's worship services — including sermons — are available on the **St. B's website** (<https://stbs-md.org/>). Look for the “MEDIA” tab under “WORSHIP.”

That is also where you can find our digital devotion, **“A Moment of Peace and Quiet,”** just below the Sunday services.

St. Bartholomew's MLK Day Food Drive – Re-Imagined! Due to the pandemic, St. B's will not be able to do a neighborhood food drive, as is our usual tradition on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. However, the pantry shelves at 40 West Assistance and Referral still need stocking. Support our hungry neighbors and honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by giving a financial contribution to 40 West. Funds will be used to purchase food at bulk rate from the Maryland Food Bank. In return, you'll be entered to win one of six raffle prizes! Please see the additional details on the insert and check out the raffle prizes! AND please share the flyers with others who might be interested in helping end food insecurity in West Baltimore.

Following the June 2 Community Conversation about issues with policing, the Gospel Justice Group (GJG) has been working on developing relationships with the Southwest Police District and with our City Council member, Kristerfer Burnett. **GJG is pleased to announce that Councilman Burnett has agreed to attend and participate in a Zoom Town Hall with St. B's on Wednesday, January 20, from 6:00 to 7:00 pm.** Please submit questions about this topic which you'd like to ask Mr. Burnett to office@stbs-md.org by Monday, January 18.

The 40 West Office is open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm for food and financial help on a first-come, first-serve basis. Tickets will be given out at the office door. Masks are required and there will be limited seating inside the office. The Center is also open on Wednesdays from 1:00 to 4:00 pm by appointment only for help with utility turn-off and evictions (for clients living in Zip Codes 21229 and 21207). Call 410-233-4357 to schedule an appointment.

A quick look at events in the coming weeks ...

January 20 A Zoom Town Hall Meeting with City Councilman Kristerfer Burnett takes place at 6:00 pm.

January 23 Hope Harbor sponsors a **Virtual BINGO Fundraiser** from 2:00 to 3:30 pm. Tickets are available at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/virtual-bingo-tickets-133794080697>.

January 24 Michael Soderstrand leads us in a **Faith Forum** conversation about **Christian Unity** on Zoom at 9:00 am.

We welcome **The Right Reverend Robert Ihloff** for an Episcopal Visitation at our 10:00 am worship.

January 30 The St. B's **Women's Retreat** takes place via Zoom on Saturday, January 30, from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm. Flo Ledyard and Katharine Armentrout will lead us as we wrestle with what “Tikkun Olam” means and what is required of us to repair or improve God's world. It would be helpful to know who would like to come, so please contact Maggie Caldwell at mcaldwell@stbs-md.org to add your name to the list. Anyone is welcome, so why not invite a friend — from near or far — to come!

A blazing beacon moment of the week: _____ !



Tired of being in the house?
Want to interact with others?
Join Hope Harbor and have fun playing Bingo virtually

Saturday January 23, 2020
2:00 PM to 3:30 PM

Tickets are \$20.00 (plus processing fee) for one card
Additional cards are \$10.00 apiece

Purchase tickets at Eventbrite through this link:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/virtual-bingo-tickets-133794080697>



2021 Women's Retreat

led by Katharine Armentrout and Flo Ledyard

Saturday, January 30 from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm

TIKKUN OLAM

The Hebrew phrase **tikkun olam** literally means to do something with the world that will not only fix any damage, but also improve upon it, preparing it to enter the ultimate state for which it was created.

Which implies that the world God created is in need of repair.

Hard to argue with that!

So what is in need of repair?

How would we know it was repaired?

What will it take from me/from us?

This year the Women's Retreat will wrestle with these questions and what tikkun olam means and requires of us.

All in one day on Zoom! Pretty awesome, I dare say. But also important and critical to us as people of faith in a pretty wonky world.

So put the day of January 30th, 2021 aside. Come and join Katharine Armentrout and Flo Ledyard from 9:30 in the morning until 3:30 in the afternoon as we grapple. It will be interesting, intriguing but also uplifting. Not a bad combo.

