# THE BAPTISM OF OURLORD JESUS CHRIST THE HOLY EUCHARIST JANUARY 7, 2024







This is the First Sunday after the Epiphany, traditionally observed as the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ. This period in the Church year is known as the "Epiphany Season" or "Ordinary Time." The term "ordinary" refers to how the New Testament passages are generally read in order or in sequence, as opposed to being arranged by specific theme as in other seasons. During this season the Gospel passages focus on the beginning of Jesus' ministry and how he is revealed to the world as the Christ. In Year B (the first in a three-year cycle: A, B & C) most of the Gospel passages are from the Gospel according to Mark. The Old Testament Lesson and the Psalm are chosen because they relate to the words and message of Jesus. The New Testament Lesson is independent of these readings and is almost always taken from one of the Letters in the New Testament that reflects the common life and mission of the first Christian community.

## WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH

The Parish of Christ the Redeemer (known as Christ Church) is the Episcopal Church in Pelham, New York. The Episcopal Church is part of the Anglican Communion which is made up of 85 million people in over 165 countries and is the third largest Christian denomination in the world. Christ Church was founded in 1843 and is the first house of worship in Pelham. This building was consecrated on September 15, 1843, the original church building was expanded in 1910, and the sanctuary was reconstructed in 1968 to allow for the current, more intimate worship space. Our congregation draws primarily from Pelham, New Rochelle, Mount Vernon, and the Bronx, and includes people from diverse denominational and cultural backgrounds. Whether you are new to Christ Church or a long-time member, you are invited to pray in our sacred spaces, join in our services of worship, and take an active role in the life and leadership of the parish. We give thanks and praise to God for your presence with us this morning!

Children of all ages are always welcome in church. A great place for children to see, hear and participate is in the front pews of the church. Also, childcare is available in the Nursery every Sunday during the 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist. Sunday School is offered during the academic year from September until June. Sunday School begins at 10:00 AM each Sunday. After the children's service and Sunday School activities, the children join the rest of the congregation for the Holy Communion, escorted into the church by Even Felicetti, our Director of Children's Ministries.

If you believe God may be calling you to a new relationship with him through Jesus Christ we want to be of help. Whether you want to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, receive the laying on of hands by the bishop in the sacramental rite of Confirmation, or transfer your membership from another church or denomination, joining Christ Church is easy, just speak to Father Matthew Mead, Deacon Chisara Alimole, or our Administrator, Ms. Marie Main.

## ORGAN PRELUDE

Chorale-Prelude on "Christ, unser Herr, zum Jordan kam" ("Christ, our Lord, went to Jordan's stream"), BWV 685, by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

Chorale-Prelude on "Gott des Himmels und der Erden" ("God who madest Earth and Heaven"), by Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748).

## ENTRANCE HYMN (# 448)

All stand and sing the hymn as the ministers enter.



Words: Latin, 15th cent.; tr. Benjamin Webb (1819-1885), alt.

Music: Deus tuorum militum, from Antiphoner, 1753; adapt. The English Hymnal, 1906, alt.; harm. after Basil Harwood (1859-1949)

## **OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY**

All remain standing.

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

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

Celebrant

Words:

Music:

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.

All Amen.

## HYMN OF PRAISE (#421), GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

All remain standing and sing the Song of Praise.



Nikolaus Decius (1490?-1541); tr. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984), rev.; para. of *Gloria in excelsis Allein Gott in der Höh*, melody att. Nikolaus Decius (1490?-1541); harm. Hieronymous Praetorius (1560?-1629)

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

All remain standing.

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.

All Amen.

## THE FIRST LESSON: GENESIS 1:1-5

All are seated as the lesson is read.

Reader A reading from Genesis.

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. The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## THE PSALM

#### Psalm 29, Afferte Domino

All remain seated as the choir sings the Psalm to an Anglican chant by Percy Buck (1871-1947).

