



First Sunday after the Epiphany The Baptism of our Lord

January 9, 2022 at 8:45 a.m.

Holy Eucharist: Rite Two with Holy Baptism

The flowers on the altar are arranged by Megan St. Clair and given to the glory of God.

ST. JOHN'S CLERGY & STAFF

The Rev. Ripp Hardaway, Rector

The Rev. Lucy Strandlund, Curate

Tish Sutton, Director of Music

Ian Flores, Musician & A/V Technician

Cheryl Smith, Director of Children & Family Ministries

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Grace Symmons, Director of Communications

Hannah Hoffmann, Youth Leader & Musician

Kyle Smith, Assistant Youth Leader

Arturo Gonzalez, Sexton

Rufus Hudgins, Sexton

OPENING HYMN | As With Gladness Men of Old

Hymn 119

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

People And blessed be God's 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.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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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.

FIRST LESSON | Isaiah 43:1-7

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.

PSALM 29

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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.

SECOND LESSON | Acts 8:14-17

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.**

GOSPEL HYMN | Come Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove (v. 1, 2)

Hymn 510

THE HOLY 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.**

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.**

GOSPEL HYMN | Come Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove (v. 3, 4)

Hymn 510

THE SERMON

The Rev. Ripp Hardaway

A period of silence for reflection will follow.

THE PRESENTATION FOR BAPTISM

From the beginning the Church has received believers by baptism. Believers' children have also been baptized so that with help and encouragement they should grow up in Christ and by the grace of God serve Christ all the days of their life.

On the day when the apostles first preached the Gospel of Christ's resurrection, Peter urged his hearers "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus the Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God may call." (Acts 2:38-39)

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE

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Celebrant The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents & Godparents **I present Breeson Bryant Alexander to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

Celebrant Will you be responsible for seeing that this child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents & Godparents **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents & Godparents **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Parents & Godparents **I renounce them.**

Celebrant Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Parents & Godparents **I renounce them.**

Celebrant Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Parents & Godparents **I renounce them.**

Celebrant Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Parents & Godparents **I do.**

Celebrant Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Parents & Godparents **I do.**

Celebrant Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Parents & Godparents **I do.**

Celebrant Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in his life in Christ?

Congregation **We will.**

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

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Celebrant 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.**

Celebrant Do you believe in the 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.**

Celebrant 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.**

Celebrant 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.**

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

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

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

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

Celebrant 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.**

THE PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE

Let us now pray for Breeson who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open his heart to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send him into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

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The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying,

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation.

Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

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The candidate is presented to the Celebrant, who then immerses, or pours water upon the candidate, saying,

Breeson, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Then the Priest places a hand on the candidate's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying,

Breeson, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

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.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY MUSIC | "Here I Am, Lord" *tribute to Rev. Lucy*

St. John's Worship Choir

DOXOLOGY

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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A; BCP p. 361

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 God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant 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

Hymn S-125

*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.
Hosanna in the highest.*

(The people stand or kneel.)

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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 pray:

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 forever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION (For live stream participants)

Faithful God, in the wonder of your wisdom and love you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels, and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life. Though I cannot consume these gifts of bread and wine, I thank you that I have received the sacrament of Christ's presence, the forgiveness of sins, and all other benefits of Christ's passion. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may I be renewed to love and to serve; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT

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All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion. To receive the bread, place one hand over the other with palms facing upward. To indicate that you would like to receive a blessing instead, cross arms over chest. Please let Fr. Ripp or Rev. Lucy know if you would like to receive a gluten free wafer.

COMMUNION MUSIC | Always (5881037) Jason Ingram, Kristian Stanfill

Ian Flores

My foes are many, they rise against me

Troubles surround me, chaos abounding

But I will hold my ground

My soul will rest in You

I will not fear the war, I will not fear the storm

I will not fear the war, I will not fear the storm

My help is on the way, my help is on the way

My help is on the way, my help is on the way

Oh, my God, He will not delay

I lift my eyes up, my help comes from the Lord

My refuge and strength always

I lift my eyes up, my help comes from the Lord

I will not fear, His promise is true

I lift my eyes up, my help comes from the Lord

My God will come through always, always

I lift my eyes up, my help comes from the Lord

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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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 BLESSING

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN | Earth Has Many A Noble City

Hymn 127

THE DISMISSAL

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Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.



