

# ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

The Cathedral of the Episcopal Diocese of East Tennessee

The First Sunday after the Epiphany: The Baptism of Christ

Sunday, January 11th, 2026 | 8:00 & 10:30 AM

Service items listed in red can be found in the red Book of Common Prayer. Hymns, listed in blue, can be found in the blue Hymnal.

## The Word of God

8:00 AM

**The Opening Sentence** (*Stand at the bell*)

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

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

Amen.

**Hymn 381: *Thy strong word did cleave the darkness***

(v. 1 & 2)

**The Collect for Purity**

**The Summary of the Law**

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**The Collect of the Day**

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan didst proclaim him thy beloved Son and anoint 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 thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

**The Reading**

*Isaiah 42: 1–9*

**The Psalm**

*Psalm 29*

**The Gospel**

*Matthew 3: 13–17*

**The Sermon**

*The Rev. Canon Thomas J. Rasnick*

**The Nicene Creed**

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**The Peace**

**The Offertory Sentence & Offertory**

**The Doxology: *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow***

(Hymn 380, v. 3)

**The Great Thanksgiving**

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**Proper Preface**

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

**The Sanctus**

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**The Communion of the People**

**Post Communion Prayer**

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**Hymn 371: *Thou, whose almighty word***

(v. 1 & 2)

**Postlude: Prelude on Engleberg**

Craig Phillips (b. 1975)

10:30 AM

**The Opening Sentence** (*Stand at the bell*)

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

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

Amen

**Hymn 381: *Thy strong word did cleave the darkness***

**Baptismal Sentences**

*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.

**The Collect of the Day**

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 Reading**

*Isaiah 42: 1–9*

**The Psalm**

*Psalm 29*

**Sequence Hymn 121: *Christ, when for us you were baptized***

**The Gospel**

*Matthew 3: 13–17*

**The Sermon**

*The Rev. Canon Thomas J. Rasnick*

**The Baptism**

*See Baptism insert.*

**The Peace**

## Holy Communion

**The Offertory Sentence**

**The Offertory Anthem**

David Sims (b. 1983)

*Tomorrow shall be my dancing day*

**The Doxology: *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow***

(Hymn 380, v. 3)

**The Great Thanksgiving**

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**Eucharistic Prayer A**

**Proper Preface**

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

## 10:30 AM Holy Communion *continued*

**The Sanctus:** *Holy, holy, holy Lord* (S 129 Powell)  
**The Lord's Prayer**

**The Communion Anthem** Peter Hallock (1924–2014)  
*Jesus autem hodie*

### Communion Hymns:

**116:** *"I come," the great Redeemer cries*  
**295:** *Sing praise to our Creator*

**The Post Communion Prayer** page 365

**Hymn 296:** *We know that Christ is raised*

**Postlude:** Toccata on *O Morning-star*  
Christopher Wicks (b. 1975)

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### Altar Flowers

The flowers in the Church and Chapel are given to the glory of God and in memory of Roland Duncan and John Fisher by Audrey Duncan.

And in memory of Macie and Gary Trotter, Dan Faulkner, and Susan Gohn by Janet Murray and Ed Faulkner.

### Lay Ministries

8:00 AM  
Usher John Melnick  
Lay Reader / Chalice Bearer Bruce Gleissner  
Acolyte Stacy Taylor

10:30 AM  
Ushers John Felton - Lead, Roy Brown, Tim O'Connor  
David Sprouse, Robert Straight

Greeters Brooke Swart, Jessica & David Wilds  
Lay Reader / Chalice Bearer Lee Moreland  
Lector / Chalice Bearer Carney Ivy  
Chalice Bearer Charles Craven  
Crucifer Ella Wilds  
Acolytes Mary Beall Hillmer, Michael O'Connor  
Brandt Robinson, Gracie Robinson

Thurifer Samer Shatara  
Verger Braxton Hunter  
Safety David Kuendig

Broadcast Team Caleb Bales, Mike Bensey, Nick Cassell,  
Jim Foust, Christibeth Paul, & Whitney Ross

Altar Guild. Linda Morris & Team  
Flower Guild Rick Boyd & Team

## Announcements

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### Today at the Cathedral

9:20 AM Nursery & Childcare Opens - 2nd Floor  
9:20 AM Donuts & Discussions - Middle /High School - 2nd Floor  
9:30 AM Youth Confirmation Class - Haslam Rm., Bottom Floor  
9:30 AM Lectionary Bible Study - Rm 9, Bottom Floor  
10:30 AM S.K.i.P. Children's Church - 5 yrs. old & up - 2nd Floor  
11:30 AM Cookies and Coffee - Ross Hall

### Youth Confirmation Class Begins Today

Sunday, January 11th | 9:30 am | Haslam Rm

### Annual Parish Meeting

Sunday, January 18th during Worship Services

### St. John's Cathedral Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, January 20th | 5:30 pm | Tucker Rm

### Choral Evensong

Sunday, January 25th | 4:45 pm

Music for the service will include Ēriks Ešēvalds unaccompanied 'Merton College' Service and Jonathan Dove's popular anthem *Seek him that maketh the seven stars*.

Prelude recitalist: Dr. Peter Rogan (associate organist and choirmaster of Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville)

Reception to follow.



