

THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL LESSON

LUKE 3:15-17, 21-22

The Baptism of Jesus by James Tissot (1836 - 1902)

## The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ

January 9, 2022 Welcome!

Feel the love!

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Rob Cavanna *Happy New Year!* 

## Welcome guests to our Faith Community!

Holy Trinity is a place where you can connect with people you can relate to and where you'll find lasting relationships.



THANK YOU FOR BEING QUIET BEFORE THE SERVICE SO PEOPLE CAN PRAY! Please turn off all electronic devices throughout the service out of respect for others and the liturgy!

We're glad to have you with us today, in person or on Facebook! If you're visiting, please sign the Guest Book which is on the table outside the door into the Parish Hall. Be sure to print your mailing address as well as your email address. We'll send you a complimentary E Meditation and weekly E Newsletter.

Invite your friends and neighbors to participate!

**Prelude** Bea Bastyr

Please stand as able

**Opening Hymn** 

"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

Hymn #616

## The Liturgy of the Word

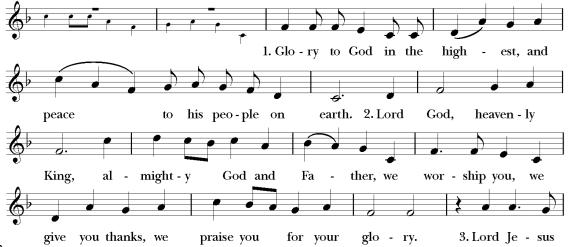
## **Opening Sentences**

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

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

#### Celebrant

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

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**.

Gracious God, who kindled in your servants Richard Meux Benson and Charles Gore the grace to lead a revival of monastic life: Grant us also the resolve to serve you faithfully in contemplation and prayer, ministering to the world that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.** 

God of justice, in your wisdom you create all people in your image, without exception.

Through your goodness, open our eyes to see the dignity, beauty, and worth of every human being. Open our minds to understand that all your children are brothers and sisters in the same human family. Open our hearts to repent of racist attitudes, behaviors, and speech which demean others. Open our ears to hear the cries of those wounded by racial discrimination, and their passionate appeals for change. Strengthen our resolve to make amends for past injustices and to right the wrongs of history. And fill us with courage that we might seek to heal wounds, build bridges, forgive and be forgiven, and establish peace and equality for all in our communities. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen**.

The People sit.

#### The First Lesson

Isaiah 43:1-7

*Lector* A Reading from Isaiah.

[The Lord assures Israel that they are God's chosen people. They are not to fear; God will save them.]

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."

(pause)

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

## People Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 29

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 Lesson**

Acts 8:14-17

*Lector* A Reading from Acts.

[The spread of the early church as converts are received from among the Samaritans.]

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.

(pause)

Lector The Word of the Lord. People **Thanks be to God.** 

**Sequence Hymn** "Christ, When for Us You were Baptized" Hymn #121 *Please stand as able.* 

Gospel Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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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."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## The Sermon/Message

The Rev. Dr. Rob Cavanna

(Silence and Reflection)

Here is a little space for you to make notes of things you want to remember.

Please stand as able.

## The Nicene Creed

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 t

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 and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped 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.

## **Prayers of the People**

People kneel or stand as able.

Celebrant:

You have baptized your Church with the Holy Spirit and fire, O Heavenly One; you have called us by name and we are yours: Hear our prayers on behalf of your whole creation, and let your creative power go forth, as we pray: God shall give strength to the people; God shall give the people the blessing of peace.

Leader Our Gracious God, you have declared that we are precious in your sight and honored, and you have given to your Church the anointing of the Holy Spirit: Grant that we may faithfully uphold our baptismal vows and share in the reconciling work of Christ.

God shall give strength to the people;

## God shall give the people the blessing of peace.

Your voice, O God, is a powerful voice which splits the flames of fire and shakes the wilderness: Guide the leaders of our nation and all in authority with your power and wisdom, that they may serve your purpose of compassion for all.

God shall give strength to the people;

## God shall give the people the blessing of peace.

You are the Creator of all humankind: Redeem those who are threatened by waters or fire, by terrors or threat, by exile or confinement; bring your sons from far away and your daughters from the ends of the earth.

God shall give strength to the people;

## God shall give the people the blessing of peace.

Your creative grace is present throughout this growing faith community of Holy Trinity: Bless our neighbors and the West Metro region that we may serve one another in the beauty of holiness.

God shall give strength to the people;

## God shall give the people the blessing of peace.

Your Holy Spirit has descended this day upon those who are baptized in your Name, and your voice has proclaimed from heaven that they are your beloved

children: Bless all who receive the sacrament of new birth today.

God shall give strength to the people;

## God shall give the people the blessing of peace.

You have formed every human being for your glory: Hear our intercessions on behalf of the children of Holy Trinity.

