



**THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**  
**"Baptism of Our Lord"**

**A SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**JANUARY 11, 2026, 10:30 A.M.**

**Welcome to Grace Episcopal Cathedral!**

If you're new here, there's more information for you on the back of this service bulletin.

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**PRELUDE:** Christ, unser Herr, zum Jordan kam, BWV 684

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

**PROCESSION HYMN 76:** On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

WINCHESTER NEW

*The service begins on page 355 in the red Book of Common Prayer.*

**OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY**

**GLORIA S 280:** Canticle 20 (found in the front of the Hymnal)

Robert Powell (1932-2025)

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**F**ather 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.**

*Congregation is seated.*

**THE FIRST READING:** Isaiah 42:1-9

“**H**ere is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.” Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: “I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.”

*After the reading, Thanks be to God.*

**PSALM 29** *Sung by the Cathedral Choir*

- 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.

**THE SECOND READING:** Acts 10:34-43

**P**eter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

*After the reading, Thanks be to God.*

*Please stand as able.*

**HYMN 116:** "I come," the great Redeemer cries

THIS ENDRIS NYGHT

**THE GOSPEL:** Matthew 3:13-17

Before the Gospel, ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

**J**esus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

*After the Gospel, Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

## THE SERMON

**THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS** *BCP 292, Standing as able.*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Through Christ we are anointed with the Holy Spirit in baptism. May the same Spirit inspire us as we offer our prayers.

For an overflowing of generosity to reflect your abundant care for all creation, let us pray. God of all mercy, **Hear us.**

For the courage to walk through the tranquil and turbulent waters of life, knowing that in baptism we died with Christ and join him in his risen light, let us pray. God of all mercy, **Hear us.**

For all in authority, to follow the leading of the Spirit in establishing your justice on earth, let us pray. God of all mercy, **Hear us.**

For the Church and its leaders – bearing witness to forgiveness, teaching love, serving others, and reforming as you require. We especially remember St. Peter’s Church, Pittsburg, and St. George’s Cathedral, Jerusalem, Israel. God of all mercy, **Hear us.**

That we know our identity through the voice of God, who claims us as beloved children. God of all mercy, **Hear us.**

For those needs of which we are aware and those for whom we are asked to pray, especially Kay D., Kitty, Arceile, Mike, Evelyn, Alicia, Nancy, Kay C., Channing, Cindy, Patrick, Marvin, Jim, Isaac, Wim and Shanti, Bob, Cyla, Kathy, Michele, Kent, and Brandon. God of all mercy, **Hear us.**

In companionship with the Blessed Virgin Mary, and with all the saints whose memory strengthens our faith. We especially remember Frances Gladden Irwin, Robert V. Wilcox, Eleanore Odell Rost, Margery Ridgeway, John Mills Neiswanger, and Karen P. Welch. God of all mercy, **Hear us.**

*Celebrant:* O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION** *BCP 360, kneeling if able*

<b>THE PEACE</b>	<i>Celebrant</i>	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
	<i>People</i>	<b>And also with you.</b>

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** *Congregation is seated.*

**OFFERTORY SENTENCE:** This is the message God sends to his people: the peace of Jesus Christ, who is the Lord of all.

**OFFERTORY:** Of the Father's Love Begotten

Sir David Willcocks (1919-2015)

*The Cathedral Choir*

Of the Father's heart begotten Ere the world from chaos rose  
He is Alpha from that fountain All that is and hath been flows  
He is Omega of all things Yet to come the mystic close  
Evermore and evermore.

By His word was all created He commanded and 'twas done  
Earth and sky and boundless ocean Universe of three in one  
All that sees the moon's soft radiance All that breathes beneath the sun  
Evermore and evermore.

He assumed this mortal body Frail and feeble, doomed to die  
That the race from dust created Might not perish utterly  
Which the dreadful law had sentenced In the depths of hell to lie  
Evermore and evermore.

O how blest that wondrous birthday When the maid the curse retrieved  
Brought to birth mankind's salvation By the Holy Ghost conceived  
And the Babe, the world's redeemer In her loving arms received  
Evermore and evermore.

This is He, whom seer and sybil Sang in ages long gone by  
This is He of old revealed In the page of prophecy  
Lo, He comes, the promised saviour Let the world His praises cry  
Evermore and evermore.

Sing, ye heights of Heaven, His praises Angels and archangels sing  
Wheresoe'er ye be, ye faithful Let your joyous anthems ring  
Every tongue His name confessing Countless voices answering  
Evermore and evermore.

