





peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -



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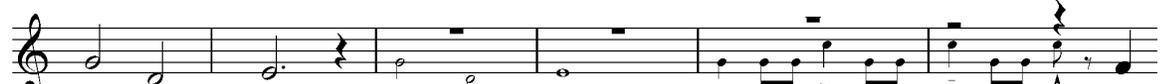
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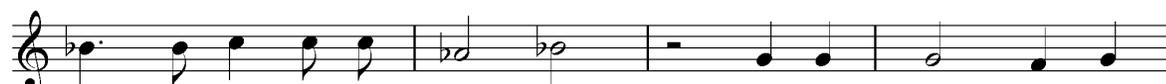
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## The Collect of the Day

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*Celebrant* The Lord 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. **Amen.**

## The Lessons *All are seated*

### The First Reading

Genesis 1:1-5

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* The Word of the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

### Psalm 29 *Read in unison*

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 Reading

Acts 19:1-7

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*        The Word of the Lord.

***People***        **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand*

**Alleluia**        *Sung by all*



## The Gospel

Mark 1:4-11

*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."

*Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## The Sermon

*All are seated*

The Rev'd Gus Chrysson

## The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

*All stand*

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*Celebrant* 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.**

*The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows*

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.**

## **The Prayers of the People**

For the church of Christ and its leaders, for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Samuel and Anne, our Bishops; the St Mary's clergy and staff, for all bishops, priests, deacons, and lay leaders in the church; for our companion dioceses of Botswana and Costa Rica; for the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand, and Polynesia; and for Church of the Good Shepherd, Asheboro, St John's, Battleboro, and Church of the Holy Comforter, Burlington, that all may faithfully proclaim the good news of salvation and care for the needs of God's people in all corners of the world, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For St Mary's Church and its Search Committee, that the Holy Spirit will guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, so that St Mary's may receive a faithful, wise and compassionate pastor, to care for its people and equip them for their ministries, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For peace in our troubled world, for Donald, our president, Joe, our president-elect, Roy, our governor, Jay, our mayor, and for the mayors and the elected leaders in our

various communities; for an end to racism, violence, and all divisions that plague our communities; for all refugees, immigrants, and their children; and for the well-being of all people, that the darkness of violence and injustice may be replaced by the light of peace and love, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all those in need of our prayers: the homeless, the unemployed, the hungry, those in prison, and all those for whom this season is one not of joy but of trial and sadness, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those who are ill or suffering in body, mind, or spirit, especially those with Covid-19 and for Jerry Duncan, Jesse Wilson, Betty Handy, Helen Congdon, Linda Nitz, Haley & Michael Walsh, Elizabeth Adkins Flowers, Bill Fenn, Becca Page Forrest, Mary Gordon, Margaret Lewis, Khaleesi Grant, Christi White, Tom Capraro, Rick Manning, Mary Darby, Dan Haworth, Ann Miressi, Tom & Wendy Needham, Sarah Owen, Jane Freeze, James Pardue, Judge Rogers, Edna Landon, Gloria Morris, Harriet Ray that their illnesses may be turned into health and the sorrow into rejoicing, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those who work on behalf of others: healthcare and medical personnel, first responders, those in law enforcement, the military, and firefighters, those who provide essential services, last responders, and all those who are away from those they love, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

*At this time, we observe a moment of silence as your own prayers are invited, either aloud or in the silence of your hearts.*

In thanksgiving we remember the lives of those who have gone before us in the faith, especially those who have died from Covid-19, that we, like them, may remain faithful to the end and live forever in the light of your eternal glory, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant* O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## Confession of Sin

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*The Deacon says*

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.**

*Standing, the Priest says*

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

*All stand*

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

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

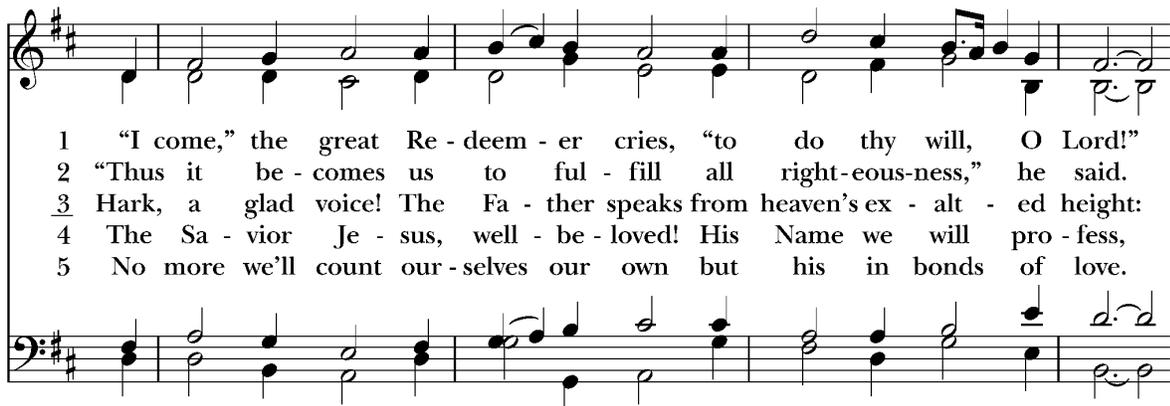
*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## The Holy Communion

*All are seated and the altar is prepared.*

## The Offertory Hymn 116

*Sung by all*



1 "I come," the great Re - deem - er cries, "to do thy will, O Lord!"  
2 "Thus it be - comes us to ful - fill all right-eous-ness," he said.  
3 Hark, a glad voice! The Fa - ther speaks from heaven's ex - alt - ed height:  
4 The Sa - vior Je - sus, well - be - loved! His Name we will pro - fess,  
5 No more we'll count our - selves our own but his in bonds of love.



