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THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY: THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST *JANUARY* 8, 2023 ~ 10:30AM Service



And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

(Matthew 3:17)





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~ Sunday School and Child Care ~

PRELUDE PRELUDE IN G FELIX MENDELSSOHN

+ Processional Hymn 616 Hail to the Lord's Anointed Woodbird

The people standing, the Celebrant says

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.

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

People Christ, have mercy upon us.

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

+ GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

ADRIAN BATTEN

Glory be to God on high,

and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,

- O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.
- O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
- O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;

thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Celebrant then continues

The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

(+All Standing)

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(SEE INSERT)

The people sit for the Lessons

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST LESSON (SEE INSERT) Isaiah 42:1-9

After the Reading:

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM (SEE INSERT) PSALM 89:20-29

THE SECOND LESSON (SEE INSERT) Acts 10:34-38

After the Reading:

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

All Stand for the Sermon Hymn

+ SERMON HYMN 121 CHRIST, WHEN FOR US YOU WERE BAPTIZED CAITHNESS

Then, all standing, the Celebrant reads the Gospel, first saying

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory be to thee, O Lord. (sung)

+ The Gospel (see insert) Matthew 3:13-17

After the Gospel:

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ. (sung)

All Sit

THE SERMON
THE REV. CHRISTINA HUNTER
PRIEST-IN-CHARGE

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

Celebrant The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents I present Demetra Joan Zehner to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Celebrant asks the Parents and Godparents

Wilt thou on thy part take heed that this child whom thou dost present be brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents I will by God's help.

Celebrant Wilt thou by thy prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents I will by God's help.

Celebrant Dost thou renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Parents and Godparents I renounce them all.

Celebrant Dost thou renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt

and destroy the creatures of God?

Parents and Godparents I renounce them all.

Celebrant Dost thou renounce all sinful desires that draw thee from the love of God?

Parents and Godparents I renounce them all.

Celebrant Dost thou turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as thy Savior?

Parents and Godparents I do.

Celebrant Dost thou put thy whole trust in his grace and love?

Parents and Godparents I do.

Celebrant Dost thou promise to follow and obey him as thy Lord and Master?

Parents and Godparents I do.

The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Will ye who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in her life in Christ?

People We will.

The Celebrant then says these or similar words

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

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Celebrant Dost thou believe in God the Father?

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

Celebrant Dost thou believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;

who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven,

and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

Celebrant Dost thou believe in God the Holy Ghost?

People I believe in the Holy Ghost,

the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Celebrant Wilt thou continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,

in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, by God's help.

Bishop Wilt thou persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever thou dost fall into sin,

repent and return unto the Lord?

People I will, by God's help.

Bishop Wilt thou proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ Jesus?

People I will, by God's help.

Bishop Wilt thou seek and serve Christ in all men, loving thy neighbor as thyself?

People I will, by God's help.

Bishop Wilt thou strive for justice and peace among all men, and respect the dignity of

every person?

People I will, by 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.

A Person appointed leads the following petitions

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

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Open her heart to your grace and truth.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Fill her with thy holy and life-giving Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Keep her in the faith and communion of thy holy Church.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Teach her to love others in the power of the Holy Ghost.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Send her into the world in faithful witness to thine abounding love.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Bring her to the fullness of thy 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 thy Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who liveth and reigneth now and for ever. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

The Celebrant continues

We give thee thanks, Almighty God, for the gift of water, over which thy Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation; through which thou didst lead the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise; in which thy Son Jesus Christ received the Baptism of John and the anointing of the Holy Spirit, being manifested thereby as the Messiah, the Christ, who leadeth us, through his precious death and mighty resurrection, from the bondage of sin unto life everlasting.