In your temple we praise your glory and give you thanks, especially for the many guests we welcome all year long.

You gather your offspring from all directions and call them by name; receive into your heavenly glory those who have died.

God shall give strength to the people;

## God shall give the people the blessing of peace.

#### Celebrant:

Gracious and loving God, your Church is filled with expectation at the promise of your heavenly blessing, and we ascribe to you the glory due your Name: Let the heavens open and send forth your Holy Spirit to anoint your children in the name of the Holy Trinity, in whom we live and move and have our being, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

#### **Confession of Sin**

Please kneel or stand as able.

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

Celebrant 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.

## Celebrant

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**

Celebrant The Peace of the Christ Child be always in your heart and with you.

People And also with you.

## **The Holy Communion**

Celebrant

 $_{_{8}}$  Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of

praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name.

But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. *Hebrews 13:14, 15* 

**Offertory** Bea Bastyr

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Please stand as able.

## The Doxology

Celebrant and People

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.

Hymn #380

# The Great Thanksgiving The Holy Communion Eucharistic Prayer 2, Enriching Our Worship 1

Celebrant The Lord be with you. People And also with you. Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

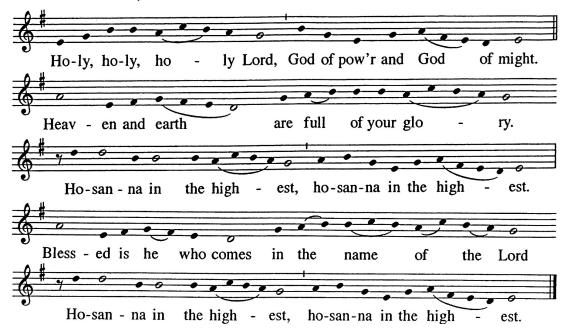
**People** We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:



The people kneel or stand.

## Celebrant

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us with Richard Meux Benson and Charles Gore and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

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

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

## The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us.

People Happy are those who are called to the supper of the lamb.

**Fraction Anthem** "Now the Silence, Now the Peace" Hymnal #333

*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. This is God's table and all baptized persons are invited to receive communion.

This is God's table and all baptized persons are invited to receive communion. You may kneel or stand to receive the Holy Sacrament. If you cannot come to the front, we will bring Communion to you. **No one should be embarrassed to have Holy Communion brought to them.** 

The bread and Chalice are given to the communicants with these words: The

Body (Blood) of Our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. Person responds: **Amen.** 

## **Spiritual Communion—Act of Reception**

For those participating on Facebook!

*Celebrant* In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, let us now say together The Prayer for Reception.

I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. And particularly for the blessings given me....(pause to think of your blessings) I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. 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.

**Communion Hymn** "The Sinless One to Jordan Came" Hymn #120

## **Prayer after Communion**

Please kneel or stand.

Celebrant Let us pray

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

## **Announcements**

Please kneel or stand.

## The Final Blessing

Do not fear, for God has redeemed you; God has called you by name and you belong to God **Amen.** 

Do not fear, for Christ is with you, and you are God's child, beloved, precious in God's sight and honored. **Amen.** 

Do not fear, for the heavens have opened and you have been baptized with Holy Spirit and fire so that nothing may overwhelm or consume you. **Amen.** 

And the blessing of our generous God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you, and remain with you always. **Amen.** 

#### The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in Christ's birth and bringing light to a broken world.

**People** Thanks be to God.

**Postlude** Bea Bastyr

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## NORTH STAR BOYS' CHOIR TO PERFORM AT HOLY TRINITY JAN. 30, 2022

The highly acclaimed North Star Boys' Choir will be performing during our 10:00 am worship on January 30, 2022. Their repertoire will include both sacred and secular songs as well as barbershop quartet music.

You won't want to miss this spectacular service of beautiful harmony and beautiful music!

## **Liturgy Ministry Rota**—Epiphany Season

Altar Guild: Jane Lindenfelser and Ann Wedl

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Ministry	Jan. 2nd	Jan. 9th	<u>Jan. 16th</u>	Jan. 23rd
Greeter	Dick Anderson	Dan Krieger	Ginny Anderson	Jeanne Simonsen
Usher	Jerry Waite	Dave Raitz	Ben Bastyr	Gary Wedl
Acolyte	Daryl Herrmann	Elijah Campbell	Mo Campbell	Lyla Aaland
1st Reader	Mo Campbell	Daryl Herrmann	Larry Brugger	Gail Weber
2nd Reader	Jane Lindenfelser	Gail Weber	Daryl Herrmann	Dustin Campbell
Prayers	N/A	Mary Brugger	Pauline Hoffine	Jane Lindenfelser

Please! If you're not able to serve, please find your replacement.

