

# The Holy Eucharist

January 12, 2025

## The Baptism of our Lord / Year C

St. Antony of Egypt Episcopal Church

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Hillary Kimsey **Preacher:** Missionary Charles Smith

**Music Director:** Joann Richardson

**Livestream Producer:** Guy Fulton

Welcome to St. Antony's. Our Eucharistic celebration is offered both in person and is livestreamed on Facebook. You will find our livestream at <https://www.facebook.com/saintantony/> For those worshipping in person, the use of facemasks is optional and we encourage respect for each person's choice to remain as healthy as possible.

*Our service includes both a prelude and a postlude offering. We ask that you use this time in quietness to prepare for our celebration of God's unconditional love for each of us and as an opportunity to give thanks as well as to show our respect for our musicians.*

We have been entrusted to be care takers of this beautiful piece of God's creation. We acknowledge that the Suquamish and S'Kllalam people are the traditional stewards of the land on which our buildings stand and we pay our respect to their people and heritage.

### Welcome

### Prelude

Opening Hymn    *"Songs of thankfulness and praise"*    Hymnal 135

### Salutation

*The Celebrant says to the people*

**Celebrant:**    Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

**People:**        **Glory to God forever and ever.**

Gloria    *"Glory to God in the highest"*    Hymnal S-280

## **Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant:* God 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 First Reading – 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."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 29

### Afferte Domino

Jerome Webster Meachen  
(b. 1930)



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 Ka/desh.

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 ever/more.

11 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**

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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn**    *"I come, "the great Redeemer cries"*    **Hymnal 116**

(verses 1-2 before the Gospel, verse 3 after the Gospel)

## **The Gospel Reading – 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.**

## **Homily – Missionary Charles Smith**

### **Renewal of Baptismal Vows** *(said together, standing as you are able.)*

Let us 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 persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever  
you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**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 Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows*

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.**

Now let us sing together as we remember our own baptisms.

***"Through the red sea"* Hymnal 187**

## Prayers of the People

*Leader* I ask your prayers for those in the Armed Forces of our Country.

*People* **O Almighty God, shelter the men and women of our armed forces under your mighty wings; steel their courage in times of peril; give them integrity and honor in all they do; grant perseverance and resilience to their families; and heal the wounded warriors. We remember those who are deployed, especially Amy Morrison and Nicole Steller, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## The Prayers of the People from “Intercessions for the Christian People”

*Leader*

We look in faith today toward the Lord, the one on whom God’s favor rests. In confidence, let us bring our petitions to the Lord’s altar, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who lead the believing community throughout the world, that they might lead us on the path of faithful discipleship, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the baptized gathered in this church, that we might follow in the path of John the Baptizer and always acknowledge Jesus as Lord, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all those preparing for baptism and for their families, and for our newest members, that they might draw closer to the servant who is God’s chosen, the light of the nations, and our light, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the healing of all those who cannot yet see God’s impartial love; for reconciliation among nations, races, creeds, and all that can divide us; for the gifts of unity and peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the consolation and support of all who are imprisoned, physically, spiritually, emotionally; for all who are ill; especially for those dying of incurable diseases and those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence. The People may add their own petitions.*

Let us Pray for Peace Among the Nations

**Almighty God our heavenly Father, guide the nations of the world into the way of justice and truth, and establish among them that peace which is the fruit of righteousness, that they may become the kingdom of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*The Celebrant concludes*

All loving and ever-faithful God, we thank you for the gift of your Son. As his disciples, we have offered our prayers. Hear them and answer them in his name, Jesus your beloved Son and our beloved Lord, this day and forever. **Amen.**

### **The Peace**

*Celebrant:* The peace of Christ be always with you.

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

*The clergy and people greet one another in the name of the Lord, maintaining a respectful distance.*

### **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

**Birthday Prayer - Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may thy peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Announcements**

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

*The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with a sentence of scripture. The offering plates are placed on the altar as a sign of our self-offering to God and our promise to give faithfully to the church.*





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**Choir Anthem**    *“When Jesus came to Jordan to be baptized by John”*

*The Doxology is sung.*

***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**                      **from the BCP**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant::* Lift up your hearts!

