



THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
Holy Eucharist & Baptism, Rite II, Year C
January 12, 2025, 10AM

Welcome!

We are happy to worship with you, and honored to have you with us!

Our liturgy comes from the Book of Common Prayer.

Everything you will need for this service can be found in this bulletin
and also the blue *Hymnal* in the pew rack.

*The altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God and
in loving memory of Jack Andrew Harter
by Katie, Doug, Meghan, Caroline & Olivia,
and in thanksgiving for the baptisms of
Harper Lynn and Zoe Michelle by their parents,
Heather & Thomas Houston.*

Children begin in service with their families, and will be
invited to Sunday School in Nieman Hall by Miss Kathryn.
The children will rejoin the service at the Peace.

Refrain



A - scribe to the Lord the glo-ry due his Name.

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; *Refrain*
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. *Refrain*
And in the temple of the Lord*
all are crying, "Glory!"
The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; *
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.
The Lord shall give strength to his people; *
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace. *Refrain*

THE SECOND LESSON

Acts 8:14-17

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The people stand.

SEQUENCE ALLELUIA

*Sung by all, before and after
the choir sings the verse*

Taizé



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



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

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People



Glo - ry to you Lord Christ

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People



Praise to you Lord Christ

The people sit.

SERMON

The Sunday School children return to the sanctuary.

The Holy Baptism

The Presentation and Examination of the Candidates:

Harper Lynn Houston

Zoe Michelle Houston

The candidates for baptism are presented to the congregation.

Following the questions to the candidates, parents, and sponsors the congregation is asked the following:

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

People **We will.**

Presider Let us join with Harper and Zoe, who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

BCP, p. 304

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?

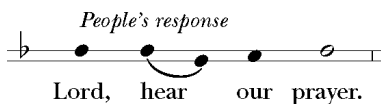
People **I will, with God's help.**

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.**

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

Hymnal S-75



Presider Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Presider Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

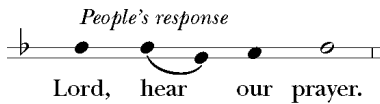
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Presider Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Presider Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**



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

Presider Send them into the world in witness to your love.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Presider Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People **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. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

BCP, p. 306

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 God thanks and praise.**

Presider offers a prayer to which the people respond: Amen.

THE BAPTISM

BCP, p. 307

Presider

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

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

The candidate is presented with a baptismal candle.

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.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Presider and 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 people greet one another in the name of the Lord.

WORDS OF WELCOME

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

“The Baptism of Christ”

Charles Callahan

Choirs



Please feel free to make your offering in thanksgiving to God using the electronic giving options at www.gracemadison.org/giving.

The people stand.

PRESENTATION HYMN

“Christ When For Us
You Were Baptized”
(*Caithness*)

Hymnal 121

Presider

And we offer our sacrifice of praise...
... all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP, p. 364

Presider

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

All 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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

A period of silence is kept.

Christ our Passover

Presider

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

2 People All

There fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia

Detailed description: The image shows two staves of musical notation. The first staff is for the Presider and is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat. It contains the melody for 'Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us'. The second staff is for the People and is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat. It contains the melody for 'There fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia'. Both staves end with a double bar line.

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All baptized persons are invited to receive Communion.

Our custom is to receive the bread on extended hands and drink from the cup.

Intinction— dipping the wafer in the wine—is not practiced.

To receive a blessing instead of the sacrament, cross your arms over your chest.

If you need to have Communion brought to you at your seat, please inform an usher.

Gluten-free bread is available upon request.

FRACTION ANTHEM

“Agnus Dei”
(Hurd)

Hymnal S-161

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

COMMUNION MUSIC

“Von Himmel Hoch”

J. G. Walther

COMMUNION HYMN

“Wade in the Water”
Choir, Soloists

Traditional Spiritual
Refrain: Sung by All

Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa - ter, chil - dren,
 Wade in the wa - ter, God's a - gon - na trou - ble the wa - ter.

Fine

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

The people stand

BCP, p. 365

Presider Let us pray.

Presider and 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 BLESSING

The Presider invokes God's blessing upon all, to which the people respond Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

“Hail to the Lord's Anointed”
(*Flog ein kleins Waldvoegelein*)

Hymnal 616

DISMISSAL

The people are dismissed in the name of Christ.

Response **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

“Von Himmel Hoch”
organ

Johann Pachelbel



This month we are collecting the most needed baby items for North Porch in Dover. You can purchase items online here and have shipped to Grace Church, or shop and drop off donations in Nieman Annex. Thank You!!

Grace Calendar Highlights

See www.gracemadison.org for more details.

Tuesday, Jan 14, 7PM **Men's Gathering**, *Library*

Monday, Jan 20—**Martin Luther King, Jr Day**— *Parish Office Closed*

Tuesday, Jan 21

7PM **Circle of Women**, *Library*

7:30PM **Men's Book Group**, *Boy of Riverside* by Thomas Fuller

Member's homes. Email for directions bruce.rudin82@gmail.com

Saturday, Jan 25, 9-10AM, **Barre with Peggy Potter** Bring a yoga mat and enjoy some fellowship & exercise. Open to all ages & levels. Refreshments afterward.

\$35/person. Contact Angela Finlay to reserve a spot.

Sunday, Jan 26, 1:30PM **Casserole Brigade**, *Kitchen*

Monday, Jan 27 7PM, **Women's Book Group**,

Master Slave Husband Wife by Lyon Woo, *Library*

Monday, Feb 3, 1-7PM, **Blood Drive**, *Grace Hall*

Saturday, Feb 8, 6PM *Cocktails*, 7PM *Show*

Harmonium's Broadway Cabaret, *Ukrainian-American Center, Hanover*

Save the Date

Experience Grace: **Chili Cookoff**, Feb, 3, 6PM, *Grace Hall*

Women's Retreat, Feb 21-23, *Crossroads Camp & Retreat Center*

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The Rev. Susan R. Ironside, *Rector*

The Rev. Canon Robert T. Griner, *Associate*

Worship Services

Holy Eucharist Services

Sunday 8AM & 10AM

Morning Prayer

Wednesday 8:30AM Zoom

Saturday 8:30AM Zoom

Staff

Dr. Anne Matlack, *Organist & Director of Choirs*

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