- 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.
- The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; \* 4 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!"
- The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; \* 10 the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- The Lord shall give strength to his people; \* 11 the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

## THE SECOND LESSON: ACTS 19:1-7

All remain seated as the lesson is read.

Reader

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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.

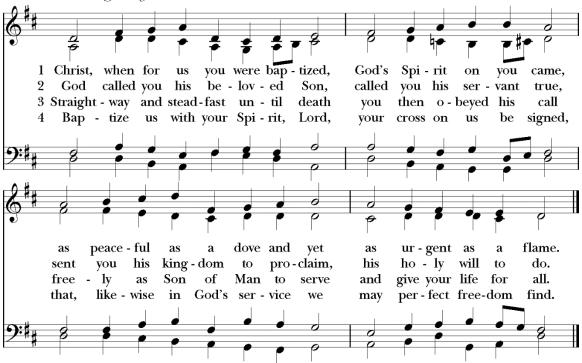
The Word of the Lord

**People** 

Thanks be to God.

# SEQUENCE HYMN (# 121)

All stand and sing the hymn.



Words: F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984), rev.;

Music: Caithness, melody from The Psalmes of David in Prose and Meeter, 1635; harm. The English Hymnal.

## THE HOLY GOSPEL: MARK 1:4-11

All remain standing for the Gospel.

Deacon 

▼ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Deacon 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

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ

## THE SERMON

All are seated for the sermon by the Rector, Father Matthew Hoxsie Mead.

## NICENE CREED

All stand and join in saying the Nicene Creed.

Celebrant We believe in one God,

All the Father, the Almi

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.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (FORM VI)

All remain standing. The reader and people pray responsively.

Deacon In peace let us pray to the Lord.

For all people in their daily life and work;

People For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are

alone.

Deacon For this community, the nation, and the world;

*People* For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Deacon For the just and proper use of your creation;

*People* For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Deacon For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

*People* For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the

needy.

Deacon For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

*People* For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Deacon For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Matthew, Andy, Allen, Mary, our

Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers

People For all who serve God in the Church.

Deacon For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence is observed. The People may add their own petitions.

Deacon Hear us, Lord;

People For your mercy is great.

Deacon We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially

Silence is observed. The People may add their own thanksgivings

Deacon We will exalt you, O God our King;

People And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Deacon We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal

kingdom

Silence is observed. The People may add their own petitions.

Deacon Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People Who put their trust in you.

If you would like to offer a special prayer concern, please contact the Parish Office or complete a Prayer Request Card (found at the entrance to the church) and drop it in the offering plate. Requests include those who are ill, those who have died recently, prayers on the anniversary of someone's death, and thanksgivings. Names remain on the list for one month; please let the office know if you would like someone listed for a longer time. Starting in the New Year, we will be rebooting the entire prayer list. This is done twice a year - after Christmas and after Trinity Sunday. Please submit names in the new year. The new prayer list will be read starting Sunday, January 21, 2024.

Deacon We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence is observed. The People kneel as you are able.

All Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;

in your compassion forgive us our sins,

known and unknown,

things done and left undone;

and so uphold us by your Spirit

that we may live and serve you in newness of life,

to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant stands. The People remain kneeling.

Celebrant 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.

All Amen.

#### THE PEACE

All stand.

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People** And also with you.



## WELCOME & OFFERTORY SENTENCE

All are seated for a brief welcome and announcements from Father Matthew Mead. The announcements conclude with the following or some other offertory sentence. I appeal to you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living



sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship

## AT THE OFFERTORY, CAROL

All are seated as the choir sings Tomorrow shall be my dancing day by John Gardner (1917-2011). John Hastings is the percussionist.

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day:
I would my true love did so chance
To see the legend of my play,
to call my true love to my dance:
Sing O my love,

O my love, my love, my love; this have I done for my true love.

