

The Baptism of our Lord  
Epiphany 1

Sunday  
13 January 2019  
10:30 AM

**Welcome to Saint James this weekend.**

*We welcome you to our live-streamed service.*

*We celebrate the baptism of Timothy Zeller Clark,  
Son of Kristy & Gene Clark.*

*To prepare our hearts and minds for worship,  
we seek to share quiet and silence before our services.*

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*The flowers on the Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
Virginia & Jules Weatherlow, Elva & Oscar Shelley, and  
The Rev. Dr. Roger Pickering.*

**Voluntaries**

*Houston* (hymn tune)

Rebecca G. Te Velde  
(b.1956)

*Epiphany* (hymn tune)

Alan Bullard  
(b.1947)

## Processional Hymn

Hymnal 135

1. Songs of thankfulness and praise,  
Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise,  
manifested by the star  
to the sages from afar;  
branch of royal David's stem  
in thy birth at Bethlehem;  
anthems be to thee addressed,  
God in man made manifest.

2. Manifest at Jordan's stream,  
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;  
and at Cana, wedding-guest,  
in thy Godhead manifest;  
manifest in power divine,  
changing water into wine;  
anthems be to thee addressed,  
God in man made manifest.

3. Manifest in making whole  
palsied limbs and fainting soul;  
manifest in valiant fight,  
quelling all the devil's might;  
manifest in gracious will,  
ever bringing good from ill;  
anthems be to thee addressed,  
God in man made manifest.

4. Manifest on mountain height,  
shining in resplendent light,  
where disciples filled with awe  
thy transfigured glory saw.  
When from there thou leddest them  
steadfast to Jerusalem,  
cross and Easter Day attest  
God in man made manifest.

## The Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People** **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*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 for Purity

**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.**

## Confession and Forgiveness

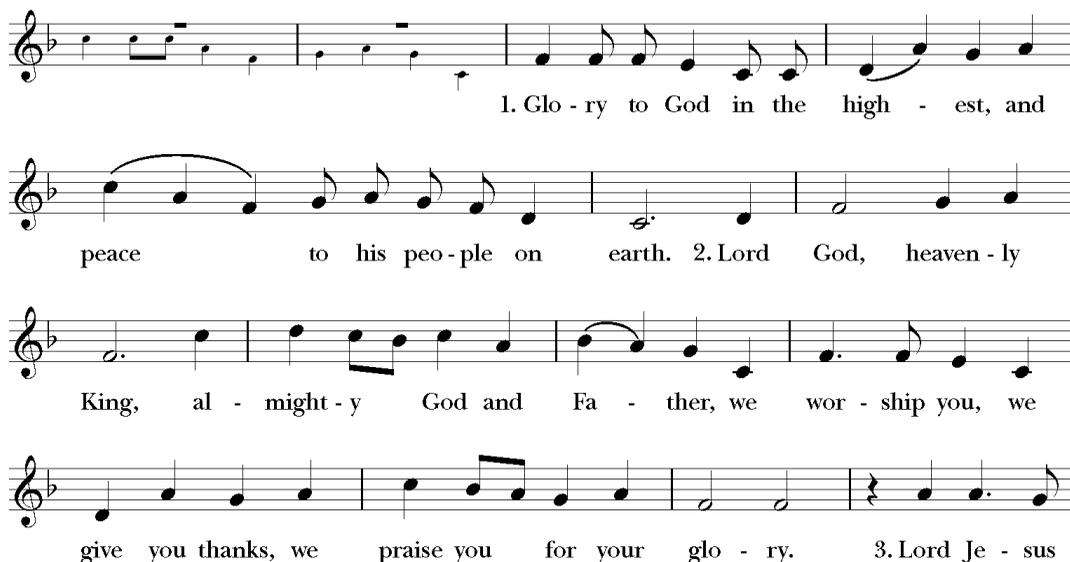
*Silence may be kept.*

**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.**

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 Gloria

Hymnal S-280



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heav - en - 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



High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the



glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## **The Collect of the Day**

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **Invitation to Children's Chapel**

### **Liturgy of the Word**

#### **Isaiah 43:1-7**

A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

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.

