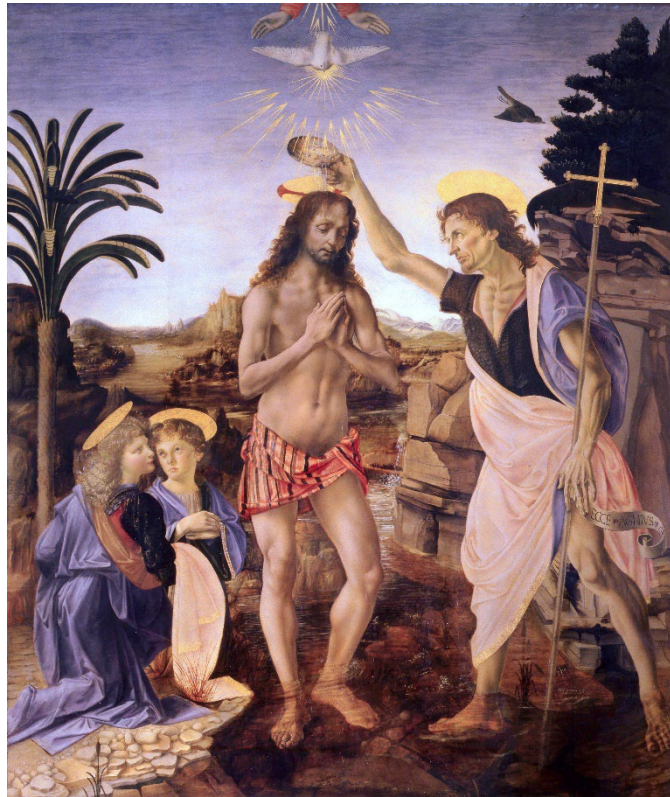


# The First Sunday after the Epiphany: The Baptism of our Lord

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II



*“Baptism of Christ” by Andrea del Verrocchio, ca. 1475*

**Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
**10:00 am**

**EMMANUEL**  
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*Welcome to Emmanuel Episcopal Church. We are glad you joined us today!*

*Whoever you are and wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, there is a place for you here. We welcome everyone to join and participate fully in worship. The bulletin should contain all you need to participate in worship. Text the congregation reads aloud is printed in bold. This symbol ☩ denotes the appropriate time to make the sign of the cross upon yourself, if it is your custom.*

*Mask-wearing is optional. The rear pews are designated for socially-distanced seating for those who wish. Please sanitize your hands as you enter and immediately before Communion.*

## THE SEASON OF EPIPHANY

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The feast of the Epiphany falls on the 6<sup>th</sup> of January each year, following the 12 days of Christmas. This festival appears to have developed in the early part of the 4<sup>th</sup> century and its name comes from a Greek word meaning “appearance” or “manifestation” since Epiphany is associated with the manifestation of Christ to the world.

The season following the Epiphany is of variable length because it continues until the beginning of Lent. The first Sunday after the Epiphany is special because it commemorates the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River. The last Sunday after the Epiphany (the Sunday before Lent begins on Ash Wednesday) is also special as we celebrate the Transfiguration in which Jesus's divine glory is revealed upon the mountaintop. For those two Sundays, the liturgical color will be white. For the other six, we will be in green, the color of life and growth.

The Gospel appointed on Epiphany (which is rarely a Sunday, so we don't often hear it) is the well-known story of the magi following a star to worship the newborn Jesus in Bethlehem. So we will keep our decorative glass stars over the choir pews and organ to remind us where we are in the calendar. We will also be using Eucharistic Prayer C, with its references to space, galaxies, and planets.



*Please note that this service is being livestreamed and recorded.  
Videos may be found on our Facebook page, YouTube channel, and website.*

**Prelude**

*Christe Sanctorum from Antiphoner, Paris 1681  
Robert Hobby (b. 1962)*

# The Word of God

## Processional Hymn • Hymnal '82 #135

*Songs of thankfulness and praise*

*All are invited to stand and sing.*

1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Jes - us, Lord, to thee we raise,  
2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro-phet, Priest, and King su - preme;  
3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;  
4 Man - i - fest on moun - tain height, shin - ing in re - splen - dent light,

man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;  
and at Ca - na, wed - ding - guest, in thy God - head man - i - fest;  
man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;  
where dis - ci - ples filled with awe thy trans - fi - gured glo - ry saw.

branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;  
man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill;  
When from there thou led - dest them stead - fast to Je - ru - sa - lem,

an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
cross and Eas - ter Day at - test God in man made man - i - fest.