Then was I born of a virgin pure, of her I took fleshly substance;
Thus was I knit to man's nature, to call my true love to my dance:

Sing O my love,
O my love, my love, my love;
this have I done for my true love.

In a manger laid and wrapped I was, so very poor, this was my chance, Betwixt an ox and a silly poor ass, to call my true love to my dance:

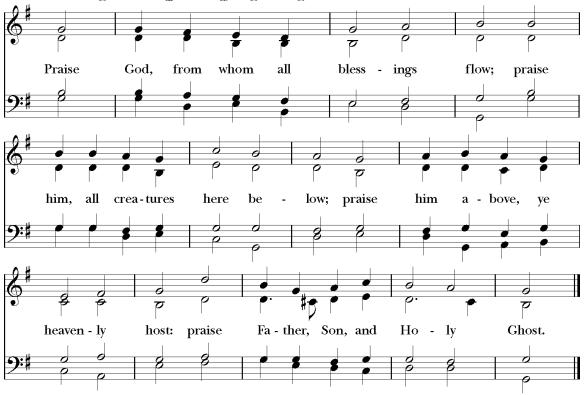
Sing O my love,
O my love, my love;
this have I done for my true love.

Then afterwards baptized I was; the Holy Ghost on me did glance, My Father's voice heard from above, to call my true love to my dance: Sing O my love, O my love, my love; this have I done for my true love.

 trad. English carol, collected in Christmas Carols Ancient and Modern (1833) by William B. Sandys (1792-1874)

## OFFERTORY DOXOLOGY (#380 VS. 3)

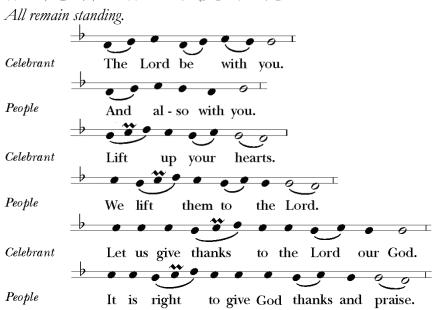
All stand and sing the doxology as the offering is brought to the altar and blessed.



Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

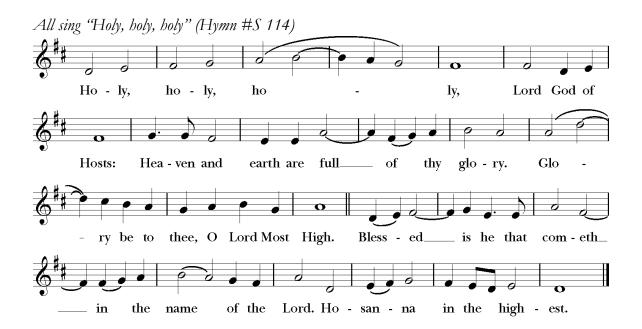
Music: Old 100th, melody from Pseaumes octante trois de David, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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 Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. 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:



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The people stand or kneel.

Celebrant

Music:

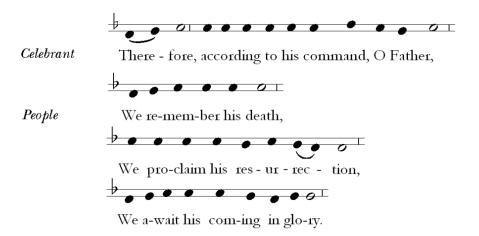
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We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in 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."



Celebrant

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 \*\mathbb{E}\$ 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 Mary, the Virgin Mother of God and 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,



Celebrant

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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.