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**The Reading**  
*Isaiah 42: 1–9*

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah:**

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
I have put my spirit upon him;  
he will bring forth justice to the nations.  
He will not cry out or lift up his voice  
or make it heard in the street;  
a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.  
He will not grow faint or be crushed  
until he has established justice in the earth,  
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.  
Thus says God, the LORD,  
who created the heavens  
and stretched them out,  
who spread out the earth  
and what comes from it,

who gives breath to the people upon it  
and spirit to those who walk in it:  
I am the LORD; I have called you in  
righteousness;  
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;  
I have given you as a covenant to the people,  
a light to the nations,  
to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.  
I am the LORD; that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other,  
nor my praise to idols.  
See, the former things have come to pass,  
and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth,  
I tell you of them.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.  
*People:* THANKS BE TO GOD.

**Offertory anthem:** *Tomorrow shall be my dancing day*  
(David Sims)

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, oh, 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, oh, 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 I from above,  
To call my true love to my dance.  
*Sing, oh, my love! This have I done for my true love.*

**Communion anthem:** *Jesus autem hodie*  
(Peter Hallock)

*Jesus autem hodie regressus est a Jordane.*  
[Jesus was on this day baptised in the Jordan.]

When Jesus Christ baptised was, the Holy  
Ghost descended with grace; the Father's  
voice was heard in the place.

*Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende.*  
[This is my son, in whom I am pleased.]

There were Three Persons and one Lord, the  
Son baptised with on accord, the Father said  
this blessed word:

*Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende.*

Now, Jesus, as thou art both God and man,  
and were baptised in from Jordan, at our last  
end, we pray thee, say then:

*Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende.*

**The Gospel**  
*Matthew 3: 13–17*

**A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew:**

*People:* GLORY BE TO THEE, O LORD.

*People:* GLORY TO YOU, LORD CHRIST.

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God’s Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from the heavens said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

*Reader:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* PRAISE BE TO THEE, O CHRIST.

*Reader:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* PRAISE TO YOU, LORD CHRIST.

**Psalm 29**

*8:00: The Psalm is read in unison by ALL.*

*10:30: The Psalm is sung by ALL.*

Robert Knox Kennedy  
(b. 1945)



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| 1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, *<br>ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.                                      | 7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;<br>the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; *<br>the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. |
| 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; *<br>worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.                     | 8 The voice of the LORD makes<br>the oak trees writhe *<br>and strips the forests bare.   |
| 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;<br>the God of glory thunders; *<br>the LORD is upon the mighty waters. | 9 And in the temple of the LORD *<br>all are crying, “Glory!”   |
| 4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; *<br>the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.                    | 10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;<br>the LORD sits enthroned as<br>King for evermore.   |
| 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; *<br>the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;                        | 11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; *<br>the LORD shall give his people<br>the blessing of peace.                                      |
| 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *<br>and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.                                   |   |

# Holy Baptism

St. John's Episcopal Cathedral  
Sunday, January 11th, 2026



Benedict Bomar Katzenmiller

*As the ministers prepare the Baptismal elements, the choir sings the following anthem:*

*Think of how God loves you*

James MacMillan (b. 1959)

Think of how God loves you! He calls you his own children, and that is what you are. V. You have put on Christ; in him you have been baptized. Alleluia. *Think of how...*

## Presentation of the Candidates

*Celebrant:* The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.  
*Parents & Godparents:* I present Benedict Bomar Katzenmiller to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.  
*Celebrant to Parents & Godparents:* Will you be responsible for seeing that this child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?  
*Parents & Godparents:* I will, with God's help.  
*Celebrant:* Will you by your prayers and witness help Benedict grow into the full stature of Christ?  
*Parents & Godparents:* I will, with God's help.  
*Celebrant asks candidate or parents and godparents who speak on behalf of infants and younger children.*  
*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.  
*Celebrant to congregation:* Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Benedict in his life in Christ?  
*People:* We will.  
*Celebrant:* Let us join with Benedict who is being committed to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## Baptismal Covenant

<i>Celebrant:</i>	Do you believe in God the Father?	<i>People:</i>	I do.
<i>Celebrant:</i>	Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?	<i>People:</i>	I do.
<i>Celebrant:</i>	Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?	<i>People:</i>	I do.

<i>Celebrant:</i>	Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?	<i>People:</i>	I will, with God's help.
<i>Celebrant:</i>	Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?	<i>People:</i>	I will, with God's help.
<i>Celebrant:</i>	Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?	<i>People:</i>	I will, with God's help.
<i>Celebrant:</i>	Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?	<i>People:</i>	I will, with God's help.
<i>Celebrant:</i>	Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?	<i>People:</i>	I will, with God's help.

## Prayers for Candidates

*Celebrant to congregation:* Let us now pray for Benedict, who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

<i>Leader:</i>	Open his heart to your grace and truth.	<i>People</i>	Lord, hear our prayer.
<i>Leader:</i>	Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.	<i>People</i>	Lord, hear our prayer.
<i>Leader:</i>	Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.	<i>People</i>	Lord, hear our prayer.
<i>Leader:</i>	Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.	<i>People</i>	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 live and reigns now and for ever more.  
*Amen.*

## Thanksgiving over Water

*Celebrant blesses water:* 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. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John.

*Celebrant touching water:* Now sanctify this water, we pray, 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. *Amen.*

## Baptism

*Candidates presented by name to Celebrant, priest, or deacon, who immerses, or pours water upon candidate saying*

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

*Bishop or Priest prays over candidate.*

*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 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*

*Bishop or Priest places hand on candidates's head, marking forehead with sign of the cross using Chrism.*

*Celebrant* Benedict, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. *Amen.*

*Celebrant* Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*All* 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.

*As newly baptized is presented to congregation, the People exchange the peace.*