**PRESENTATION HYMN 119:** As with gladness, v. 3

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## **THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:** Eucharistic Prayer C, BCP 369, *Standing as able.*

**The Sanctus:** S 125

Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD:** Fraction Anthem: S161

David Hurd (b. 1950)

**COMMUNION**

*All are welcome! Communion is available at the altar rail or at the crossing. To receive a blessing from the priest, come forward and cross your arms over your chest. Signal a server if you need to remain in your pew but wish to partake. After receiving communion, Prayer Ministers will be in St. Mary's Chapel for private prayer.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

**POSTCOMMUNION HYMN 295:** Sing praise to our Creator

CHRISTUS, DER IST MEIN LEBEN

**POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING**

Let us pray.

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.

**PROCESSION HYMN 135:** Songs of thankfulness and praise, vv. 1, 2, 4

SALZBURG

**THE DISMISSAL**     Let us go forth in the name of Christ!  
                              **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE:** Prelude in G major, BWV 541

J.S. Bach

You are invited to All Saints Hall for coffee, refreshments, and fellowship.

### **MINISTERS TODAY**

**Celebrant:** The Very Reverend Torey Lightcap, *Dean*

**Preacher:** The Reverend Jody Carroll, *Canon*

**Deacon:** The Reverend Carl Edwards

**Vergers:** George Webb, Kent Wingerson

**Ushers:** Team 1, Norm Nellis, *Capt.*

**Acolytes:** Team 2, Max McKibben, *Capt.*

**Organist:** Donald Livingston

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Lynne Horne,

**Choirmaster:** Dr. Eduardo García-Novelli

RuthEllen Saiya, Michael Massey

**Associate Choirmaster:** Zachary Cope

**Lector:** Anne Wilson

**Sound/Lights:** Jim Edmonston

**Altar Guild:** Group A, Nancy Perry, *Capt.*

**Livestream:** Tom Harrington

### **CATHEDRAL PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Adult Forum, Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in All Saints Hall:**

**Today** – We will begin Part 1 of a three-part series on the Beatitudes. Today's leader: parishioner Jackie Sommers.

**January 18** – We will continue with Part 2 of the Beatitudes series. Leader: parishioner Megan Lawson.

**January 25** – Annual Meeting (No Adult Forum)

**February 1** – We will wrap up the series on the Beatitudes. Leader: parishioner Chris Reid.

**New offering envelopes are here:** If you use offering envelopes to pay your pledge, we have a set for you. They are available on the west side of the Cathedral nave. Please begin using the envelopes this week. You should discard any envelopes from previous years since the numbers change each year. If you don't see a box for you, please contact Cassie Carlson in the Cathedral office.

**Senior Saints luncheon on Wednesday, January 14.** Social time begins at 11 a.m., with lunch at 11:30 (\$10 per person). Deacon Don Chubb will be speaking about the funniest things that have happened in Topeka churches. Sign up on the table in the Cathedral's west transept, or call the Cathedral office at 785-235-3457. Please RSVP by noon on Monday, January 12.

**Annual Parish Meeting: Sunday, January 25, 9:30 a.m., All Saints Hall:** Election of new vestry members, Endowment Trustees and Convention Delegates; presentation of the 2026 budget; and report on the state of the parish by Dean Lightcap.

We will have a potluck of breakfast foods for the meeting. Please bring a breakfast dish, fruit, or yogurt, etc. The hospitality committee will provide beverages and pastries as well as tableware and plates.

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**Sign up for the Cathedral/American Red Cross Blood Drive**, Monday, February 9, in All Saints Hall. For an appointment, please visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org), or call 1-800-REDCROSS.

**Save The Date for a Centering Prayer Workshop**: Saturday, February 21 from 12:30-4:00 in the Robyn Room.

**Directory Updates**: We'd like to make sure the directory is up-to-date, so if you have made any changes this year to your email address, phone number, or mailing address that you'd like to share, please send the updated information to [info@gracecathedraltopeka.org](mailto:info@gracecathedraltopeka.org). You can send updates any time throughout the year as changes arise, however we'd love to receive this wave of updates by January 13th if possible. If you have a new photo you'd like used in the directory, please email that over as well.

In the interest of creating a peaceful and prayerful space for worship, at five minutes before worship begins, or just before the prelude, a bell will ring. This is the signal to refrain from conversation so that you and others may prepare for worship through prayer, meditation and thoughtful silence.

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) = red book                      Hymnal = blue book

We'd love to connect with you. Please fill out a visitor information card from the pew rack and drop it in the collection box on your way out today.

Sound equipment for the hearing-impaired is available. Inquire with an usher.

Restrooms are located in the hallway to the west. Next to the nursery you will find a family restroom with a changing table.

A staffed nursery is available today, down the hallway to your right. You can ask an usher to assist you.

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**Special Note:** Please be aware that this service will be live-streamed on YouTube and Facebook.

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