

ST. ALFRED'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
PALM HARBOR, FLORIDA

The Holy Eucharist: Rite One
The First Sunday after The Epiphany: The Baptism of Our Lord
Saturday, January 11, 2025 at 5 p.m.

The Reverend Peter Lane, Celebrant
The Reverend Dale Hathaway, Preacher

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Holy Baptism and The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two
The First Sunday after The Epiphany: The Baptism of Our Lord
Sunday, January 12, 2025 at 10 a.m.

The Reverend Peter Lane, Celebrant
The Reverend Dale Hathaway , Preacher

The Chiming of the Hour *(Prayerful silence is requested as our worship begins.)*

The Prelude *How Bright Appears the Morning Star* Johann Pachelbel

The Word of God

Hymn 132 *When Christ's Appearing was Made Known* *Erhalt uns, Herr*

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. 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.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the following Collect.

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 First Lesson: Isaiah 43:1-7

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 Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, 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.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29 *Afferte Domino*

Jerome Webster Meachen

(Sung by All to the chant printed below. Change pitch at the underlined word or syllable)



- 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.

The Epistle: Acts 8:14-17

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 121

Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized

Caithness

The Holy Gospel: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Dale Hathaway

(A moment for reflection.)

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

Celebrant The candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Sponsor I present Zack Robitaille to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate I do.

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.

Celebrant Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in his life in Christ?

People *We will.*

Celebrant Let us join with Zack who is committing himself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

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 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

Let us now pray for Zack who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth and for this person who has renewed his commitment to Christ.

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.

The Celebrant says

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

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

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.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

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 for ever. *Amen.*

The Baptism

The Celebrant then pours water upon, the candidate, saying

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

People Amen.

When this action has been completed the Priest, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over them, saying

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.*

Then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying

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

People Amen.

When the candidate has been baptized, the Celebrant says

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

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All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Do Not Fear

Denis Bedard

(The people stand and sing the following hymn while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.)

Hymn 380, Stanza 3

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Old Hundredth

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer B*

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The Celebrant, faces them and says

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.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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 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.

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:

The Sanctus

Richard Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of po - wer and might, Heav'n and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel.

Then 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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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 [St. Alfred 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, now and for ever.

Celebrant and People AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

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


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Fraction Anthem

Whoever Eats This Bread

Plainsong

(The Choir sings the Antiphon first; then All repeat it. Repeat the Antiphon as indicated.)

Antiphon 
Bless-ed are those who are called to the Sup-per of the Lamb.

Choir Praise the Lord, all you nations; laud him all you peoples.
For his lovingkindness toward us is great,
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. **[Antiphon]**

Communion Anthem

The Sinless One to Jordan Came

Arthur Hutchings

The Postcommunion Prayer *(Said by All)*

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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.

The Blessing

Hymn 135

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

Salzburg

The Dismissal

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The People respond Thanks be to God.

(If you must leave before the conclusion of the Postlude, please do so quietly as our broadcast is still in progress.)

Postlude

How Bright Appears the Morning Star

Max Drischner

Coffee Hour

Please join us for Coffee Hour in Reister Hall immediately following the service.
Reister Hall is located to your left as you exit the church building.

Prayer List

Please pray for

David
 Michele, Charlotte and John
 David and Lynne Aukamp
 Kristen B.
 Ellen Bond
 Beverly Butters
 Patrick Dean
 Dan Groothuis
 Alex and Diane Hugill
 Fran Lever

Diane Linindoll
 Linda Pointer and Family
 Bonnie Schumacher
 Wally and Joan Tyson
 Michael Wilkey

 Our nation
 All who serve our country at
 home and abroad
 Those affected by the Flu
 and COVID

Healthcare Workers
 Victims of violence
 Victims of hurricanes
 Helene, Milton and all
 natural disasters
 The people of The Middle
 East, Ukraine, Sudan,
 Haiti and all places torn by
 strife



Weekly Calendar

Monday, January 13	7 p.m., Bible Study (Library)
Wednesday, January 15	11 a.m., Stewardship Meeting (Library) 4 p.m., Finance Meeting (Library)
Thursday - January 16	10:30 a.m., Centering Prayer (Garrett Chapel) 12 p.m., The Holy Eucharist with Healing 7 p.m., Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Friday, January 17	10 a.m., GriefShare (Library) 1:30 p.m., Caregiver Support Group (Library)
Saturday, January 18 2 Epiphany	5 p.m., The Holy Eucharist: Rite I
Sunday, January 19 2 Epiphany	10 a.m., The Holy Eucharist: Rite II 11:15 a.m., Coffee Hour (Reister Hall) 12 p.m., Adult Formation (Library)

— *Announcements* —

Winner of the Silent Auction to be announced, January 11-12

The highest bidder on the Praying Hands cross stitch done by Barb Christian will be announced at services this weekend. A gift matching the highest bid has also been pledged. The funds raised will be donated to the David R. Moores Center for Church Music and the Arts.

Parish Directory Updates

We are in the process of updating the Parish Directory. If you have not had your picture taken or would like to submit one for the new directory, please do so no later than Friday, January 17. You may email your photo to info@stalfreds.net. If you are not receiving mail from the church, please contact the Office to confirm your address. New directories will be distributed at the Annual Meeting.

Annual Reports Due by January 19

Annual reports of committees and commissions are now due for the booklet that will be published for the Annual Meeting which will be held on Sunday, January 26, 2025. The reports should be in Word format and emailed to music@stalfreds.net, info@stalfreds.net, and to rector@stalfreds.net by Sunday, January 19. Thank you.

Annual Meeting, Sunday, January 26

The Annual Meeting of St. Alfred's Episcopal Church will take place in the church on Sunday, January 26, 2025 at 11:45 a.m. following the 10 a.m. Eucharist. The budget for the coming year will be presented, three new Vestry members will be elected, reports will be presented from the leaders of our various ministries, and our Rector will present important goals and initiatives for the coming year.

Organ Concert, Sunday, February 9

Kevin Johnson will present an organ concert on Sunday, February 9 at 4 p.m. In addition to pieces for organ alone, Kevin will be assisted by Laurel Bennett, clarinetist and Scott Garrett, flutist in some works for woodwinds and organ. Plan now to attend and invite your friends.

How Bright Appears the Morning Star - Johann Pachelbel, Brietkopf und Härtel

Psalm Chant - Jerome Webster Meachen, Church Publishing, Inc.

Do Not Fear - Denis Bédard, Éditions Cheldar

How Bright Appears the Morning Star - Max Drischner, Novello and Co.

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