



ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



First Sunday After the Epiphany: The Baptism of Christ

January 11, 2026

Holy Eucharist at 8:00 and 10:30 am

Welcome to St. B's!

The tower bell is rung before the prelude to indicate time for quiet meditation and preparation for worship.

Before the service, speak to God.

During the service, let the Spirit speak to you.

After the service, speak to one another.

+ 8:00am * 10:30am

*Prelude

When Jesus went to Jordan's stream

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

*Opening Hymn, *all standing*

Songs of thankfulness and praise

Hymnal 135

Opening Acclamation

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

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

The Collect for Purity

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. Amen.

+The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

*Song of Praise



O God beyond all praising, we worship you to - day
Then hear, O gra - cious Sa - vior, ac - cept the love we bring,
and sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can - not re - pay;
that we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our king;
for we can on - ly won - der at ev - ery gift you send,
and wheth - er our to - mor - rows be filled with good or ill,
at bles - sings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end:
we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still:
we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your word,
to marv - el at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways,
we ho - nor and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.
and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant God 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.

People **Amen.**

The Lesson

Isaiah 42:1-9, *read by Jennifer Stone at 8:00 am
and by Don Burgard at 10:30 am*

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 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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 29, *all chant*



Ascribe to the / LORD, you / gods, *
ascribe to the / **LORD** / glory • and / strength.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory / due his / Name; *
worship the LORD in the / beauty • of / holi- / ness.

The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
the God of / glory / thunders; *
the LORD is up- / on the / mighty / waters.

The voice of the LORD is a / power • ful / voice; *
the voice of the LORD / is a / voice of / splendor.

The voice of the LORD breaks the / cedar / trees; *
the LORD / breaks the / cedars • of / Lebanon;

He makes Lebanon / skip • like a / calf, *
and Mount Hermon / like a / young wild / ox.

The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the LORD / shakes the / wilderness; *
the LORD shakes the / wilder- / ness of / Kadesh.

The voice of the LORD makes the / oak trees / writhe *
and / strips the / forests / bare.

And in the temple / of the / LORD *
all are / crying, / "**Glo-** / ry!"

The LORD sits enthroned a- / bove the / flood; *
the LORD sits enthroned as / King for / ever- / more.

The LORD shall give / strength • to his / people; *
the LORD shall give his / people • the / blessing • of / peace.

The Epistle

Acts 10:34-43, read by Bill Thomas at 8:00 am
and by James Sangree at 10:30 am

Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit

and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

*Sequence Hymn, *all standing*

When Jesus went to Jordan’s stream

Hymnal 139

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 3:13-17

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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 the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

Deacon The Gospel of our Savior.

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

*Children’s Sermon, *all seated*

After the children’s sermon, children who wish to participate in The Children’s Word (Sunday School) may follow the leaders to the undercroft; they will return at the Peace to rejoin their families. Parents are welcome to come along.

The Sermon, *all seated*

The Reverend Dr. Mario Conliffe

The Nicene Creed, *all stand*

We believe in one God, 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.

Intercessor Through our baptism we are joined to Christ as God's beloved children. As sisters and brothers in the Spirit, let us call to God for the needs of the world and the church. For the victory of justice among the nations, and for the outpouring of the Spirit's gift of peace, let us pray to the Lord.

People **God, have mercy.**

Intercessor For the liberation of all who are oppressed and imprisoned, for the preaching of the liberating gospel, and for reconciliation of all who oppress and persecute others, let us pray to the Lord.

People **God, have mercy.**

Intercessor For the healing of all who are gripped by despair and frustration, and for all who inspire them with hope and joy, let us pray to the Lord.

People **God, have mercy.**

Intercessor For all in this community to be alive to the call of their baptism, for the newly baptized, and for all who guide and teach along the way, let us pray to the Lord.

People **God, have mercy.**

Intercessor For the joy of all our blessings, we give thanks, remembering _____. Let us pray to the Lord.

People **God, have mercy.**

Intercessor For all who in their illness look to us for strength and healing in Christ, remembering _____. Let us pray to the Lord.

People **God, have mercy.**

Intercessor For all who have died in the expectation of Christ's full victory in their life and death, remembering _____. Let us pray to the Lord.

People **God, have mercy.**

Intercessor Loving God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, as your favor comes upon us, enlighten us to see those who search for the victory of your love. Make of us your gracious servants, that the world may rest in your peace and sing your praises with full hearts and voices, through the same Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit is one God, this day and forever.

People **Amen.**

The Confession and Absolution

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Things to Consider

+Offertory Acclamation

All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee. Amen.

*Offertory Anthem, all seated

And the glory of the Lord

George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.
[Isaiah 40:1-5]

*Offertory Hymn

Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa - ter, chil - dren,

Wade in the wa - ter, God's a-gon-na trou-ble the wa - ter.

1. See that host all dressed in white,
2. See that band all dressed in red,
3. Look o - ver yon - der, what do I see? God's a-gon-na trou-ble the
4. If you don't be-lieve I've been re - deemed,

1. The lead - er looks like the Is - ra - elite,
2. Looks like the band that Mo - ses led,
3. The Ho - ly Ghost a - com - ing on me,
4. Just fol - low me down to Jor - dan's stream,

God's a - gon - na trou - ble the wa - ter.

