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Our Mission is Growing Disciples of Jesus Christ

The Liturgy of the Word

Opening Voluntary

Prelude on a Baptismal Hymn

Johann Pachelbel

Hymn in Procession 448

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

Acclamation *(also on page 355 in the Book of Common Prayer)*

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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

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.**

The Lessons

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29 (said responsively by half verse)

Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, *
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; *
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
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;
He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

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 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.
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**

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn 121 Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized

Gospel - Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Priest: 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."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

The Sermon - The Rev. Nathan Webb

The Nicene Creed (*page 358 in the Book of Common Prayer*)

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty, maker of Heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of Life,

Who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People *(please kneel as you are able)*

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, hear our prayer."

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For this nation and our people, and for all the people of the world, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For those on our parish prayer list, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all the blessings of this life, for our creation, preservation, and our salvation through your Son Jesus Christ, we give thanks to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We give thanks to you, O Lord especially for... *(please add your thanksgivings)*

Lord, hear our prayer.

In the communion of all the saints, we commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to you, O Lord, our God.

Lord, hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession

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 heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we 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.

Absolution

The Exchange of the Peace of Jesus Christ

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you

People And also with you!

The Liturgy of the Table

The Offertory The congregation offers to God gifts of bread and wine, as well as gifts of money and music.

Offertory Music **Down In the River to Pray** trad., arr. Dan Emmett

Text: As I went down in the river to pray, studying about that good old way, and who shall wear the starry crown, Good Lord? Show me the way. O (sisters, brothers, mothers, fathers, Jesus) let's go down, come on down, down in the river to pray!

Presentation Hymn vs 3 of 380

Doxology / Old 100th

**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.**

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A (also on page 361 of the Book of Common Prayer)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

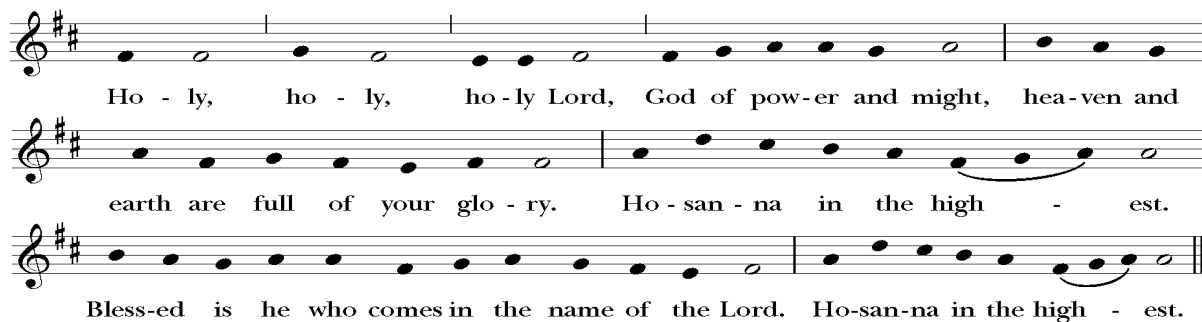
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

The Celebrant continues...

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, Hymn S-124



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er 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.

The Celebrant continues...

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues...

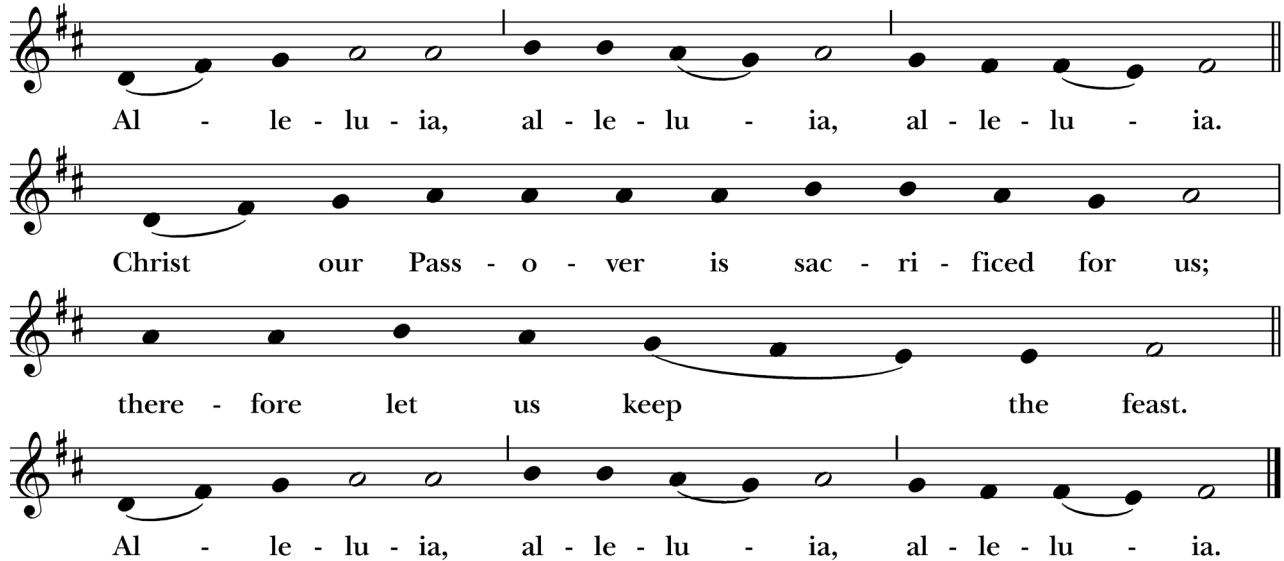
All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