## Opening Acclamation

*The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p.299*

*Celebrant*

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

*People*

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

*The Celebrant then continues*

*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.

## The Collect of the Day

BCP p.213

*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.**

*Please be seated.*

### **The First Lesson** • *A reading from the Prophet Isaiah*

**Isaiah 43:1-7**

Now 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."

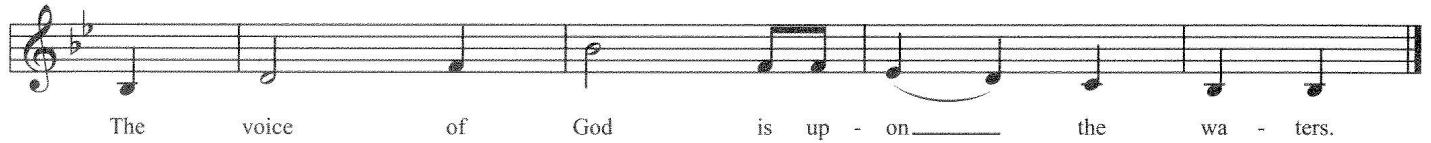
The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.



## The Psalm

Psalm 29

*The choir first sings the below refrain, which is then sung by all.*



- 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. *Refrain by all*
- 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; *Refrain by all*
- 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. *Refrain by all*
- 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!" *Refrain by all*
- 10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
the Lord sits enthroned as king forevermore.
- 11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; \*  
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace. *Refrain by all*

## The Second Lesson • A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Acts 8:14-17

Now 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.

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

1 When Je - sus went to Jor - dan's stream his Fa - ther's will o -  
 2 The Ho - ly Spi - rit then was shown, a dove on him de -  
 3 He came by wa - ter and by blood to heal our lost con -  
 bey - ing, and was bap - tized by John, there came  
 scend - ing; the Tri - une God is thus made known  
 di - tion; he cleans - es, rec - on - ciles to God,  
 a voice from hea - ven say - ing, "This is my dear be -  
 in Christ as love un - end - ing. He taught, he healed, he  
 and gives the Great Com - mis - sion. Then let us not heed  
 lov - èd Son up - on whom rests my fa - vor."  
 raised the dead, yet, in his great en - deav - or  
 world - ly lies nor rest up - on our mer - it,  
 And till God's will is ful - ly done he will not bend or  
 to save us, his own blood was shed; but death could hold him  
 but trust in Christ who will bap - tize with wa - ter and the  
 wa - ver, for he is Christ the Sa - vior.  
 nev - er. He rose, and lives for ev - er.  
 Spi - rit that we may life in - he - rit.

**The 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. 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."

*Deacon*                    The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*                    Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## The Sermon

The Rev. David Jackson

*After the sermon there is a brief time of silence for reflection before the procession to the baptismal font.*

The Choir sings *This is the Spirit's Entry Now*  
Leo Sowerby (1895-1968)

## Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

BCP p.301

*The Priest says*                    The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*Parents and Godparents*        I present Emmy Louise Bagby to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*The Priest asks the parents and godparents*  
Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

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

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

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

*Then the Priest asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children*

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

*Answer*                                I renounce them.

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

*Answer*                                I renounce them.

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

*Answer*                                I renounce them.

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

*Answer*                                I do.

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

*Answer*                                I do.

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

*Answer*                                I do.

*Question*                          Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Emmy in her life in Christ?

*People*                                We will.

- Priest* Let us join with Emmy who is committing herself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.
- Priest* Do you believe in God the Father?  
*People* I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
- Priest* 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.
- Priest* 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.
- Priest* 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.
- Priest* 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.
- Priest* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?  
*People* I will, with God's help.
- Priest* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?  
*People* I will, with God's help.
- Priest* 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 Candidate

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

*A Person appointed leads the following petitions*

- Leader* Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.  
*People* Lord, hear our prayer.
- Leader* Open her heart to your grace and truth.  
*People* Lord, hear our prayer.
- Leader* Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.  
*People* Lord, hear our prayer.



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

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Send her into the world in witness to your love.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*The Priest says a closing prayer*

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

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*Priest* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

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

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

*Priest* 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.

*At the following words, the Priest touches the water*

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 Baptism

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*The candidate is presented by name to the Priest, who then pours water upon the candidate, saying*

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

*Then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross using Chrism and saying*

Emmy, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.  
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 her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her 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.