If you are a visitor or guest, we would love to connect with you! Please visit www.stjohnsnb.com/welcome to fill out a visitor card or email office@stjohnsnb.com and Fr. Ripp or Rev. Lucy will contact you.

Updated Procedures for Worship & Gathering

- Masks are highly encouraged while indoors at St. John's.
- The CDC recommends that everyone 2 years of age or older who is not fully vaccinated should wear a mask in indoor public places. If you are fully vaccinated, the CDC recommends that in order to maximize protection from the Delta variant and prevent possibly spreading it to others, wear a mask indoors in public if you are in an area of substantial or high transmission.
- We trust that you will follow CDC recommendations and Diocesan guidelines to best honor yourself and your St. John's family, especially children under 5 and others who are unable to be vaccinated.
- Communion in both kinds, bread and wine, is now being offered. We are offering the wine by intinction only at this time; if you choose to receive the wine, please sanitize your hands before coming forward. If you do not wish to receive the wine, please know that our tradition teaches that all of the spiritual benefits of Communion are present in the bread alone.
- If you test positive for Covid-19 after being on campus at St. John's, we ask that you notify our rector Ripp Hardaway or senior warden Ann Amoroso so that we may take the appropriate steps to notify those potentially affected, while respecting your privacy. If you are having any symptoms, please help safeguard our shared community by staying home and participating online.

The Church Office will be closed on January 17 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Outreach Request

The Outreach commitment of St. John's Episcopal Church is to reach and serve those in need in our community and our world, including through a portion of our giving. In 2012 the Vestry agreed to our giving at 10% of pledged income to Outreach. Along with our Apportionment of about 16% the giving is at about 26%. This is our effort to love our neighbors in need. If you would like to submit a request for an organization or need you are involved with or aware of that would represent the goals for Outreach funds, please submit to the following Outreach Committee members.

For Community Requests: Sarah Reeves (sarahreeves01@gmail.com)

For Global Requests: Bill Campaign (wcc711@hotmail.com)

Parish Meeting | January 16 at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Our Annual Parish Meeting will be held on January 16 in the Sanctuary. The meeting will also be livestreamed on YouTube for those who can not join in person. Children are invited to gather downstairs in the Children's Room for a story and craft while parents attend the meeting. Please RSVP to cheryl@stjohnsnb.com if your child will be there!

Hakuna Matata Children's Choir from Kenya | January 23 at 8:45 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Bring a friend and join us for Hakuna Matata Children's Choir's visit to St. John's on January 23. The children's colorful clothing, pounding drums and sweet voices demonstrate their hope and dream for a brighter future. Their inspirational stories of resilience have instilled hope in the hearts of all those who have seen them perform. We are looking forward to hosting them!

Christian Education Begins January 30!

Classes for children, youth, and adults will begin at 10 a.m. on January 30. Class offerings coming soon!

Diocesan Council | February 24 - 26, 2022 | Embassy Suites Conference Center, San Marcos

Nominations for Diocesan Council delegates and alternates are now being accepted. We have spots for 6 delegates and 6 alternates. Please send your name to Jenny at jenny@stjohnsnb.com if you are interested.

Financial Peace University | Begins January 12 at New Braunfels High School

FPU will be offered at NBHS and led by St. John's parishioners Chris and Tori Smith. This class will meet each Wednesday at 6 p.m. until March 9. Contact Tori Smith for details at tori@tblackwellinsurance.com

St. John's is looking to hire a new Audio/Visual Technician!

After 5 years of leading music as well as setting up and running our livestreaming efforts, Ian Flores has announced his resignation from St. John's to pursue a new job with YouTube's music platform. He will also continue freelance work of recording and producing musicians. Ian plans to work through the end of January, at which point we will need to fill his role as our audio/visual technician. Responsibilities include operating, troubleshooting, and training volunteers to run the sound board and livestreaming system during services and other church activities. Interested in hearing more? Email Desiree at desiree@stjohnsnb.com