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE TRINITARIANS AND THEIR LOVED ONES THIS WEEK

For ourselves, and for our families, and all those we love, especially for Annette, Ro, Barbara, Dan, Michelle, Angie, Jarrod, Ed G., Briana, Shirley I, Dave, Jessica, Jennice, Rochelle, Gill, Torney, Marion, Mary Jo, Doris, Mark, Linus, Sherry, David, Chris, Emily, Mike, Ray, Carl, Catherine, Michael all the residents and staff of Guardian Angels, Guardian Angels Board of Directors, Committees and Search Committee, Open Doors for Youth and Feed My Starving Children.

#### **Our Mission Statement**



Holy Trinity is a diverse, multi-cultural, church unified in Holy Communion and grounded in the Gospel. We embrace all people as equally beloved children of God. We are committed to acting as the hands and feet of Jesus, expressing His love in the world while lifting each other up in community.



Special Blessings to all our *January* Birthday Trinitarians!

01 – Kylie Sheck 13 – Mikayla Warner 26 – Stephanie Krieger

08 – AP Hopper 17 – Sherry Tyler 29 – Eloise Krieger

12 – Ben Bastyr 22 – Dan Krieger 30 – Tammy Whiteoak

## A SPECIAL MESSAGE FOR YOU OUR GUEST!

We extend a special welcome this morning to those who are single, married, divorced, gay, filthy rich, dirt poor and yo no hablo Ingles. We extend a special welcome to those who are crying newborns, skinny as a rail or could afford to lose a few pounds. We welcome you if you can sing like Andrea Bocelli or you can't carry a note in a bucket. You're welcome here if you're "just browsing," just woke up or just got out of jail. We don't care if you haven't been in church since little Bobbie's Baptism. We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet, and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome soccer moms, NASCAR dads, starving artists, tree-huggers, latte-sippers, vegetarians, junk-food eaters. We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted. We welcome you if you're having problems or you're down in the dumps or if you don't like "organized religion". We've been there too. If you blew all your offering money at the horse track, you're welcome here. We offer a special welcome to those who think the earth is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spell, or because Grandma is in town and wanted to go to church. We welcome those who are inked, pierced or both. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down your throat as a kid or got lost in traffic and wound up here by mistake. We welcome tourists, seekers and doubters, bleeding hearts and YOU to Holy Trinity!

Fr. Rob and all the Holy Trinity Faith Community.

The Baptism of our Lord

The manifestation to the wise men is only the first of the events that are celebrated in the season of Epiphany. In the Orthodox churches, the wise men are remembered on Christmas and January 6th, known as Theophany, is a celebration of the second great manifestation of the Messiah, the Baptism of Jesus by his cousin John the Baptist in the Jordan River. This event is generally celebrated in the West on the first Sunday after Epiphany, that is, on the first Sunday in the season of Epiphany that stretches from January 6th until Shrove Tuesday, the day before the beginning of Lent. The Baptism of our Lord introduces another important symbol to the celebration, water. At his Baptism, Jesus is revealed to the world as the promised Messiah, the beloved Son of God, the second Person of the Holy Trinity, of the same Being, or Substance, as the Father and the Holy Spirit. At our Baptism, we are illumined by the Holy Spirit and made one with Christ, to share his divinity even as he shares our humanity.

In the West, the principal custom relating to this aspect of the feast is the blessing of water. The blessing is performed on the Feast of the Epiphany. It may be part of the rite of Holy Baptism which has been administered on this day since the fourth century. However, water may be blessed whether or not there are baptisms and the water may be taken by the faithful to be used at home for the blessing of the home with chalk. In the East, the blessing of water is often accompanied by other customs. Frequently, the blessing is performed at a river or on a seacoast. In tsarist times in St. Petersburg, the

blessing took place at the River Neva opposite the Winter Palace and was attended by the royal family. In Orthodox countries, some of the faithful immerse themselves in the blessed water as an act of devotion. In Greece, a cross is thrown into the water and boys and men dive into the water to retrieve it. The person who retrieves the cross is said to have good luck in the coming year.

The traditional blessing of water is based on a prayer written by Sophronius, Patriarch of Jerusalem in the seventh century. Since Baptism is the principal idea behind the custom of blessing water on Epiphany, the Thanksgiving over the Water in the baptismal rite of the Prayer Book would serve quite well for the blessing and it is entirely appropriate to bless the water in the Font. If there happen to be baptisms, all the better. The water may be drained from the Font and distributed to be taken home by the faithful.



**Holy Trinity** is an Episcopal church in the worldwide **Anglican Communion which has 80 million members in over 160 countries.** We grew out of the Protestant Reformation and are both Protestant and reformed Catholic.

Thank you for joining us today.

If you should have any questions, please see Fr. Rob.



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