*When all have been baptized, the Priest says*

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.

## Welcome and Announcements

*Please be seated.*

# The Holy Communion

**Offertory Anthem** • *Hymnal '82 #448* sing verses 1-3 & 6

*O love how deep how broad*

1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing  
2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly  
3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his  
6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so

1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of  
2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions  
3 dai - ly works he wrought: by words and signs and  
6 deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom

1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.  
2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er ov - er - threw.  
3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.  
6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

## The Doxology • Hymnal '82 #380 (verse 3 only)

All are invited to stand and sing as the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly host:  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

## The Great Thanksgiving

## Eucharistic Prayer C

BCP p.369

*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 our thanks and praise.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.  
Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

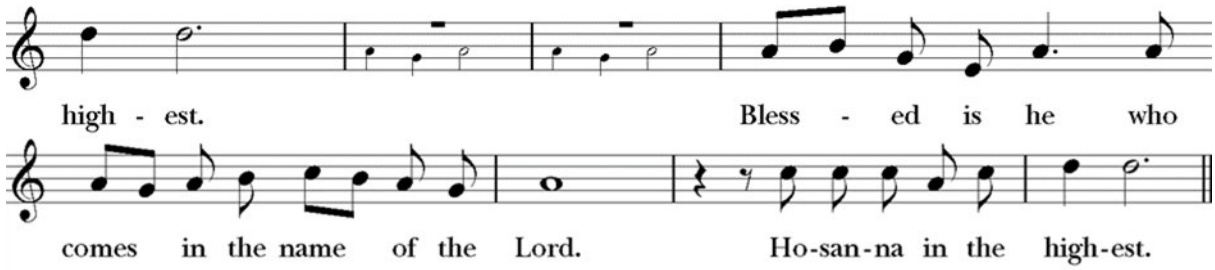
Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

## Sanctus & Benedictus • Hymnal '82 #S-128

Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the



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

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

*Celebrant and People*

**We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; Lord God of our Mothers: God of Sarah, Rebekah, Rachel and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

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

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**BCP p.364**

*Celebrant and 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.**

**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.

**Fraction Anthem • Hymnal '82 #333**

*Now the silence*

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then is sung*

Now the si - lence Now the peace Now the emp - ty  
 hands up - lift - ed Now the kneel - ing Now the plea  
 Now the Fa - ther's arms in wel - come Now the hear - ing  
 Now the power Now the ves - sel brimmed for pour - ing  
 Now the Bo - dy Now the Blood Now the joy - ful  
 cel - e - bra - tion Now the wed - ding Now the songs  
 Now the heart for - giv - en leap - ing Now the Spi - rit's  
 vis - i - ta - tion Now the Son's e - piph - an - y  
 Now the Fa - ther's bless - ing Now Now Now

*The Celebrant says the following invitation*

The Gifts of God for the people of God.

*and may add*

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*This is God's Table and not our own. All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to participate in Holy Communion. We are receiving both bread and wine at Communion. Please sanitize your hands prior to coming forward. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. There are two options for receiving the consecrated wine. If you wish to drink from the chalice, please go the left side of the altar rail. If you prefer to receive it in a single-use compostable cup (to drink or intinct), please pick one up from the table and go to the right side of the rail. The cup can be discarded on the table in the sacristy to be reverently rinsed out. If you are sick, we ask that you please refrain from using the chalice and either get a single-use cup instead or rest assured that the fullness of Communion is received in either just bread alone or wine alone. If you do not wish to receive, you are invited to cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you would like a blessing, which will be delivered without touch.*

**Communion Hymn • Hymnal '82 #637**

*How firm a foundation*

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,  
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed!  
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,  
 4 "When through fier - y tri - als thy path - way shall lie,  
 5 "The soul that to Je - sus hath fled for re - pose,

1 is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!  
 2 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
 3 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;  
 4 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;  
 5 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

1 What more can he say than to you he hath said,  
 2 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
 3 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,  
 4 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign  
 5 that soul, though all hell shall en - deav - or to shake,

1 to you that for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
 2 up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.  
 3 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.  
 4 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.  
 5 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

## Prayer after Communion

BCP p.366

*All are invited to stand or kneel.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant 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 ✠

### Closing Hymn

*Baptized in water*



1 Baptized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the  
2 Baptized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the  
3 Baptized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, 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.  
chil - dren, joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

## The Dismissal

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*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