***In order to help plan for small group discussions, please let us know if you are coming!
You can email Maggie Caldwell at mcaldwell@stbs-md.org
and she will gather "THE LIST."***

And it is a great time to invite anyone else you think might enjoy this topic and conversation — cuz wherever they are, they can join as well!

In the meantime, we will send out a link as always.

— Flo

St. Bartholomew's MLK Day Food Drive – Re-Imagined!

Due to the pandemic, St. Bartholomew's will not be able to do a neighborhood food drive, as is our usual tradition on MLK day. However, the pantry shelves at 40 West Assistance and Referral still need stocking. Support our neighbors and honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. by giving a financial contribution to 40 West. Funds will be used to purchase food at bulk rate from the Maryland Food Bank

In return, you'll be entered to win one of six raffle prizes!
prizes donated by St. B's parishioners

To participate, just return this form with your check made payable to 40 West Assistance and Referral to: 40 West Assistance and Referral, 4711 Edmonson Ave., Baltimore, Maryland 21229. Paypal is also accepted at the 40 West website: 40West.org. If you use Paypal and want to enter the raffle, you must still mail in this form or email info@40west.org with the information below.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Email address: _____

For every \$5.00 you donate, you become eligible for one raffle ticket for one of the prizes below. Indicate how many \$5.00 tickets you are purchasing per item.

- _____ Orioles basket (#10 jersey, bobblehead, commemorative books)
- _____ Two David Winter cottages, with certificates of authenticity, and one David Winter wall plaque
- _____ Wine accessory basket (corkscrew, 2 glasses, glass charms, etc.)
- _____ Autographed cookbook "Nothing Fancy" by Alison Roman
- _____ Autographed cookbook "Dining In" by Alison Roman
- _____ Picnic basket with plates, napkins, utensils, etc.
- _____ I do not wish to enter the raffle

Raffle closes January 31, 2021.

Winners will be notified after the drawing, on Valentine's Day, February 14th, 2021.

MLK Day Food Drive Raffle Prizes



Orioles Basket



David Winter Cottages & Plaque



Wine Accessories Basket



Picnic Basket



Autographed Cookbooks
by Alison Roman

READ IT

This week's Bible story is

Jesus'

Baptism

from Mark 1:4-11.



Baptism of
Our Lord

Through baptism, we remember that we are beloved children of God!

Ask each other what you remember about:

- John the Baptist • Jordan River
- Repentance • Dove

Some people wondered if John the Baptist was Elijah, an Old Testament prophet who was taken up to heaven in a chariot of fire in 2 Kings. The prophet Malachi had foretold Elijah's reappearance before the coming of the Messiah, and people thought John could be the one.

Read the whole story together in the Bible!

Spark Story Bible pages 242-245

Spark Bible page 1100

Family Prayer

Dear God, As children of your kingdom, we pray that you guide us and protect us every day. Help us remember that through baptism we become part of your family. Thank you for welcoming us as your beloved children. Amen.

TALK ABOUT IT



Family Conversations

- 1 How do you think Jesus felt when he was baptized?
- 2 Do you remember your baptism? Share how you felt on that day, or on the day someone close to you was baptized.
- 3 What kinds of people do you think came to be baptized by John? Was it rich people? Poor people? Both? Why do you think these people came out to the Jordan River?
- 4 What does repentance mean? What did John the Baptist say about repentance?



Eye Spark

When you see a body of water like a lake or an ocean, remember how the sacrament of baptism symbolizes our lives as children of God.



Ear Spark

When you hear the pastor say, "In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit" in church, remember how we are baptized into God's family with these words.

LIVE IT

For families to do together

Make a collage titled, "God's Beloved Child." Include pictures and drawings to show what makes each family member special as a child of God. How has God blessed you as part of God's kingdom? Display the collage at home and add to it when you think of new ideas.