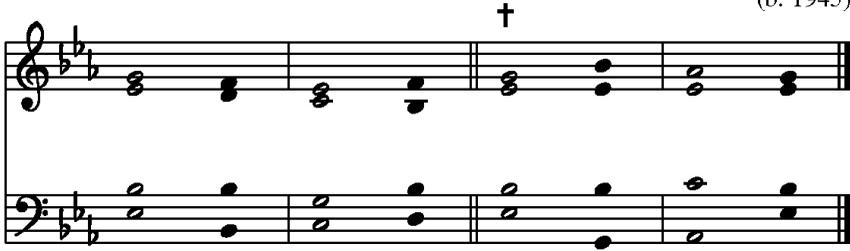
I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will 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."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 29 (sung by choir and congregation)

Robert Knox Kennedy  
(b. 1945)



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- 1 Ascribe to the Lord you **gods**; \*  
ascribe to the Lord glory and **strength**.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his **Name**; \*  
worship the Lord in the beauty of **holiness**.
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory **thunders**; \*  
the Lord is upon the mighty **waters**.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful **voice**; \*  
the voice of the Lord is a voice of **splendor**.
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the **cedar trees**; \*  
the Lord breaks the cedars of **Lebanon**;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a **calf**; \*  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild **ox**.
- 7 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**.
- 8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees **writhe** \*  
and strips the forests **bare**.
- 9 And in the temple of the **Lord** \*  
all are crying "**Glory!**"
- 10 The Lord sits enthroned above the **flood**; \*  
the Lord sits enthroned as King for ever **more**.
- 11† The Lord shall give strength to his **people**; \*  
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of **peace**.

## Acts 8:14-17

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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.

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## Gospel Acclamation

John L. Hooker

Congregation



Al - le - lu - ia, \_\_\_\_\_ Al - le - lu - ia \_\_\_\_\_ Al - le - lu - ia.

Choir



We do not live on bread a - lone, but on ev' ry word that comes from the mouth of God.

Congregation



Al - le - lu - ia, \_\_\_\_\_ Al - le - lu - ia, \_\_\_\_\_ Al - le - lu - ia.

## **Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

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

**Glory to you, Lord 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 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

# Gospel Acclamation

Congregation

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Choir

Bless-ed are you fath-er in heav-en, you have re-vealed to us the truths of life.

Congregation

Al - le - lu - ia, \_\_\_\_\_ Al - le - lu - ia \_\_\_\_\_ Al - le - lu - ia.

# The Sermon

## Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

*The Celebrant says:*

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*Then the candidates unable to answer for themselves are presented individually by their Parents and Godparents, as follows:*

*Parents and Godparents:*

I present Timothy Zeller Clark to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*When all have been presented the Celebrant asks the parents and Godparents*

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents and Godparents:*

I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant:*

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Parents and Godparents:*

I will, with God's help.

*Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children:*

*Question*      Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

**Answer**        **I renounce them.**

*Question*      Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

**Answer**        **I renounce them.**

*Question*      Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

**Answer**        **I renounce them.**

*Question* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

**Answer** I do.

*Question* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

**Answer** I do.

*Question* Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

**Answer** I do.

*After the candidates have been presented and questioned, the Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

**People** We will.

*The Celebrant then says these or similar words*

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## **The Baptismal Covenant**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?

**People** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

*Celebrant* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People** I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?  
**People** **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

*Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers ?  
**People** **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?  
**People** **I will, with God's help.**

*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.**

## **Prayers for the Candidates**

*The Celebrant then says to the congregation*

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

*The clergy, acolytes, and family move to the font*

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

**People** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Open his heart to your grace and truth.

**People** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

**People** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant says*

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **Thanksgiving over the Water**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*Celebrant* We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water...

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. There 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.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

## **The Baptism and Prayers**

*Timothy*, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

*Timothy*, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*Celebrant and People*

**We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

## **The Peace**

## Offertory Music

### *Descend, O Spirit*

Griffith Hugh Jones  
(1849-1919)

Descend, O Spirit, purging flame,  
Brand us this day with Jesus' name!  
Confirm our faith, consume our doubt;  
Sign us as Christ's, within, without.

Forbid us not this second birth;  
Grant unto us the greater worth!  
Conscript us in your service, Lord;  
Baptize all nations with your word.

