



A Service for the Young  
and the Young at Heart

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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The Cathedral of the Incarnation

Garden City, New York

## Welcome to *Cathedral for Kids* - *A Mass for the Young and Young at Heart*

Everyone is welcome in God's house and we are glad you're here! In the Episcopal Church, we pray using our whole bodies - our minds, our voices, our hands, and our feet. Here are few of the ways we pray together:

- ***When we sit, we listen with our ears and our hearts.*** Sitting helps us be comfortable so we are ready to receive God's Word and hear what God is speaking to our hearts in prayer.
- ***We also stand when we join our voices together in song.*** Few things make a community feel more welcoming than singing, and we invite you to participate fully in this Mass. Besides, singing together is fun!
- ***When we hear the names of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we make the sign of the cross.*** We touch our foreheads, our chest, our left shoulder, and our right shoulder, making the sign of the cross on our bodies. Look for the + in your bulletin indicating when you can make the sign of the cross!

In the Church Calendar, we are in the season of Epiphany. Epiphany is the season following Christmas in which Christ's light continues to grow and grow. Epiphany begins with the three kings coming from a distant land to offer gifts to the Christ-child, the Messiah of the Hebrew people - and it expands to celebrate the presence of God in the person of Jesus for the sake of the whole world. God's love is for all. Emmanuel! God with us and for us!

If you are new to the Cathedral and would like to know more about our programs and services, please speak with one of the clergy, ask one of our members, or email us anytime at [cathedral@incarnationgc.org](mailto:cathedral@incarnationgc.org).

## GATHERING MUSIC

*After a brief welcome, we begin our worship time together  
by joining our voices in several short refrains.*

### IN THE LORD I'LL EVER BE THANKFUL *(please remain seated)*

*Taizé*

In the Lord I'll ev - er be thank - ful, in the Lord I will re -  
joice! Look to God, do not be a - fraid. Lift up your  
voic - es the Lord is near; lift up your voic - es, the Lord is near.

### WE HAVE COME INTO THIS HOUSE *(please stand)*

*Bruce Ballinger*

We have come in - to this house to gath - er in His name and wor - ship Him.  
Let us lift up ho - ly hands, to mag - ni - fy His name and wor - ship Him.  
We have come in - to this house to gath - er in His name and wor - ship Him.  
Let us lift up ho - ly hands, to mag - ni - fy His name and wor - ship Him.  
We have come in - to this house to gath - er in His name and  
Let us lift up ho - ly hands, to mag - ni - fy His name and  
wor - ship Christ the Lord. Wor - ship Him, Christ the Lord.  
wor - ship Christ the Lord.

## WELCOME AND ACCLAMATION

*Presider* + Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presider* The Lord be with you

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

*Presider* 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.**

*After the Collect, all sit for the reading*

## PROCLAIM AND RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

### THE FIRST READING

*Isaiah 43:1-3; 6-7*

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. 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."

The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*All young people are invited to the front to hear the Word of God and to sit on the story rugs for the Sermon.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(all stand and sing the refrain)*

*Celtic Alleluia*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! \_\_\_\_\_

# THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 3:15-17,21-22

*Deacon* 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. 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.**

## THE SERMON *(please be seated)*

*After the Sermon, we stand to sing as the children return to their places.*

"Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.  
Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own"

## WE PRAY FOR THE WORLD AND THE CHURCH Fred Rogers, 1992

*Deacon* We offer our prayers for the Church and for the world.

*At the end of each prayer, offer your own prayers silently to God.*

Dear God, please inspire our hearts to come ever closer to You. We pray for those people who know us and accept us as we are. Those people who encourage us to see what's really fine in life.

We pray for all the people of Your world, our sisters and brothers whose names we may not know but whose lives are ultimately precious in Your sight. With all our hearts, we pray for all Your children everywhere - yes, everywhere.

And finally we offer our strengths and our weaknesses, our joys and our sorrows to Your never-ending care. Help us to remember all through our lives that we never need to do difficult things alone, that Your presence is simply for the asking and our ultimate future is assured by Your unselfish love.

In our deepest gratitude we offer this prayer. **Amen.**

#### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Stand or kneel as you are able*

*Deacon* We pray also to you for forgiveness of our sins.