We give thee thanks, O Father, for the water of Baptism, in which we are buried with Christ in his death; by which we partake of his resurrection; through which we are made regenerate of the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to thy Son, we bring into his fellowship them that come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we beseech thee, by thy Holy Spirit, that those here cleansed from sin and made regenerate may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior, to whom, with thee and the same Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

Demetra Joan, I baptize thee in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. **Amen.**

Let us pray: We most heartily thank thee, O heavenly Father, that by water and the Holy Spirit thou hast bestowed upon *this thy servant* the forgiveness of sin, and hast raised *her* unto the new life of grace. Sustain *her*, O Lord, in thy Holy Spirit. Give unto *her* an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love thee, and the gift of joy and wonder in all thy works. **Amen.**

Then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking the forehead with the sign of the Cross and says

Demetra Joan, thou art sealed by the Holy Ghost in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

When all have been baptized, the Celebrant says

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.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with thy spirit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

THERE SHALL A STAR

FELIX MENDELSSOHN

There shall a star from Jacob come forth,
and a sceptre from Israel rise up,
And dash in pieces princes and nations.
As bright the star of morning gleams,
So Jesus sheddeth glorious beams
Of light and consolation!
Thy Word, O Lord,
Radiance darting, Truth imparting, Gives salvation;
Thine be praise and adoration!

~ The children return from Sunday School ~

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the Celebrant. **The people stand and sing verse 3 of Hymn # 380** while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

+ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer I

The people remain standing. The Celebrant says

The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

Then, facing the Altar, the Celebrant proceeds

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

+ SANCTUS/BENEDICTUS

ADRIAN BATTEN

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel

Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the in numerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN*.

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

Celebrant and People

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.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

AGNUS DEI ADRIAN BATTEN

- O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
- O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Celebrant and People

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Facing the people. the Celebrant may say the following Invitation

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.

COMMUNION MOTET THE LAMB JOHN TAVENER

Little Lamb, who made thee? Dost thou know who made thee? Gave thee life, and bid thee feed. By the stream and o'er the mead; Gave thee clothing of delight, Softest clothing, wooly bright; Gave thee such a tender voice, Making all the vales rejoice? Little Lamb, who made thee? Dost thou know who made thee? Little Lamb, I'll tell thee, Little Lamb, I'll tell thee!

He is called by thy name, For he calls himself a Lamb:
He is meek, and he is mild, He became a little child.
I, a child, and thou a lamb, We are called by his name.
Little Lamb. God bless thee! Little Lamb. God bless thee!

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thine everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Celebrant gives the blessing

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always.

The choir sings an Amen.

+RECESSIONAL HYMN 448 O LOVE, HOW DEEP, HOW BROAD, HOW HIGH DEUS TUORUM MILITUM

The Celebrant dismisses the people with these words

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE IN DIR IST FREUDE J. S. BACH

THE FLOWERS ON THE MAIN ALTAR are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Fr. Bob Eggenschiller given by his loving family

THE USHERS at the 10:30AM Service are William Collins, Kevin Creagan and Jeff Russom THE LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTER at the 10:30AM Service is Judy Burns

~ Parish Notes ~

Baptism Luncheon: To celebrate the baptism of Demetra Joan Zehner, all are invited to a light luncheon in the Parish Hall following the 10:30AM baptism service.

Newcomers: If you are interested in receiving more information about St. Peter's Church please feel free to call the church office or fill out an information card that is located in your pew. If you would like to be added to the church directory please call the church office.

Pledge Cards: Pledge cards for 2023 have been mailed out to all parishioners. If you did not receive a pledge card please call the church office. It would be greatly appreciated if you could please take a minute to complete your card and return it to the church office or place it in the offering plate during the service. Pledges can also be made on the St. Peter's website at www.stpeterschurchalbany.org by clicking on the "Get your pledge card" button. You may also call the church office and we would be more than happy to complete a card for you. Thank you to those that have promptly completed and returned their pledge card or pledged online.

Vestry Meeting: The January Vestry Meeting will be held this Tuesday, January 10th at 5:15PM in the Meeting Room on the second floor of the Guild House.

ANGELS IN TRAINING: This month the Angels in Training will feed the homeless at St. Francis Mission on Saturday, January 21st from 11AM to 1PM. Please consider helping for these 2 hours and give back to those less fortunate.

Annual Parish Meeting: On Sunday, January 29th the Annual Parish Meeting will be held immediately following the 10:30AM service. We invite you to grab a cup of coffee and join us in the church. Vestry elections will take place after both the 8:30AM and the 10:30AM services.

Vestry Nominations

The Vestry Nominating Committee is at work to present a slate of candidates to the parish to be elected for open seats on the Vestry. Here are the candidates so far:

Deborah Spath will be running for her 2nd two-year term as Jr. Warden. She is running to fill her present seat.

