



## Voluntary

Aria

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## Entrance Song

Holy Spirit, rain down

Russell Fragar

*Resurrection Choir*

*Paul Davison, Bass*

*Steve Proctor, guitars*

Holy Spirit rain down rain down  
O Comforter and Friend  
How we need Your touch again  
Holy Spirit rain down rain down  
Let Your power fall let Your voice be heard  
Come and change our hearts as we stand on Your Word  
Holy Spirit rain down

No eye has seen no ear has heard  
No mind can know what God has in store  
So open up heaven open it wide  
Over Your church and over our lives

Let Your power fall let Your voice be heard  
Come and change our hearts as we stand on Your Word  
Holy Spirit rain down

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## Opening Acclamation

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*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

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

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

## Collect of Purity

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.**

## Song of Praise

Hymnal 1982 – S 277

Gloria in excelsis

*Jennifer Cook, soprano*

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.

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## 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.**

## The Lessons

*The people sit.*

The First Reading: Isaiah 43:1-7

A Reading from the Prophet 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."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence may follow.*

## Psalm 29

*Remain seated.*

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 forevermore.  
The Lord shall give strength to his people; \*  
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

## The Second Reading: Acts 8:14-17

*Remain seated.*

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

*All stand.*

Hymnal 1982 – 636

How firm a foundation

*Foundation*

*Jennifer Cook, soprano*

- 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.

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## The Gospel

*All remain standing.*

Deacon: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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

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."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Reverend Nancy L.J. Cox

## Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows

Leader: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People: **I do.**

Leader: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Leader: 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.**

Leader: 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.**



Leader: 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.**

Leader: 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.**

Leader: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Leader: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Leader: 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.**

Leader: May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Prayers of the People

From *Praying the Scriptures*, by Jeremiah D. Williamson

Leader: The Lord shall give us the blessing of strength and peace. Beloved of God, let us pray, "Walk with us through the waters, O God; *walk with us through the fire.*"

Deliver your Church, O God, from fear. Strengthen those you have redeemed by your presence. Give us all the courage to keep our baptismal promises. *Silence.*

Walk with us through the waters, O God;

People: **Walk with us through the fire.**

Leader: O God, you have blessed us to be members of your household. Strengthen the unity of the Church – those serving you in the east, west, north, and south. *Silence.*

Walk with us through the waters, O God;

People: **Walk with us through the fire.**

Leader: Your power, O God, is evident in the mysteries of our universe. By water and your Holy Spirit you have made us a new people. We give you thanks and praise. *The people are invited to add their thanksgivings, followed by silence.*

Walk with us through the waters, O God;

People: **Walk with us through the fire.**

Leader: Break down the walls of division in our city and our nation. Bring us together as one human family, formed and made by your great hands. *Silence.*

Walk with us through the waters, O God;

People: **Walk with us through the fire.**

Leader: Heal and comfort your beloved children, O God. Be with the needy in their trials. May they know that they are precious in your sight. *The people are invited to add their petitions, followed by silence.*

Walk with us through the waters, O God;

People: **Walk with us through the fire.**

Leader: Heavenly Parent, you have accepted us as your children. You have made us heirs with Christ. In your great mercy, receive us, and all who have died, into glory everlasting. *Silence.*

Walk with us through the waters, O God;

People: **Walk with us through the fire.**

*Silence.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

Confession of Sin

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*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence may be kept.*

*Minister 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.**

*The Priest stands and says*

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 Lord's Prayer

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

*Officiant 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 Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

Blessing

Announcements

## Procession into the World

Hymnal 1982 – 448

O love, how deep, how broad, how high

*Deus tuorum militum*

*Courtney Steinberg, soprano*

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 mortals' sake.

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

3 For us he prayed; for us he taught;  
for us his daily works he wrought:  
by words and signs and actions, thus  
still seeking not himself, but us.

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## Dismissal

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Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## Voluntary

arr. Craig Phillips

Dix

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## A Note on Today's Readings *The First Sunday after the Epiphany – Year C*

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**Welcome to All Saints' Episcopal Church.** Today is one of four occasions in the year particularly appropriate for the celebration of Holy Baptism. (The other three are Easter, Pentecost, and All Saints' Day.) Each of the four days has its particular theme, which enhances our understanding of one aspect of the primary Christian sacrament, Holy Baptism.

On this First Sunday after the Epiphany, we celebrate the Baptism of Our Lord. Jesus' Baptism was for all the Gospel writers, and in the apostolic preaching of the Gospel, the event that initiated the redemptive ministry of the Messiah. It was in that event that Jesus was revealed as Messiah (Christ). God designated him as the beloved Son and he was anointed by the Holy Spirit.

In Holy Baptism, each person is adopted as the child of God. Each Christian becomes a "messianic" person, anointed by the Holy Spirit. We do not simply become passive recipients of the benefits of Christ; we are "christed" or christened. We become sharers in his life and his redemptive ministry.

All those who are baptized are anointed and marked as Christ's own and they are received "into the flock of Christ." They join with that household in confessing the faith of Christ, proclaiming his resurrection and sharing in his eternal priesthood – the priesthood that is enacted sacramentally in Eucharist and daily in lives of self-giving love toward one another and toward the world.

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