For younger kids

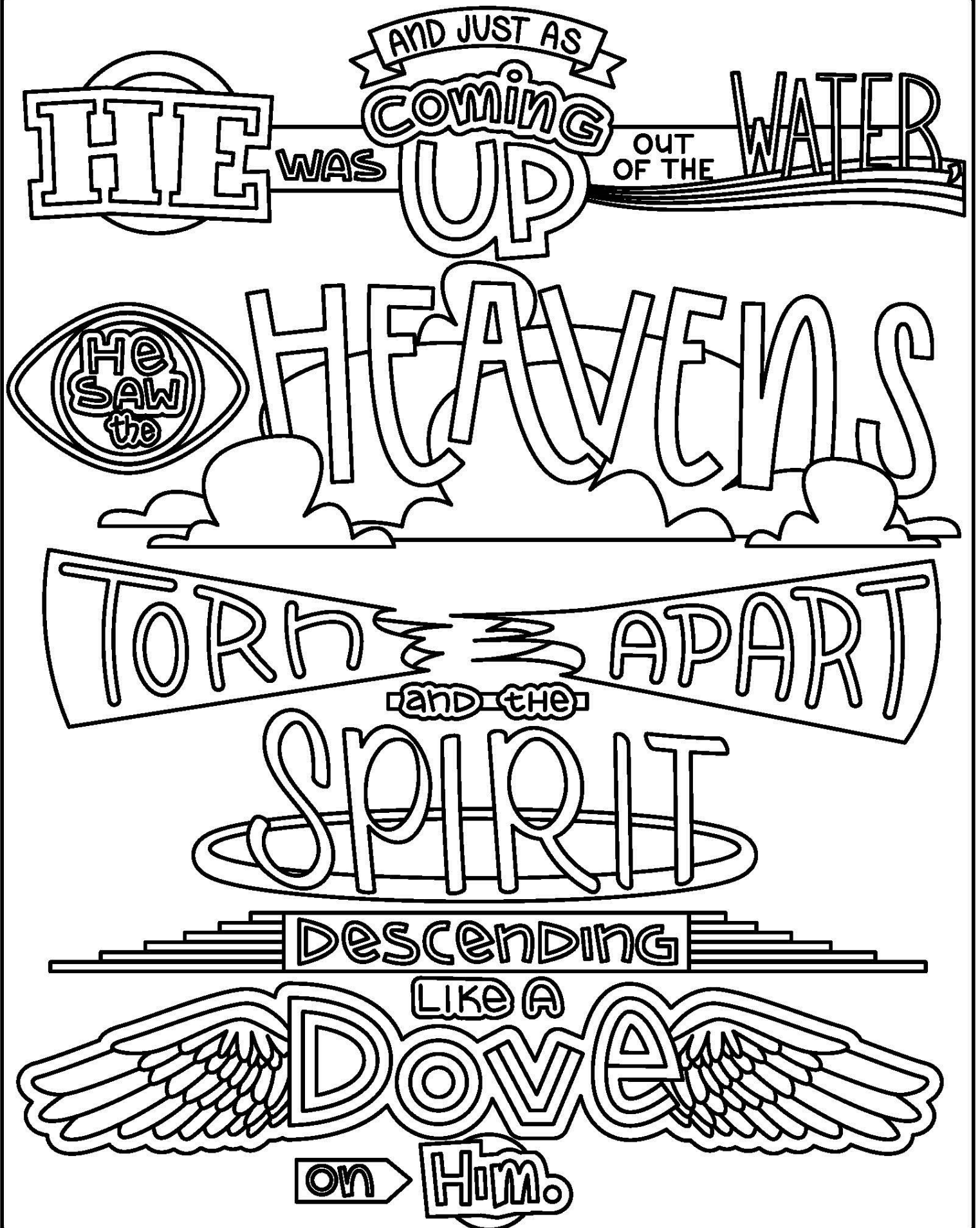
Look at pictures of your baptism or a family member's baptism. Ask the people in your family to share stories about what they remember happening on that special day.

For older kids

Baptism is one of the big Christian sacraments, but there are more! Go online and research different Christian sacraments. What makes something a sacrament?



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