Fred Hershey will be running for his 2nd three-year vestry term. He is running to fill his present seat.

There will also be two additional 1st term/three-year Vestry seats open that will be vacated by Christie Gordon and George Scala as their Vestry terms come to an end.

Christie Gordon will continue to serve on the Vestry in a non-voting role as Clerk.

George Scala will continue to serve on the Vestry in a non-voting role as Treasurer.

The Nominating Committee is currently accepting names of potential candidates for the two vacant three-year term Vestry positions. Nominees must be baptized members of St. Peter's Church who regularly attend worship and who contribute financially to the work of the parish.

Names to be considered for the ballot must be submitted to the church office in writing by Wednesday, January 18th. Additional nominations may be made during the Annual Meeting from the floor, assuming the nominee is present and accepts the nomination.

Please remember in your prayers: Betsy Ballard, Ruth Bornt, Sharon Bornt, Fred Buse, Inga Carpenter, Gina Chenot, Sonya, Ann Collins, Bill Collins, Morris Daly, Nicky Desso, Anne deVos, Marie Dolan, Hunter Dolbert, James Dykeman, Donna Hershey, Fred Hershey, Doreen Johnson, Mark Lundberg, Diana Martin, Kevin Mastro, Ed Murphy, Lindsay Norville, Liam, Donna Ohlman, Grant Ohlman, Deej Patterson, Vicky Pautler, Bill Purdy, Edmund Schupp, Cyndy Shaffer, The Rev. Dr. Brad Smith, Eileen Smith, Moriah, Susan Smith, Carol Stafford, Earl Stafford, Dean Tessitore, Carol Tripp, Christer Westin, Christina Wright.

Birthdays: 1/11 ~ Jerry Keenan, Tim Mastro; 1/13 ~ Charles Clas, Jr.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, January 8th

8:30AM Holy Communion and Homily

10:30AM Holy Communion, Sermon and Baptism, Sunday School and Child Care 12:00PM Bible Study

Tuesday, January 10th

5:15PM Vestry Meeting

Thursday, January 12th

5:30PM - 7:00PM Full Choir Rehearsal

ONLINE AND IN-PERSON BIBLE STUDY

Tunes of Glory: The Biblical Canticles presented by Fr. Paul Hunter
In this study we will read and discuss the four great New Testament hymns found in St. Luke's Gospel: The songs of Mary, Zechariah and Simeon and the Gloria, sung by the Angels to announce the birth of Christ. Having been set to music countless times, these biblical songs remain an integral part of worship for Christians around the world, especially in the Anglican tradition. The Songs of Mary and Simeon are part of Evening Prayer and the Song of Zechariah is frequently sung at Morning Prayer, and the Gloria forms the basis of the Gloria sung at nearly every Sunday Eucharist. Over the course of four sessions we will read the Canticles in depth, considering them both as poetry and as sacred scripture. Each session will last approximately 45 minutes and will be offered in person on

Sunday mornings and a second time by Zoom on Tuesday evenings at 7:30PM. In-Person Schedule

- Sunday, January 8th following the 10:30AM service: The *Magnificat* (Song of Mary) Luke 1:46-56
- Sunday, January 15th: No Session. Fr. Paul Hunter out of town.
- Sunday, January 22nd following the 10:30AM service: The *Benedictus* (Song of Zechariah) Luke 1:67-80.
- Sunday, January 29th: No Session. Annual Meeting.
- Sunday, February 5th following the 10:30AM service: The *Nunc Dimittis* (Song of Simeon). Luke 2:29-32.
- Sunday, February 12th following the 10:30AM service: The *Gloria in Excelsis*. Luke 1:14 and other sources.

Zoom Schedule

- Tuesday, January 10th 7:30PM: The Magnificat (Song of Mary) Luke 1:46-56
- Tuesday, January 17th 7:30PM: The *Benedictus* (Song of Zechariah). Luke 1:67-80.
- Tuesday, January 24th 7:30PM: The *Nunc Dimittis* (Song of Simeon) Luke 2:29-32.
- Tuesday, January 31st 7:30PM: The *Gloria in Excelsis*. Luke 1:14 and other sources.

Join Zoom Meeting: https://us05web.zoom.us/j/84063267867? pwd=MFRXalN3N29aTHJrZHUvZ1BVNDA5Zz09

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