***People:*    **We lift them up 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 - Hymnal S-130**

*The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues*

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.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

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:

***Celebrant and people***

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

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.**

**The Lord's Prayer** (*spoken*)

*The Celebrant continues:*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, I invite you to join me and pray in the

language of your heart,

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

### **Fraction Anthem - S-164**

*We invite all present to participate in this feast, regardless of where you are on your spiritual journey. Our table is open to all, as this is God's gift to all.*

*To receive the bread, please make a semi-circle around the altar behind the railing and in front. You may kneel or stand. Cup your hands in front of you to receive the bread. For the wine, you may choose either to get a single use compostable cup on your way to the altar, or drink from the common cup. To receive a blessing instead of communion, approach the priest with your arms crossed over your chest.*

*If needed, we do have gluten free communion wafers available. Just ask as you approach the priest.*

*If you do not wish to receive the Eucharist but would like a blessing, please approach the priest with your hands crossed over your chest.*

*We ask that you remember to use the hand sanitizer as you come to receive the Holy Eucharist.*

**Pachelbel's Canon played by Laurel Rogers.**

**Communion Hymn "Be not afraid" (Next page)**

*Verse 1*

1. You shall cross the bar-ren des-ert, but you shall not die of thirst. You shall wan-der far in safe-ty though you do not know the way. You shall speak your words in for-eign lands and all will un-der-stand. You shall see the face of God and live.

*Refrain*

Be not a-fraid. I go be-fore you al-ways. Come, fol-low me, and I will give you rest.

2. If you pass through raging waters in the sea, you shall not drown,  
 If you walk amid the burning flames, you shall not be harmed.  
 If you stand before the power of hell and death is at your side,  
 know that I am with you through it all. *Refrain*

3. Blessed are your poor, for the kingdom shall be theirs.  
 Blest are you that weep and mourn, for one day you shall laugh.  
 And if wicked men insult and hate you all because of me, blessed, blessed are you! *Refrain*

## The Postcommunion Prayer

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

**Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## The Blessing

**Closing Hymn    *"O love, how deep, how broad, how high"*    Hymnal 448**

## The Dismissal

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People*    **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## Postlude



Please join us for coffee hour after the service. Jane Stockton & Carrie Rivers are hosting today.

***Happy Birthday!***

- 13th Guy Fulton  
Christina Wentworth
- 15th John Teller  
Bob Kellogg
- 16th Darrow Lindstrum  
Grace James
- 18th Sarah Seidel  
Patrick Foley

***Happy Anniversary!***

There are no anniversaries this week.

The Altar Flowers are given today by Kay Kellogg in celebration of her husband, Bob's birthday.

\*Flowers arranged by Heather Carnocki\*

The Sanctuary Lamp is given today by Ruth Lindstrum in thanksgiving for Darrow's birthday..

## ***Calendar of Events***

***Sunday, January 12***      ***8 am - Holy Eucharist Rite 1***  
***9:30 am - Choir Rehearsal***  
***10:15 am - Holy Eucharist Rite 2***  
***11:45 am - Choir Rehearsal***  
***6:00 pm - Youth Group***

***Monday, January 13***

***Tuesday, Jan. 14***      ***1:30 pm - Pastoral Care Meeting***

***Wednesday, Jan. 15***

***Thursday, Jan. 16***      ***12:30 pm - Bible Study***

***Friday, Jan. 17***

***Saturday, Jan. 18***

***Sunday, Jan. 19***      ***9:30 am - Rite I, with music led by Chris Eisenberg***  
***No Teen Bible Study***  
***10:45 am - Annual Meeting***  
***Noon – BC Meeting***

***The mission of St. Antony's is to be a loving and welcoming people who worship God,  
grow in Christ, and serve others: Gather, Grow, and Go!***

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