*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 hearts. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and 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.**

*Presider* 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.**

#### PREPARE THE TABLE - OFFERTORY HYMN

*Please be seated as we sing the Offertory Hymn. When the ushers come to your seat, please place your offering in the basket. Today's offering supports the ministries of the Cathedral of the Incarnation.*



1. Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spi - rit, cleansed by the  
2. Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spi - rit, dead in the  
3. Bap - tized in wat - er, sealed by the Spi - rit, marked with the

blood of Christ our King: Heirs of sal - va - tion, trust-ing his  
 tomb with Christ our King: One with his ris - ing, freed and for -  
 sign of Christ our King: Born of one Fa - ther, we are his

prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
 giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
 child - ren, joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*Presider* It is a right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. And now we give you thanks because, in the incarnation of the Word, a new light has dawned upon the world, that all nations may be brought out of darkness to see the radiance of your glory. And so we join the saints and angels in proclaiming your glory, as we sing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of po - wer and might, —  
 hea - ven and earth — are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in — the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. — Ho -  
 san - na in — the high - est, — ho - san - na in — the high - est.

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:

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

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. Send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts. Let them be for us the Body and Blood of your Son. + And grant that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may be filled with your life and goodness.

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 forever. **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

*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.  
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.**

## BREAK THE BREAD

*The Presider breaks the bread. Then all say together*

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**



*Presider* 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 thanksgiving.

## SHARE THE GIFTS OF GOD

*All baptized persons are invited to receive Holy Communion in the cathedral. Persons who do not wish to receive Communion may come forward and receive a blessing. If you would like to receive gluten-free Eucharist, please tell the priest when you come forward.*

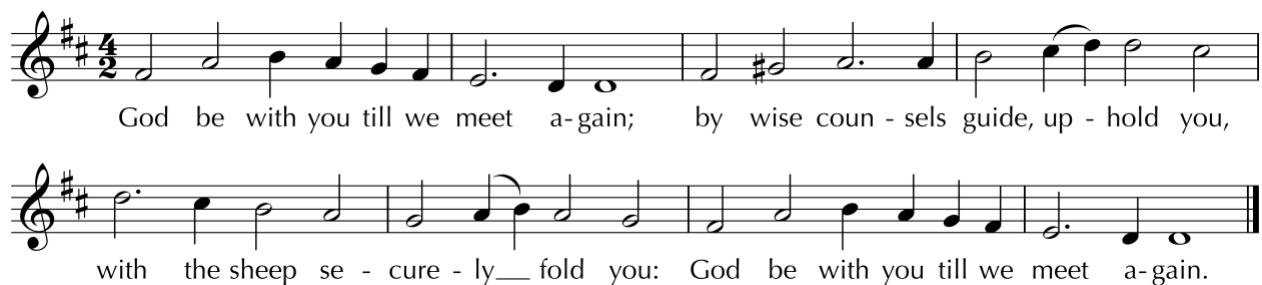
ANNOUNCEMENTS *(please remain seated)*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *(please stand)*

*Presider* Let us pray.

*People* **Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE



God be with you till we meet a-gain; by wise coun - sels guide, up - hold you,  
with the sheep se - cure - ly\_\_ fold you: God be with you till we meet a-gain.

## BLESSING & EXCHANGE OF PEACE

*Presider* The blessing of God Almighty, + Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you now and forever more.

*People* **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

*Greet those around you in the name of the Lord. All are invited to Fellowship in Faith, an intergenerational formation and fellowship hour held today at the **Mercer School of theology** immediately following service.*

### **Announcements**

**Fellowship in Faith and Dean's Forum** – returns to the Mercer School this morning.

**The Dean** is pleased to announce the appointment of Kyle Sabo as his Senior Administrative Aid, in addition to his continuing work as Dean's Verger. In his newly expanded role, Kyle will service as the Dean's principal aide in his capacities as Dean of the Cathedral, Dean and Vice President of the Mercer School of Theology and Chairman of the Board of the Center for Spiritual Imagination, providing support and project management including communications, calendar and strategic initiatives in and between all three organizations.

**Basic Christian Formation:** an intensive course to engage questions of faith from a Christian perspective in the Anglican tradition. It will provide opportunities to form relationships with fellow explorers on the same journey. It will also help prepare you for Baptism, Confirmation, or Reception in the Episcopal Church, or if you want to deepen your faith. Beginning Sunday January 26 through April 6, 10:15 am at the Mercer School. Sign up via Realm, link in the eNews on our website.

**Sacred Ground:** Registration is open for Sacred Ground 2025, and 11 part series on race, grounded in faith. See the eNews on our website for more information and the link to register.

**Calling All Garden Enthusiasts:** The Cathedral is seeking volunteers who would like to help maintain a pollinator garden.

**On Sunday, January 12,** the Masses are in memory of Vivienne S. Lewis in condolence for James Lewis and family by Noreen Healey.

**Join us** on Wednesdays at Noon in the Cathedral for our weekly healing Mass.

For further information, please sign up for our eNews every Friday morning at [incarnationgc.org/connect/e-news](http://incarnationgc.org/connect/e-news) or email us at [Cathedral@IncarnationGC.org](mailto:Cathedral@IncarnationGC.org)

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A house of prayer for Long Island*