1 At Jor - dan's stream, be - hold! He seals the sure pro - phet - ic word.  
2 Then, faith - ful to the Lord's com - mands, through Jor - dan's flood was led.  
3 "This is my Son, my well - be - loved, in whom I take de - light."  
4 like him de - sir - ous to ful - fill God's will in right-eous - ness.  
5 Oh, may such bonds for ev - er draw our souls to things a - bove!

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## The Great Thanksgiving

*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 Celebrant 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; because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our 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:

**Sanctus & Benedictus**

*Sung by all*

Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
 ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
 heaven 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.

*The Celebrant 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,

*Celebrant and People*

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

*The Celebrant 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 the ever-Blessed Virgin Mary 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.**

And now, as our Savior 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, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

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*Alleluia. Pascha nostrum*

*This setting is not used in Lent.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
there - fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*The Celebrant says*

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.

**An Act of Spiritual Communion** (for those watching from home)

Lord Christ, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to at least come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my being. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. **Amen.**

**Music at the Communion**

Lord Jesus Christ, you are here

Max Reger

*After Communion, all stand and the Celebrant says*

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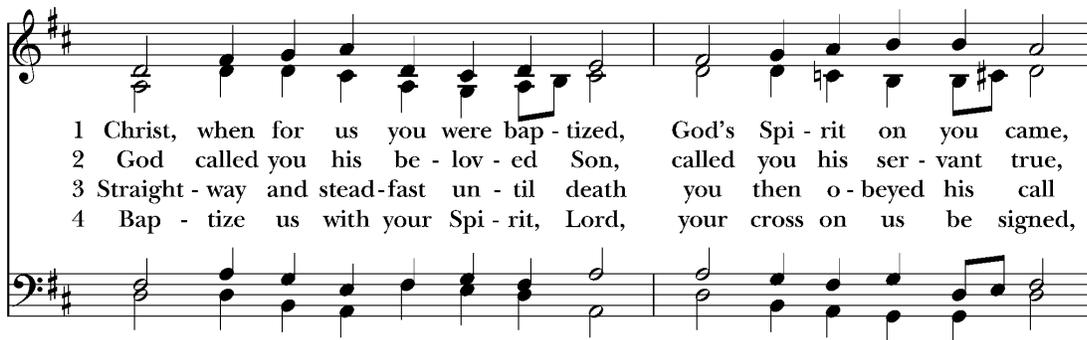
Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

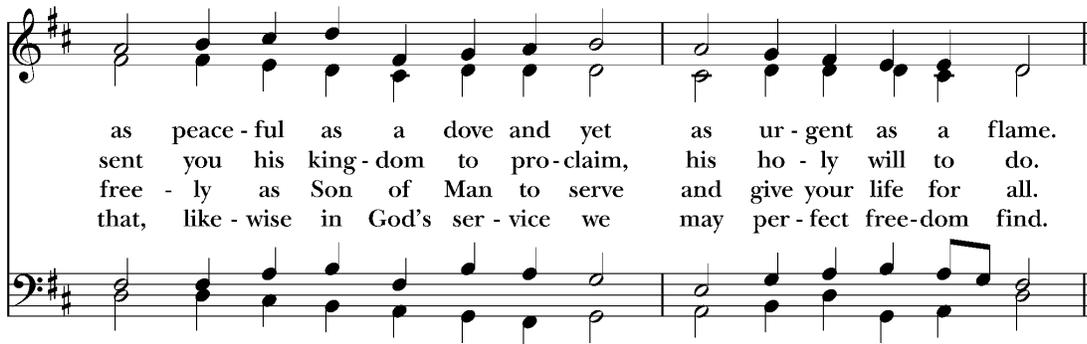
Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn 121

*Sung by all*



1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spi - rit on you came,  
2 God called you his be - lov - ed Son, called you his ser - vant true,  
3 Straight - way and stead - fast un - til death you then o - beyed his call  
4 Bap - tize us with your Spi - rit, Lord, your cross on us be signed,



as peace - ful as a dove and yet as ur - gent as a flame.  
sent you his king - dom to pro - claim, his ho - ly will to do.  
free - ly as Son of Man to serve and give your life for all.  
that, like - wise in God's ser - vice we may per - fect free - dom find.

*The Celebrant blesses the people*

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*Then the Deacon dismisses them with these words*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
**People** Thanks be to God.

**Voluntary**

Dan Locklair

...the heavens were opened... [Baptism Dance] from *Windows of Comfort*



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