*The Rejoicing*  
Charles Callahan (1951-2023)

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*Flowers on the Altar today are given to the Glory of God  
and in celebration of Emmy Louise Bagby  
on her Baptism with love from her family.*



# THE SUNDAY TIMES

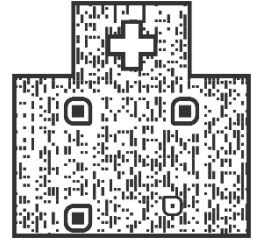
**Today, Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>**

**The Baptism of our Lord**

- 8:00am, Holy Eucharist Rite II (no music)
- 10:00am, Holy Eucharist Rite II (with music) **with Holy Baptism**
- 11:30am, Formation: Reading the Bible

**Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>**

- 8:00am, Holy Eucharist Rite II (no music)
- 10:00am, Holy Eucharist Rite II (with music) **with Children's Church**
- 11:30am, Formation: Reading the Bible



**Birthdays:** Bonnie Kintigh, William Parker, Angelo DiGangi, Blair Martin

**Anniversaries:** Bill & Laura Sirp, 31 years of marriage, congratulations!

**In our prayers:** Rich, Glen, Rose, Sandee, Jimmy, Natalie, Kathryn, Jim, Colleen, Jeff, Kurt, Mike & Renee, Molly & Jim.

**For the repose of the soul:** Ellen Cascardi, Sandee Tybor, Daniel Salotti

## **Formation: Reading the Bible (1/12 and 1/19)**

The Bible can be intimidating and confusing for any reader, and sometimes leaves us with more questions than we started with! Join us for a two-part formation miniseries with Professors Harry Attridge and John Collins to enrich your understanding of these captivating texts. Session 1 helps us understand the historical time in which the Bible was recorded and the evolution of modern thinking on scripture. Session 2 tackles the presentation of violence, patriarchy, slavery, and sexual behavior which has provided so much challenge. These sessions will be presented after the 10am service, live in Beadway Hall and on Zoom.

## **Next in Formation: A Living Compass Wellness Circle, starting January 26**

Join us for a six-week program, facilitated by social work intern Stacy Jackson. We'll begin with a self-assessment of the state of our Heart, Soul, Strength and Mind, and then discuss how our faith informs our wellness and daily decisions. You'll learn how to assess your current state of balance and well-being, learn important lessons about change, and set weekly goals for the changes you feel ready to make. Join us for as many sessions as you can! (NOTE: Formation will not meet on 2/2, when Emmanuel holds its Annual Meeting)

**Feed My Starving Children**, join us to volunteer and pack meals on Saturday February 15th from 2:00-3:45pm. Emmanuel has 15 spots reserved for the Aurora location. We will meet at Emmanuel at 1:00pm and carpool together. Children as young as 5 can participate, and it is always a fun and rewarding experience! Please use the church shaped QR code to reserve your place.

**Calling New Vestry Nominees!** Are you interested in joining our Vestry? We will be looking for a couple of new members to serve alongside existing members. If you are interested, please let Rev. Dave or either warden know. Our **Annual Meeting** is on **Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>** after the one service at 9:15am. A Sign-up-Genius has been sent out to bring items to create a delicious breakfast banquet.

## **Upcoming events at Emmanuel**

Please help us spread the word, bring your friends, neighbors and family. All proceeds of our Sounds in the Sanctuary events (on the next page) are given towards our Pipe Organ Fund, as we still have the bank loan obligation and thoughts of a future safeguarding fund are ever present. The POP committee have managed to reduce our initial 10-year loan of \$125k to now \$68,754k in just 4 years, thanks in part to their hard work and commitment and to your support. Events like these with your patronage make our events fun, fulfilling and worthwhile. Thank you.

## **Emmanuel Giving Envelopes**

Thank you to all who still like to use an Emmanuel giving envelopes. This year we would like to use and recycle some of our old year's supply that were ordered 'just in case' - we have a box full of them and feel we could use them for this year. We will leave a box out with complete blank books from previous years for you to take and use as you wish.

They will not have your number or name, so please remember to change the date and use your name. Our new accounting software does not recognise our old numbers and so they are unnecessary. Thank you for your help in reducing waste, one small step at a time!