### *Arise, Shine, for Thy Light Is Come*

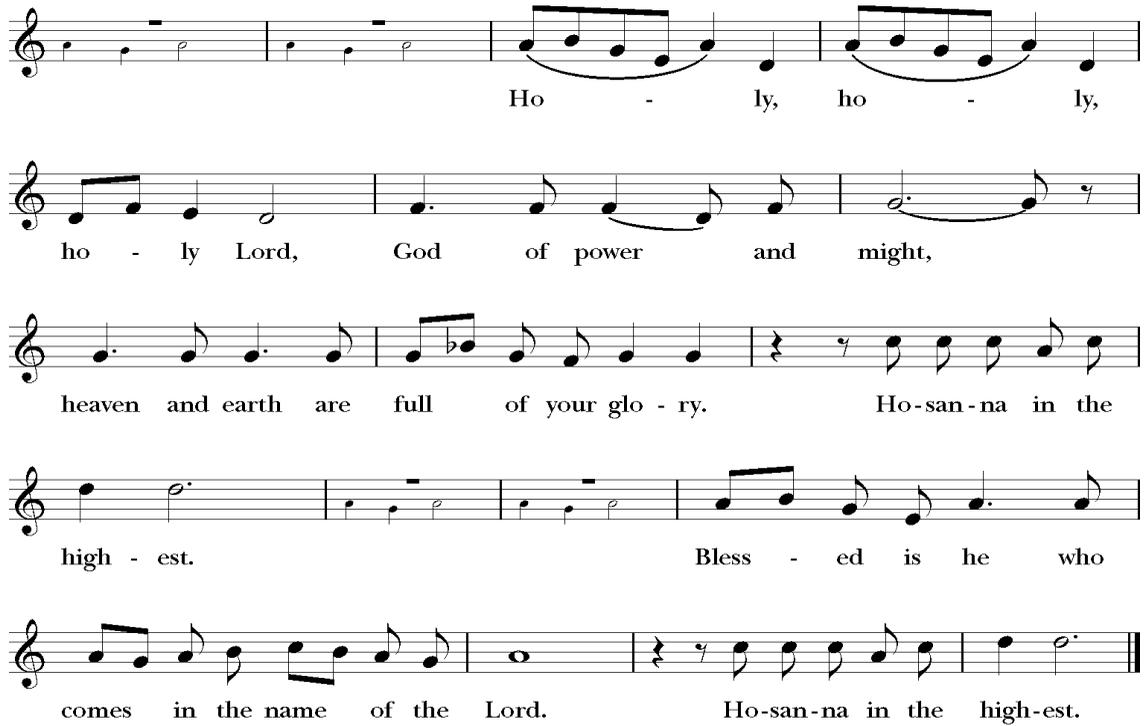
Healey Willan  
(1880-1968)

Arise, shine, for thy Light is come,  
And the glory O the Lord is risen upon thee.  
Alleluia.  
Oh, praise the Lord, all ye nations,  
And laud Him, all ye people!  
For his merciful kindness is great toward us,  
And the truth of the Lord endureth forever.  
Alleluia!



# Sanctus

Hyman S-128



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 until:*

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

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

*The Celebrant continues until:*

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.**

Let us pray for the coming of God's kingdom in the words our Savior taught us.

**The Lord's Prayer**

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# The Fraction

## Agnus Dei

Hymnal S-161

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

*All Christians are welcome to make their Communion with bread and wine or by bread alone. Gluten-free wafers are available. If you prefer not to receive, we invite you to come forward for a blessing or to remain in your pew as you wish.*

## Communion Motet

Johann Friedrich Doles

*Praise We Now the Word of Grace*

(1715-1797)

Praise we now the word of grace;  
May our minds its truth embrace;  
From its pages may we hear  
Christ our teacher, speaking clear.

May the gospel of the Lord  
Everywhere be spread abroad,  
That the world around be shown  
Christ as king, and Christ alone.

## Communion Hymn

Hymnal 121

1. Christ, when for us you were  
baptized,  
God's Spirit on you came,  
as peaceful as a dove and yet  
as urgent as a flame.

2. God called you his beloved Son,  
called you his servant true,  
sent you his kingdom to proclaim,  
his holy will to do.

3. Straightway and steadfast until  
death  
you then obeyed his call  
freely as Son of Man to serve  
and give your life for all.

4. Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord,  
your cross on us be signed,  
that, likewise in God's service we  
may perfect freedom find.

## The Post Communion Prayer

**Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament, you give substance to our hope.  
Bring us at the last to that pure life for which we long; through Jesus Christ  
our Lord. Amen.**

## The Commissioning of Eucharistic Visitors

*Celebrant* In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

**People** **We who are many are one body because we all share one bread and one cup.**

## The Blessing & Dismissal

May Christ draw you to humility and worship, and bring you to see God at work in us all. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Recessional Hymn

Hymnal 637

1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent word! What more can he say than to you he hath said, to you that for refuge to Jesus have fled?

2. "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed! For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid; I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

3. "When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow; for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

4. "When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply; the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

5. "The soul that to Jesus hath fled for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes; that soul, though all hell shall endeavor to shake, I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

**Voluntary**

*Improvisation*