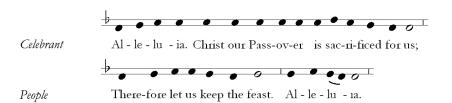
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

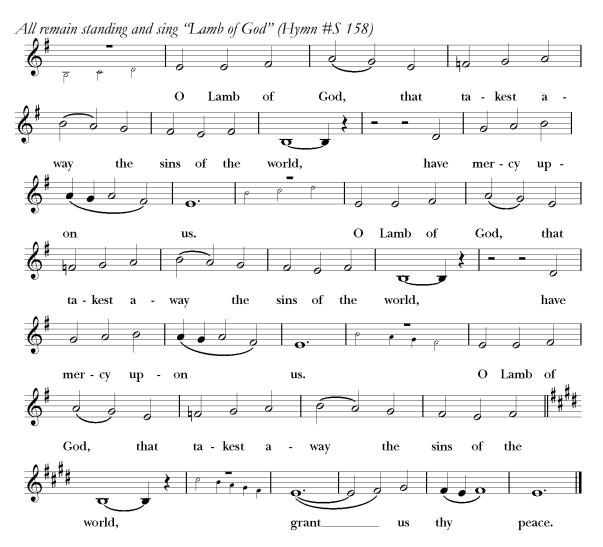
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is observed.





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## Invitation to Holy Communion

The Celebrant invites the people to receive the Holy Communion saying this or some other invitation.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the people of God. [Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.]

All baptized persons, including children, are full members of the Body of Christ and are invited to participate in every aspect of the service and receive the Holy Communion. Members of other Christian churches who are baptized are also invited to receive the Body and Blood of Christ. Persons who do not wish to receive Holy Communion are also invited to come forward with everyone else to receive a blessing (cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you want a blessing and not Holy Communion).

## CAROL DURING COMMUNION

The choir sings the carol What cheer by William Walton (1902-1983) during the ministration of Holy Communion.

What cheer? What cheer? Good cheer? Good Cheer? Be merry and glad this good New Year!

"Lift up your hearts and be glad In Christ's birth," the angel bade, Say to each other, if any be sad: "What cheer? What cheer?" What cheer? What cheer?"

I tell you all with heart so free: Right welcome, welcome ye be to me; Be glad and merry, for charity!

Now the King of Heav'n his birth doth take, Joy and mirth we ought to make; Say to each other, for His sake: "What cheer? What cheer? What cheer?"

What cheer? What cheer? Good cheer? Good Cheer? Be merry and glad this good New Year!

- from Richard Hill's *Commonplace book* (16<sup>th</sup> century)

#### POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

All kneel as you are able.

All

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,

be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## BLESSING

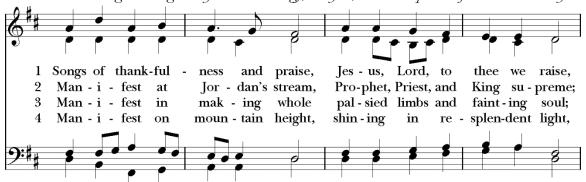
Celebrant

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

All Amen.

# PROCESSIONAL HYMN (#135)

All remain standing and sing the hymn as the clergy, acolytes, and choir process from the sanctuary.





Words: Sts. 1-3, Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885); st. 4, F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984) Music: *Salzburg*, melody Jakob Hintze (1622-1702); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

## **DISMISSAL**

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

## **ORGAN VOLUNTARY**

If you are staying in your pew for the Voluntary, please be courteous to those who are listening to the music by remaining quiet.

Chorale-Prelude on "Christ, unser Herr, zum Jordan kam" ("Christ, our Lord, went to Jordan's stream"), BWV 684, by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

#### PRAYERS FOR HEALING AT THE BOLTON ALTAR

Following the Eucharist every Sunday prayers for healing with the anointing of Holy Oil are offered by Deacon Chisara or Father Matt. Come to the altar and tell the priest or deacon what you want to pray for.

The Trees on the Altar are given to the Glory of God





# CHRIST CHURCH

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The Reverend Deacon Chisara Alimole
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## The Holy Eucharist is celebrated on Sundays at 8 and 10 a.m. Morning Prayer is read on, Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. on Zoom

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As members of the Body of Christ, we are dedicated to spiritual growth

and committed to serving God through worship and

service to our community and the world.