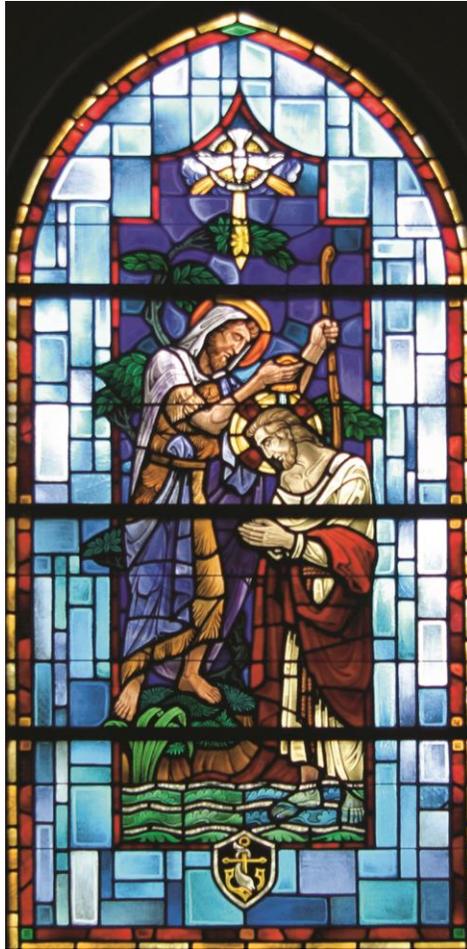


# A SERVICE OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

The First Sunday after the Epiphany

*The Baptism of Our Lord, Jesus Christ*

January 10, 2021



*The Baptism of Jesus window, Grace Cathedral, Topeka*

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*A House of Prayer for All People*

**PRELUDE:** “Prelude” Op. 105, No. 3

Charles V. Stanford (1852-1924)

*Sylvia Hamilton, Organist*

**HYMN:** “Christ, When For Us You Were Baptized”

Hymn 121 – tune: *Caithness*

*The Virtual Hymn Choir*

Christ, when for us you were baptized, God’s Spirit on you came,  
as peaceful as a dove and yet as urgent as a flame.

God called you his beloved Son, called you his servant true,  
sent you his kingdom to proclaim, his holy will to do.

Straightway and steadfast until death you then obeyed his call  
freely as Son of Man to serve and give your life for all.

Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord, your cross on us be signed,  
that, likewise in God’s service we may perfect freedom find.

## **WELCOME**

## **ACCLAMATION**

*Officiant* Blessed be God: Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.

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

*Officiant:* 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.

**People** **Amen.**

*Officiant and People:*

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Officiant* 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.**

**FIRST READING:** Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

*Lector*        The Word of the Lord

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 29**

- 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 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.**

**SECOND READING:** Acts 19:1-7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?” They replied, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.” Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.” On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—altogether there were about twelve of them.

*Lector*        The Word of the Lord

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL:** Mark 1:4-11

*People*      **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. 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 NICENE CREED**

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

Let us pray to the God who glorified the beloved Son in his baptism as a sign to the world.

Grant to all who are members of your Church by baptism the grace of the Holy Spirit to live worthily of their calling. Today we remember especially our Presiding Bishop, Michael; our own Bishop, Cathleen; the parish of Trinity Church in Arkansas City; and the Cathedral of All Saints in Albany, New York. Give to your people both repentance of their sins and strength in the good works prepared for them to do.

Come into the hearts of all -- those who do not know you, and those who know you only imperfectly. Let the people of this world no longer walk in darkness, but in the light of truth.

We pray for all who at this time are preparing for baptism around the world. Fill them with your grace, so that in due time they may show that grace in their lives. Strengthen also parents and godparents to be faithful in their promises.

Pardon and turn to repentance those who have chosen to live in the darkness of sin. Come to those who have followed dangerous and forbidden ways and lead them into new life.

Grant rest and peace to the faithful who, having once died to sin in the water of baptism, have now died to this world. We remember especially, with memorials: Frances Irwin, Robert Wilcox, Eleanore Rost and Margery Ridgeway. Lighten them with the light that has been your gift to all creation from the beginning.

United in baptism, we join our prayers with all the people of God.

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Our Cathedral cycle of prayer*

**Grace Cathedral:** Phil and Sonja Becker, Judy Gilliland, Scott Green, Jude Highberger, Lauren, Georgia McCurdy, Jim Petty, Aaron Sommers, Kyle Templeton

**Diocese of Kansas:** Trinity Church, Arkansas City

**Episcopal Cathedrals:** Cathedral of All Saints, Albany, New York

**Permanent Altar Flower Memorials:** Frances Gladden Irwin, Robert V. Wilcox, Eleanore Odell Rost, Margery Ridgeway

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

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

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

*Singers: Maggie Burk, Katie Burk, Ty Abrahamson, Dylan Ediger  
Steve Burk, organist*

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*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.

*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.

*Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.*

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:

*Celebrant and People*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,**

**We proclaim his resurrection,**

**We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to

that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

**People** AMEN.

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

**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.

### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

*A spiritual communion is a devotional action that anyone can pray. It expresses the desire to receive Holy Communion at a moment where circumstances impede them from actually receiving the consecrated bread and wine.*

*Celebrant and People*

In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and body with the earnest wish that I may always be united to you, and since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself with you, and embrace you with all the love of my soul. Let nothing ever separate me from you. May I live in you, and may you live in me, both in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

**ADORATION ANTHEM:** "Breath of God, Live-Bearing Wind"

Voices Found 59, *tune: Bingham*

*Singer: Maggie Burk; Steve Burk, organist*

Breath of God, life-bearing wind, waking matter into birth, planting promise, prompting hope: with your life renew the earth. Breath of God, word-bearing wind, truth—revealer, prophet's speech, guide to vistas of the mind: let your word excite and teach. Breath of God, song-bearing wind, stirring wonder to rejoice, yearning's echo, grace's dance: let your song give our prayers voice.

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

**People:** 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

**THE DISMISSAL** Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!

**Thanks be to God.**

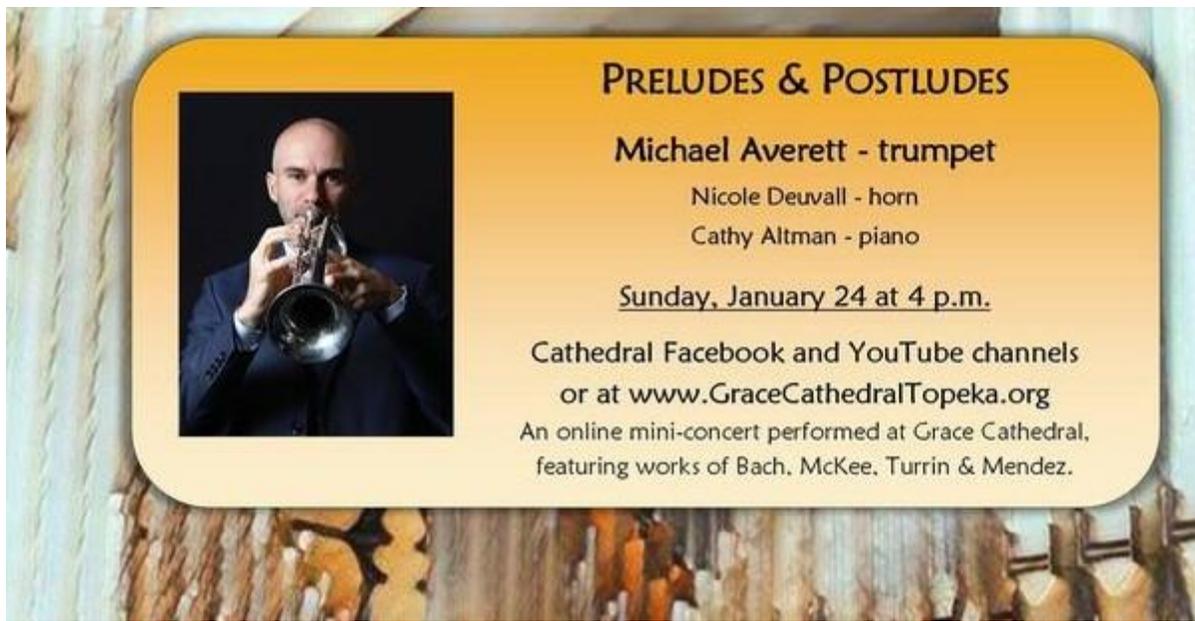
**POSTLUDE:** "In dir ist Freude" BWV 615

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

*Sylvia Hamilton, organist*

**MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY**

OFFICIANT/PREACHER.....Dean Torey Lightcap  
CELEBRANT .....Father John Bullock  
DEACON.....Don Chubb  
LECTOR ..... Sally Henson  
VERGER..... Kent Wingerson  
ORGANIST/CHOIRMASTER ..... Steve Burk  
ASSISTANT ORGANIST ..... Sylvia Hamilton  
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VIRTUAL HYMN EDITOR .....Dylan Ediger



**PRELUDES & POSTLUDES**

**Michael Averett - trumpet**  
Nicole Deuvall - horn  
Cathy Altman - piano

Sunday, January 24 at 4 p.m.

Cathedral Facebook and YouTube channels  
or at [www.GraceCathedralTopeka.org](http://www.GraceCathedralTopeka.org)  
An online mini-concert performed at Grace Cathedral,  
featuring works of Bach, McKee, Turrin & Mendez.

**PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Virtual Coffee Hour:** We will meet via Zoom at 11 a.m. this morning, for the fourth of a 5-part series entitled “A Journey with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob—Finding God in Everyday Life.” This is a video adaption of a forum previously presented by Steven Roth in 2013. The series examines the life, times and societal practices that shapes the story of these three foundational Bible figures, along with timeless and practical applications these stories provide for us today.

**Zoom Coffee Hour link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82776027871>. **You will also need to enter the passcode: grace.**

**Compline:** A live service of Compline continues at 9 p.m. each evening on our Facebook page.

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*Remember that you do not need to have a Facebook account to access the Cathedral's Facebook page.*

**Old Saints for New Days:** Bishop Cathleen Bascom and clergy members of the diocesan staff will offer a service from Grace Cathedral’s St. Mary’s Chapel every Monday at 12:10 p.m. The service will be livestreamed to the diocesan YouTube channel, <https://www.youtube.com/c/episcopaldioceseofkansas>.

**Please continue giving to the mission of Grace Cathedral:** We have created a website which allows you to see the many different ways you can still be giving during this time away. The website is [www.givetograce.org](http://www.givetograce.org).

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