

Welcome to St. Philip's on-the-hill!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2025 –

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

A voice came from heaven, saying, "This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased." (*Mathew 3.17*)

10:00 A.M. SUNG EUCHARIST

*Musical Setting for the Holy Eucharist is
the St. Philip's Service by R. Edward Gilchrist*

PRELUDE: MEDITATION (CALM AS THE NIGHT)



Composed By Carl Bohm Arranged By Sam Ellson

WELCOME

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD GOD ALMIGHTY

CP 1

Text: Reginald Heber (1783-1826), alt.

Music: John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876).

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

(We've included crosses at traditional places in the service where the congregation may want to cross themselves as an act of worship.)

Celebrant: The ✠ grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

All: And also with you.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant: Almighty God,

All: to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. 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:

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and

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peace to his peo-ple on earth. — Lord God, hea-ven-ly king, al - migh-ty God and

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Fa-ther. We wor-ship you we give you thanks, we praise you for — your glo - ry.

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Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son — of — the Fa - ther. Lord God,

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Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us:

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You are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our

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prayer. For you alone are the Holy One,

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You alone are the Lord. You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ

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with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father.

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Amen, Amen, Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit, keep your children, born of water and the Spirit, faithful to their calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: A Reading From The Book Of Isaiah

But 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 Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, 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."

(Isaiah 43:1-7)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 29

Refrain: God shall give the people the blessing of peace.

Baptism of the Lord, Psalm 29

George Black



God shall give the peo - ple the bless - ing of peace. —

All: God shall give the people the blessing of peace.

Ascribe to the Holy One, you gods: ascribe to the Holy One glory and strength.

Ascribe to God all glory, bless God's name; worship God in the beauty of holiness.

Refrain: God shall give the people the blessing of peace.

The voice of the Holy One is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders: God is upon the mighty waters.

The voice of God is a powerful voice; the voice of God is a voice of splendour.

Refrain: God shall give the people the blessing of peace.

The voice of the Holy One breaks the cedar trees; God breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

God makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

Refrain: God shall give the people the blessing of peace.

The voice of the Holy One splits the flames of fire; the voice of God shakes the wilderness;

God shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. The voice of the Holy One makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the Holy One all are crying, "Glory!"

Refrain: God shall give the people the blessing of peace.

God sits enthroned above the flood; the Holy One sits enthroned, reigning for evermore.

The Holy One shall give strength to all people; God shall give the people the blessing of peace.

Refrain: God shall give the people the blessing of peace.

THE GOSPEL:

In ancient tradition, we are invited to make the sign of the cross upon our forehead, lips and heart, that the Good News of Jesus may be in our thinking, our speaking and in our centre.



Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, — Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

All: **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Choir: “May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, that we may know what is the hope to which he has called us.”

All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Gospeler: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Gospeler: The †Holy Gospel of our †Lord Jesus Christ †according to Luke.

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPELER:

✠ 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."
(Luke 3:15-17, 21-22)

Reader: The Gospel of Christ

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON: *The Rev. Ajith Varghese*

THE PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES

Celebrant: The candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented. Who presents Sebastian to be baptized?

Presenters: I present Sebastian to receive the sacrament of baptism

Celebrant: Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is nurtured in the faith and life of the Christian community?

Presenters: I will, with God's help.

THE PROMISES

Celebrant: Will you by your prayers and witness help Sebastian to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Presenters: I will, with God's help.

The celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and sponsors who speak on behalf of their children. The congregation is invited to reaffirm their commitment.

THREE THINGS TO RENOUNCE

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

Answer: I renounce them.

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

Answer: I renounce them.

Leader: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer: I renounce them.

THREE THINGS TO AFFIRM

Leader: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Saviour?

Answer: I do.

Leader: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer: **I do.**

Leader: Do you promise to obey him as your Lord?

Answer: **I do.**

The congregation declares their support.

Leader: Will you who witness these vows, do all in your power to support this child in her life in Christ?

People: **We will.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water, 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 by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who are here cleansed from sin and born again, may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for ever.
Amen.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT (*The Apostles' Creed*)

All stand.

Leader: Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Leader: 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.**

Leader: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: **I believe in God the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Leader: 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.**

Leader: 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.**

Leader: Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

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

Leader: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

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

Leader: 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.**

Leader: Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

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

Please be seated.

THE BAPTISM

The candidate is presented by name to the celebrant:

Celebrant: I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The celebrant makes the sign of the cross on the forehead with oil of charism saying:

Celebrant: I sign you with the cross, and mark you as Christ's own forever.

Receive the light of Christ, to show that you have passed from darkness to light.

People: **Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.**

The baptismal party moves to the centre of the church and the celebrant continues:

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant Sebastian the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, 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.

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.**

Celebrant: Let us greet this new member of the church.

Please stand.

THE PEACE:

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: **and also with you.**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERTORY HYMN: WASH, O GOD, OUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS

CP 35

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THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Celebrant: God of life and freedom, we celebrate the revelation of Jesus as the Christ who makes all creation new. Accept all we offer you this day and make us new in him, who is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

3 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

5 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: Thank you, Father, for making us and our wonderful world. Wherever we are in your world, we should always thank you, through Jesus, your Son. Jesus lived as one of us; Jesus died on the Cross for us; Jesus is alive because you gave him life again; Jesus is with us now. So, with the angels and everyone in heaven, we sing together:

SANCTUS:

Ho - ly, — Ho - ly, — Ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, Heav'n and

5 earth are full of your glo³ - ry, — Ho - san - na in — the — high - est.

