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Celebration of Holy Baptism

Holy Eucharist Rite II

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**Opening Acclamation**

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

***People*: And blessed be His Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

*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.**

**Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant*: Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen*.***

**The Old Testament**

**Isaiah 35:4-7a**

Say to those who are of a fearful heart,  
‘Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.  
He will come with vengeance,

with terrible recompense.  
He will come and save you.’

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

then the lame shall leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;

the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water;

*Reader*: The Word of the Lord

***People:* Thanks be to God**

**The Response**

**Psalm 146**

***Lauda, anima mea***

1 Hallelujah!  
Praise the Lord, O my soul! \*  
I will praise the Lord as long as I live;  
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, \*  
for there is no help in them.

3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, \*  
and in that day their thoughts perish.

4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! \*  
whose hope is in the Lord their God;

5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; \*  
who keeps his promise for ever;

6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, \*  
and food to those who hunger.

7 The Lord sets the prisoners free;  
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; \*  
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

8 The Lord loves the righteous;  
the Lord cares for the stranger; \*  
he sustains the orphan and widow,  
but frustrates the way of the wicked.

9 The Lord shall reign for ever, \*  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.  
Hallelujah!

**The Epistle**

**James 2:1-10, 14-17**

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, “Have a seat here, please,” while to the one who is poor you say, “Stand there,” or, “Sit at my feet,” have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

*Reader:* The word of the Lord

***People:* Thanks be to God**

**The Gospel**

**Mark 7:24-37**

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

*Celebrant*: The Gospel of the Lord.

***People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sermon** The Rev. Richard Sanders

**Presentation and Examination of the Candidate for Holy Baptism**

*Celebrant:* The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

***Sponsor*:** I present Ashton to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*Celebrant:* Do you desire to be baptized?

***Candidate*: I do.**

*Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the Candidate:*

*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.**

**The Baptismal Covenant**

*Celebrant:* Do you believe in God the Father?

***People*: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Celebrant:* 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.**

*Celebrant*: 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.**

*Celebrant*: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

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

*Celebrant*: 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.**

*Celebrant*: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

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

*Celebrant*: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

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

*Celebrant*: 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**

**Celebrant: Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth**

*Leader*: Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

***People*: Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader*: Open his heart to your grace and truth.

***People*: Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader*: Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

***People*: Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

***People*: Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

***People*: Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

***People*: Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

***People*: Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant***:** 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 forever. **Amen**.

**Thanksgiving over the Water**

*Celebrant***:** The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant***:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*Celebrant*: 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.

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 forever. **Amen.**

**The Baptism**

*Immersing the Candidate in water, the Celebrant states the name of the Candidate and says:*

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

*Making the sign of the cross on the forehead of the Candidate, the Celebrant says:*

You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. Amen.

*Celebrant:* 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 him to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him 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.***

*Celebrant:* Let us welcome the newly baptized.

***Celebrant and People***: **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

**The Peace**

**Greetings and Announcements**

Holy Communion

**Prayer A**

*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 a 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:

***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.***

*Then the Celebrant continues:*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

***Celebrant and People:***

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*Celebrant:* We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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 for ever.

***Celebrant and People: AMEN***.

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

***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.**

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

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

*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.

**Post- Communion Prayer**

*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.**

*Celebrant:* May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His son, Jesus Christ; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

**Dismissal**

*Celebrant*: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

***People*: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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