

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church
First Sunday after the Epiphany
The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ

January 10, 2021 – 8:00 AM
The Holy Eucharist – Rite II



Joachim Patinir - The Baptism of Christ – 1500s

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1. Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free;
to take away transgression, and rule in equity.
2. He comes with succor speedy to those who suffer wrong,
to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;
to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying, were precious in his sight.
5. O'er every foe victorious, he on his throne shall rest;
from age to age more glorious, all blessing and all blest:
the tide of time shall never his covenant remove;
his Name shall stand for ever, his changeless Name of Love.

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

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

The Celebrant continues with the Collect of 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.**

Glory to God – '82 Hymnal – S 280

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,**

you take away the sin of the world:
 have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
 receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
 Jesus Christ,
 with the Holy Spirit,
 in the glory of God the Father. 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.

People **Amen.**

The Lessons *Please be seated*

Old Testament

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.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 29 (read responsively by whole verse)

- 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 evermore.**
- 11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; *
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn *Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized* **’82 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.

Gospel

Mark 1:4-11

✠ 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon (*seated*)

The Nicene Creed (*all standing*)

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**
**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father 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.

The Prayers of the People

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For Daniel our Bishop; for Rodney our priest; and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For Donald our President, Joseph our President-elect, for Thomas our Governor, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this city of Maple Glen; for all of Montgomery and Bucks Counties, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering; especially Pam, Terry, Carol, Mary Lou, Edward, Dick, Karen, Lou, June, Margaret, Constance, Priscilla, Dorothea, Bob, Kathy, Cornelia, and all those with the coronavirus, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this parish of St. Matthew's and our school; that we may serve God faithfully, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all those who serve our nation in the armed forces, and for their families, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives; especially for persecuted Christians, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, especially Phil Lee and Linda Eppes, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace. **Lord, have mercy.**

In the communion of Ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Matthew, our patron, and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God. **To you, O Lord our God.**

General Confession

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

All **Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;**

we have not loved our 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 *(all stand)*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

Offertory *"I Come" The Great Redeemer Cries* **'82 Hymnal – 116**

1. "I come," the great Redeemer cries, "To do thy will, O Lord!"
At Jordan's stream, behold! He seals the sure prophetic word.
4. The Savior, Jesus, well-beloved! His Name we will profess,
like him desirous to fulfill God's will in righteousness.
5. No more we'll count ourselves our own but his in bonds of love.
Oh, may such bonds for ever draw our souls to things above!

Eucharistic Prayer B

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 – '82 Hymnal – S 130

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

✠ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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, Blessed Matthew, our patron, 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,

**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 Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Fraction Anthem – S 164

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:
give us your peace, give us your peace.

The Celebrant then faces the People while elevating the Sacrament and says
✠ The Gifts of God for the people of God.

Spiritual Communion – for those watching online

In union, dear Lord, with the faithful at every altar of the Church where your Blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot at this time receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my soul. I unite myself unto you, and embrace you with all the affections of my heart. Let me never be separated from you. Let me live and die in your Love. Amen.

1. 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.

2. Forbid us not this second birth; grant
unto us the greater worth! Enlist us in your
service, Lord; baptize all nations with your Word.

Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Celebrant says the following blessing

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth, and the blessing of God Almighty, ☩ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

- 1. O love, how deep how broad, how high, how passing
thought and fantasy, that God the Son of
God, should take our mortal form for mortal's sake.

- 2. For us baptized, for us he bore his holy
fast and hungered sore; for us temptations
sharp he know; for us the tempter overthrew.

- 6. All glory to our Lord and God for love so
deep, so high, so broad; the Trinity whom
we adore for ever and for evermore.

Dismissal

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

Life Long Learning

YOUTH MINISTRY

Our Sacred Circle

A Youth Group Kick Off for 2021
 6:00 - 6:45 PM, Wednesday January 27th on Zoom*.
 If you consider yourself a *youth*, you are welcome.

What do you love to do? When do you feel like your true self? What is your creative dream? Where are you headed?

Growing up doesn't only mean getting older — it also means growing into new skills. Have you noticed your violin playing getting a bit better? Seeing your artwork bloom? Watching yourself master new moves and strategies on your sports team? I wonder...

what's next for you? What lays ahead? How is God involved in your creative energy? What is God calling us to create together?

Join me, Fr. Rodney and his family, and our Saint Matt's Youth as we answer these questions and begin a new era for youth ministry at our church — one guided by *your* creative spirit and our collective call to grow and be ALIVE in Christ's spirit. Come as you are. Come to meet new people. Come to rebuild and sustain connections you have been missing. Come to learn about yourself, strategies to enliven your creative spirit, and where God is taking you.

**Though we are virtual for now, we'll begin meeting at Saint Matt's outdoors when it's warmer this Spring. Parents are encouraged to endorse their child's virtual participation until we can gather in-person.*

Join us on 1/27 at 6:00 PM Zoom on 1/27 by clicking this TinyURL: <https://tinyurl.com/y6gmgrnm>

Sunday Morning Stories (Virtual Sunday School, K-5)

Join us today, January 10 @ 8:45 a.m. for our monthly live session on [Zoom!](#) For those who cannot attend, a recording of the session will be made available on our website (saintmattsec.org) for use at home.

We invite you to pick-up free materials for lessons which are available outside the church doors facing the lower parking lot. Each bag contains coloring pages, puzzles, sticker pages and a really fun craft to make for all ages. Please take one bag per family. The materials will remain there while supplies last so that you may drop by to pick up your bag whenever it is convenient. Questions? Please contact Linda Baier, lindajbaier@gmail.com

Adult Forum:

The Adult Forum will be joining with many other Episcopal parishes during Epiphany, reading the Gospel of Mark. Organized by Forward Movement, the Gospel is divided into daily readings, which we will be discussing in our education hour on Sunday mornings. You can find more information

@ www.goodbookclub.org. Please join us! <https://tinyurl.com/LLLForum>

Here is a listing of the remaining dates and the verses covered:

January 10 - Mark 2 through Mark 4

January 17- Mark 5:1-7:13

January 24 - Mark 7:14-9:32

January 31- Mark 9:33-11:33

February 7 - Mark 12:1-14:11

February 14 - Mark 14:12 - 16:20 (end)

Get Acquainted with Father Rodney!

Father Rodney would like to become better acquainted with you and your family, so we are planning some “Get Acquainted Meetings” by [Zoom](#) this January. Each meeting will be limited to 8 sign-ups (families). Please register as a family, i.e. do not count all individuals who will be online: [Register](#). Please look for an email with more information. Currently scheduled meetings are:

- Thursday, January 14 7:00pm
- Friday, January 15 10:00am
- Tuesday, January 19 1:00pm
- Wednesday, January 20 7:00pm
- Wednesday, January 27 10:00am
- Thursday, January 28 7:00pm

Father Rodney is looking forward to meeting you and your family and becoming better acquainted. Thank you, Welcoming Committee



If anyone is interested in having Fr. Rodney conduct a virtual Epiphany house blessing via Zoom or Facetime please contact him at rector@saintmattsec.org