9 Bless - ed is He who comes in the name — of the — Lord. Ho -

13 san - na in — the — high - - - - est.

Celebrant: And so, we remember how God's compassion was expressed through Jesus:

As he shared his last meal with his friends before his death, he took the bread, blessed it, broke it, and shared it among them with these words:

This is my body, broken for you. Eat and remember me.

After the meal, he took the cup of wine, blessed it, and shared it among them with these words: This is my blood, poured out for you. Drink and remember me.

And so we eat and drink and remember; and we will keep doing this until Jesus returns in glory. Therefore we remember that Jesus is always with us,

Send your Holy Spirit, gentle as a dove, on us and on these gifts. Help us all to walk hand in hand with Jesus and live our lives for him. All honour and glory belong to you, Father, through Jesus, your Son, with the Holy Spirit: one God, for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: As our Saviour Christ has taught us, let us pray

Our Fa-ther in hea-ven, hal-lowed be your name, your
king-dom come, your will be done on earth as in hea-ven.
Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For -
give our sins as we for-give those who sin a-against us.
Save us from the time of tri-al, and de-li-ver us from e-vil.
For the king-dom, the pow-er, and the glo-ry are yours,
now and for-e-ver. A - - - - men.

Celebrant: We break the bread of life, And that life is the light of the world.

AGNUS DEI:

The gifts of God for the people of God. *All: Thanks be to God.*

*All are welcome at the table of Our Lord. To receive a blessing, fold your arms across your chest.
Please signal the communion minister if you would like a gluten-free wafer.*

Celebrant: Dear friends, if you are unable to receive the sacrament at this time, I invite you to join me and the whole church in spiritual communion to receive Christ. Let us pray.

All: Lord Christ, present in the Sacrament of the altar and in your people, wherever I am be Bread for my journey and Wine for my spirit; transform my life and actions that they may reflect the image of your holiness. In your name I pray. Amen.

CP 3

Text: Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965). Music: Sebastian Gaelic trad.

CP 498

Text: Ps. 84; para. sts. 1-2, Scottish Psalter, 1650; para. sts. 3-4, Carl P. Daw, Jr. (1944-). *Sts. 3-4* © 1982 Hope Publishing Co. Music: James Leith Macbeth Bain (1840?-1925); arr. Gordon Jacob (1895-1984), alt. Arr. © Oxford University Press. CCLI License # 11066253 & 20989944

Celebrant: Gracious God, lover of all, by this sacrament you make us one family in Christ your Son, one in the sharing of his body and blood, one in the communion of his spirit. Help us to grow in love for one another and come to the full maturity of the Body of Christ. We ask this in his name. Amen.

Please stand.

THE DOXOLOGY

Celebrant: Glory to God,

All: whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

BLESSING 祝福:

Please be seated

RECESSIONAL HYMN: O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST

CP 528

Text: Ps. 90; para. Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: William Croft (1678-1727).

THE COMMISSIONING:

Leader: Filled with the Spirit's power, go in the light and peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE: OUR GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST (ST. ANNE)

composed by William Croft arranged by Sam Ellson

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MINISTERING IN THE SERVICES TODAY

10:00 am

CELEBRANT:	The Rev. Ajith Varghese
PREACHER:	The Rev. Ajith Varghese
GOSPELER:	The Rev. Stephen Kern
LITURGICAL ASSISTANT:	The Rev. Stephen Kern
ORGANIST:	Isaiah Yankech
CANTOR:	Choir Team
BREAD:	The Rev. Ajith Varghese, The Rev. Stephen Kern
CHALICE:	Hortense Anglin, Jo Anne Carlisle
READER:	Janet Gillespie
PRAYERS:	The Rev. Stephen Kern
GREETERS:	Bob Clarke Nancy Clarke
VIDEO/SOUND:	Ruwani Seevakireedam
CHANCEL GUILD:	Janet Sunderani, Dorothy Boland, Jane Harris, Nancy Clarke

TODAY

The Baptism of the Lord

Baptism baby Sebastian Mukesh Ganesh

Prayers for the Week

Household Prayer: Morning

Loving God, we begin this new day in the sure knowledge that you have claimed us as your children. In all that we do, keep us mindful of actions that are pleasing in your sight. In all that we say, make us attentive to the witness we give to your love. Let our lives be an example to all whom we encounter, living as daughters and sons of God who follow in the path of Jesus, our Lord and our brother. Amen

Household Prayer: Evening

As evening comes and we end the labors of this day, we thank you, Lord Jesus, that you have been our companion. If we have disregarded your fellowship, forgive us. Where we have strayed from your path, correct us. Let us rest this evening as children of God, sheltered in the love of those who belong to your holy family of grace. Amen.

A Prayer for the Mission of the Church

Draw your Church together, O Lord, into one great company of disciples, together following our Lord Jesus Christ into every walk of life, together serving him in his mission to the world, and together witnessing to his love on every continent and island. We ask this in his name and for his sake. Amen.

HAPPENINGS ON-THE-HILL

January 12

Baptism, Father Ajith preaching, presiding

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

January 13

Vestry Reports due in the office

January 14

Youth and drama resume

January 16

Advisory Board meeting via zoom

January 26

Family Skating Party following the Sunday Service – Soup and Hot Chocolate in the Parish Hall and skating begins 12:15pm

Vestry Reports are due in the office on January 13, 2025.

Donations envelopes for 2025? They are now available for pickup in the narthex.

The 2025 Anglican Calendars are available in the narthex: \$7.00 each

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