**The Well's Birthday Bash** - Join the Well Spirituality Center for a celebration of their 25th birthday - Saturday, 1/18 from 9:30a-11a. Breakfast and coffee will be served alongside a scavenger hunt, raffle, and other games. This event is FREE, but advanced RSVP is appreciated at <https://csjthewell.org/programs/birthdaybash/>

**UPCOMING**  
**events**

Friends of Casavant 3062's **SOUNDS IN THE SANCTUARY SERIES**

**FRIDAY 24 JANUARY**  
**GUITARRA AZUL** - Back by popular demand! Enjoy the exciting blend of Classical Guitar, Flamenco Guitar and Dance, Rumba Flamenco, Latin Jazz, and World Sounds; all with intoxicating Latin percussion and fiery Spanish guitars. The **LT Latin Dance Club** will open the show!

**FRIDAY 7 FEBRUARY**  
**TRIVIA NIGHT** - Bring your friends, test your knowledge, and enjoy an evening of hilarious fun! Now's the time to start getting your tables together! Dinner is included.

**FRIDAY 21 MARCH**  
**THE GREG WARD QUARTET** - Greg Ward is an innovative saxophonist, composer, and educator with a unique blend of jazz, avant-garde, and world music influences. He is a vital figure in the Chicago jazz scene and the global contemporary music landscape.

**FRIDAY 11 APRIL**  
**SPRING SILENT MOVIE** (Film TBD)  
Featuring live accompaniment by organist Jay Warren

**TICKETS & INFO:**  
[www.emmanuel-lagrange.org](http://www.emmanuel-lagrange.org)  
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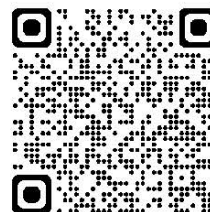
**SOUNDS IN THE SANCTUARY**

Emmanuel Episcopal Church of La Grange  
203 S. Kensington Ave, La Grange, IL 60525

# Guitarra Azul

**S**OUNDS IN  
THE SANCTUARY

The Sounds in the Sanctuary Series and Friends of Casavant will present again, by popular demand, **Guitarra Azul**, who are returning to our sanctuary on **Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup> 2025 at 7:30pm**. Please save the date and join us for this, their 2<sup>nd</sup> visit: their 1<sup>st</sup> visit at Emmanuel was a beautiful evening.



**Tickets here**

On-line Ticket Prices are Adults \$24, Students aged 5-18 \$18 please use the QR code for tickets.

Tickets will be available at the door for \$25.

Refreshments will be available during the evening.

**Please join us at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 203 S. Kensington Ave, La Grange, IL, 60525**

**Guitarra Azul** is an exciting blend of Classical Guitar, Flamenco Guitar, Rumba Flamenco, Flamenco Dance, Latin Jazz, and World Sounds, with intoxicating Latin percussion and fiery Spanish guitars.

These world class musicians offer music that is invigorating to the spirit and soothing to the soul. It will fill your heart with passion and it will make your body want to dance with joy!!

The LTHS Latin Dancers will also be back to open the show.



This concert has been part sponsored with thanks by the

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### Weekly Worship Schedule

Tuesdays	at 7:30am	Contemplative Prayer (online)
Thursdays	at 7:30am	Contemplative Prayer (online)
	at 8:00pm	Compline (online)
Sundays	at 8:00am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II (without music)
	at 10:00am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II (with music)

### Clergy & Staff

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The Rev. Kate Spelman	<i>Associate Rector</i>	revkate@eeclg.org
The Rev. William Rimkus	<i>Deacon</i>	dnbill@eeclg.org
Mrs. Judy Staiano	<i>Parish Administrator</i>	admin@eeclg.org
Mr. Clarence Johnson	<i>Sexton</i>	

### Wardens & Vestry

Terry O'Neill, *Senior Warden* Dan Mottl, *Junior Warden*  
 Mary Pat Anderson, Drew Beyer, Diane Clark-Coutre, Cliff Egel, Jacob Goes, Penny Longo, Marie Narvaez, Ron Throckmorton and Carry Zaras, *Members*

### Serving Today

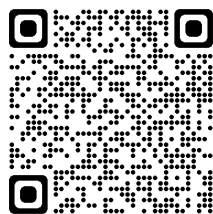
Marc O'Brien, *Lector* Leslie Stahulak & Elizabeth Valeika, *Altar Guild*  
 Andy Dolliff, *Acolyte* Stacy Jackson, *Livestream Operator*  
 Darlene Crilly, *Organist*

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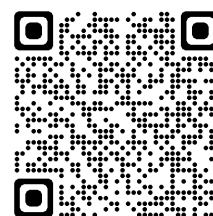
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