



# The Cathedral of the Incarnation

Garden City, NY

12 January 2025 at 11:15 AM  
Holy Baptism & Choral Mass

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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*Welcome to the Cathedral. Page numbers in this leaflet refer to the red **Book of Common Prayer (BCP)**. The Holy Eucharist Rite II begins on page 355 of the BCP. The hymns are sung from either the blue **Hymnal 1982** or the red & green hymnals, **Lift Every Voice and Sing**, found under the seats.*

VOLUNTARY

Dietrich Buxtehude  
(1637 – 1707)

*Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kamm \* Christ our Lord to the Jordan came*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 616

*Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein*

OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Presider* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**  
*Presider* There is one Body and one Spirit;  
*People* **There is one hope in God's call to us;**  
*Presider* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;  
*People* **One God and Father of all.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presider* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Presider* Let us pray.

**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.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### THE FIRST LESSON

*Isaiah 43:1-7*

**T**hus 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."

*Lector*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 29

*sung by the Choir/chant by Henry Ley*

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.

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 EPISTLE

*Acts 8:14-17*

**W**hen 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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

*The Sequence Hymn is found in the red & green hymnals,  
Lift Every Voice and Sing*

SEQUENCE HYMN 121 IN LEVAS II

*Baptized in water*

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.**

**A**s 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

The Rev. Canon Adam Bucko,  
*Director of the Center for Spiritual Imagination*

## HOLY BAPTISM

### THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

*Presider*

By what name do you present your child for Baptism?

*Parents & Godparents*

**We present Amelia Rosalia and Zoe Monica to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

*Presider*

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

*Parents & Godparents*

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

*Presider*

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.**

*Presider*

On behalf of Amelia Rosalia and Zoe Monica, I ask that you now make the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism. Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Parents & Godparents*

**I renounce them.**

*Presider*

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

*Parents & Godparents*

**I renounce them.**

*Presider*

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

*Parents & Godparents*

**I renounce them.**

*Presider*

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

*Parents & Godparents*

**I do.**

*Presider*

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

*Parents & Godparents*

**I do.**

*Presider*

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

*Parents & Godparents*

**I do.**

*Presider*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these children in their life in Christ?

*People*

**We will.**

## THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

*Presider*

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

*Presider*

Do you believe in God the Father?

*People*

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

*Presider*

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.**

*Presider*

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.**

*Presider*

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.**

*Presider*

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

*People*

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

*Presider*

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

*People*

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

*Presider*

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 CANDIDATES

*Presider*

Let us now pray for Amelia Rosalia and Zoe Monica who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth,

*Intercessor*

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

*People*

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor*

Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

*People*

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor*

Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*People*

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*People* *Prayers for the sick and departed are added here. We reply:*  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Presider* 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 for ever.

*People* **Amen.**

#### THE THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

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

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

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

*Presider*

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 for ever 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 for ever. **Amen.**

#### THE BAPTISMS

*Presider* Amelia Rosalia/Zoe Monica, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*The Baptismal Candle is now lit from the Paschal Candle.*

*Presider* Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them 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.**

*Presider* Amelia Rosalia/Zoe Monica, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

*Presider* 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

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *Tomorrow shall be my dancing day*

John Gardner  
(1917 - 2011)

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day: I would my true love did so chance  
To see the legend of my play, To call my true love to my dance:  
*Sing O, my love, my love, my love; This have I done for my true love.*

Then was I born of a virgin pure, Of her I took fleshly substance;  
Thus was I knit to man's nature, To call my true love to my dance.

In a manger laid and wrapped I was, So very poor this was my chance,  
Betwixt and ox and a silly poor ass, To call my true love to my dance.

Then afterwards baptized I was; The Holy Ghost on me did glance,  
My Father's voice heard on from above, To call my true love to my dance:  
*Sing O, my love, my love, my love; This have I done for my true love.*

OFFERTORY HYMN (*sung by ALL, standing*)

*Lasst uns erfreuen*

Let all things their Creator bless,  
and worship him in humbleness,  
O praise him, Alleluia.  
Praise God the Father, praise the Son,





## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

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

AGNUS DEI, *Mass in d*

Leighton

## THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*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.*

*Prayers for Healing and Anointing of the Sick will take place at the Baptistry for those who wish after receiving Communion as well as at the conclusion of the Mass.*

COMMUNION MOTET *The Baptism of Christ*

Peter Hallock  
(1924 - 2014)

*Jesus autem hodie regressus est a Jordane.* When Jesus Christ baptised was, the Holy Ghost descended with grace; the Father voice was heard in the place. *Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende.* There were Three Persons and one Lord, the Son baptised with one accord, the Father said this blessed word: *Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende.* Now, Jesu, as thou art both God and man, and were baptised in from Jordan, at our last end, we pray thee, say then: *Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende.*

—Medieval text

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER (said by ALL)

*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.**

THE EPIPHANY BLESSING

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN 135 (*we will omit stanza 4*)

Salzburg

## THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon*            Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY: *Concerto in D major*

J.S. Bach  
(1685 -1750)



## 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 Aide, 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.

## THE CATHEDRAL LEADERSHIP

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The Right Reverend Lawrence C. Provenzano, DD., *Bishop of Long Island*

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