The people join in concluding: "AMEN!"

The Lord's Prayer

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



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Communion

All are welcome at the table either to receive the blessing of the church if you are not baptized (please indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest), or to share in communion with Christ and his church if you are a baptized Christian of any age or any denomination. Gluten free wafers are available upon request. If you would like prayer for yourself or others, come to the side altar where trained intercessors will pray for you.

Hymns during communion (*please join in singing*)

- 513 Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song
- 76 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

Eucharistic Visitor Blessing

We send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. Go with the Bread of Heaven and the Cup of Salvation to our sisters and brothers who cannot be with us in this place, bringing refreshment to those who are weary, and all for God's glory in the Communion of Saints. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer (*also in the Book of Common Prayer, page 365*)

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.

Blessing

Hymn in Procession 616 Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Dismissal

Priest: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People: Thanks be to God!

Closing Voluntary

How Bright Appears the Morning Star

Dietrich Buxtehude

Thank you for worshipping with us! Please join us for coffee and refreshments in the Parish Hall

Events & Announcements for the Feast of the Epiphany

Our Mission is Growing Disciples of Jesus Christ.

God has a vision for us as a Christian Community, empowered by the Holy Spirit, active in:

Worship of God

Worship services every Saturday at 5:30pm and Sunday at 8:00am and 10:30am

Healing Service - February 12th, 11:30 a.m - In a world full of struggle and pain, the church is called to be a part of Jesus' ministry of healing. At Saint Peter and Saint Paul, we offer a healing service each month where we come together to pray for those who need healing.

Discipleship for All Ages

Youth Winter Retreat 2025 – Happy: Seeking Joy and Contentment in Christ – January 18–20 2025

in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. Cost: \$150 per student. For more information and to signup, go to www.peterandpaul.org/2025happy. Questions? Contact Brandon Dasinger at bdasinger@peterandpaul.org.

Foyers Beginning in February – Foyers is a way to meet your fellow parishioners in small groups over a meal. Visit our website under Evangelism & Christian Fellowship or contact Melissa Anne Creed (admin@peterandpaul.org) for more information.

Small groups are forming!! Small groups also known as discipleship group are small groups consisting of 6-12 individuals who meet weekly via zoom or in person in someone's home or at the church to share a time for fellowship, bible study and prayer. No previous experience is necessary. Days and times are flexible so let us know what days and times work best for you, and if you would prefer to meet in person or virtually via zoom. We currently have three discipleship groups but would love to start additional groups based upon the schedules of new participants. Detailed below are the current offerings. All groups will be resuming in mid to late January. If you are interested in joining a small group or have any questions, please contact the church office.

Serving Christ in the World

Parent's Night Out - Sign up for an evening of fun for the kids with crafts, games, movie and a pizza dinner. Then, head out to dinner with your date! Let us know how many children and if there are any food allergies. There will be a cap of 12 children total for this event. **When:** Friday, January 31st, 2025 **Time:** 5:30pm - 8pm **Where:** 1795 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta, GA Sign up on the front page of www.peterandpaul.org

Shelby Matheson Memorial Blood Drive - Friday, February 7th, 2025 8:00am - 1:00pm & 2:30pm - 7:30pm Located in the Parish Hall @ SPSP Blood Drive & Bone Marrow Donation Registry. Please donate blood to honor the memory of Shelby Matheson, Tyson McRee, Richard Bailey & Kimberly Andrews. To schedule an appointment, please contact Charmain Matheson at 770-992-0841. Walk-ins Welcome!

Women's Widow Support Group - Organizational Meeting. Please join us for the Women's Widow Support Group on January 15th at 4:30 PM in the Garden Room. Coffee and refreshments will be served.

This will be an organizational meeting to discuss and plan monthly outings and an opportunity to get to know one another better.

Please note: This group is a support group and not a grief share group. If you are interested in attending please contact Camie Schade



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