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Celebrant God 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 God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Celebrant Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

Celebrant And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

+*Sanctus* and *Benedictus*

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

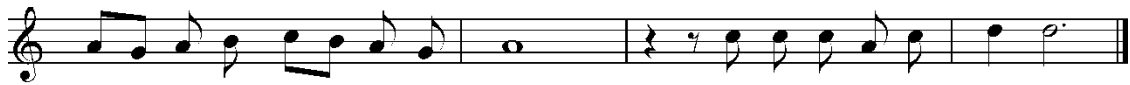
**Sanctus* and *Benedictus*

Ho - ly, ho - ly,

ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the

high - est. Bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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Celebrant And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Celebrant Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham, Sarah and Hagar, Isaac and Rebecca, and Jacob, Leah and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the bread.**

Celebrant Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

People **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer, *contemporary*

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread, *followed by silence*

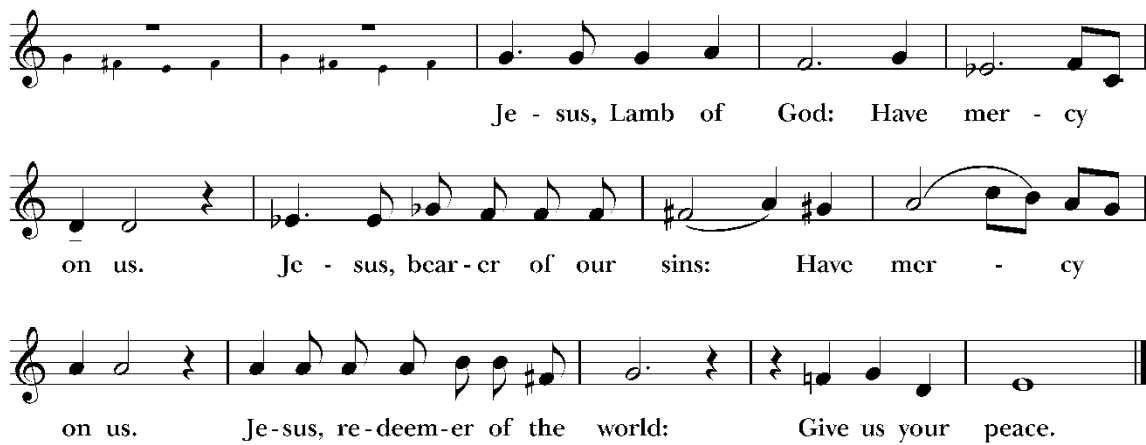
Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

*For the Agape Meal

Blessed are you, O Lord our God; you bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Grant that we who share this food and drink, may receive the sustaining life of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.



Je - sus, Lamb of God: Have mer - cy
 on us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: Have mer - cy
 on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: Give us your peace.

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Instructions for Holy Communion

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. To receive either bread or wine is considered full communion. You may receive the bread or a gluten-free wafer; please indicate to the minister your need. Please assist the Chalicists by holding the base of the chalice (cup) and guiding it to your lips. Intinction (dipping the wafer in the chalice) is available in a small silver bowl.

At the time of the Eucharist, individual prayers for healing and the laying on of hands will be available for anyone in the congregation. At the 8:00 am service, those who wish such prayers should proceed directly to the back of the Church before receiving communion. At 10:30 am, those who wish such prayers should go directly to Trinity Chapel where they will receive both prayers and communion.

If you choose to receive a blessing instead of communion, please place your arm across your chest.

If walking to the altar is difficult or painful, please stay seated during communion.

The ministers of communion will gladly serve you in your pew.

*Communion Hymn

The sinless one to Jordan came

Hymnal 120

+Prayer of Thanksgiving, *all standing*

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.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving, *all standing*

In union, O God, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church – wherever that may be, we offer to you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. No matter how we have received you today in our meal of communion, whether by sacrament or otherwise, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us in your grace, Holy Spirit, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us – now and always, wherever we are. Amen.

The Blessing

The Commissioning, *please face the open door*

Deacon As we go forth into the world, refreshed and renewed, we reaffirm our commitment to our vision and mission as a congregation:

People **We will, with God's help, be a vibrant faith community that is a blazing beacon of God's transforming love in the world. God is calling us to take righteous risks. We accept this call, and will respond by seeking and serving Christ in ALL people.**

Deacon Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

*Postlude

Fanfare

Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens (1823-1881)

Please depart in silence while others are praying or listening to the postlude.

Thank you.

Thank you for worshipping with us today. We pray that you were spiritually edified and blessed.

If you are visiting, please feel free to join us again and/or connect with any of our members.

May you have a delightful and blessed week!

Memorials and Thanksgivings

The *vases* are given in loving memory of Donald D. Dodson; and in thanksgiving for the birthday of Katrina Keeling, and in loving memory of Kenneth Douglass Keeling.

The *centerpiece* is given in thanksgiving for the birthdays of Katie and Elizabeth Buchanan.

The *candles* are given in loving memory of Ruth Olson Coble, Aulden D. Coble, Beverly Coble, Becky Selleck, and Linda Woodring.

The *bread and wine* are given in loving memory of Mary Henkel.

2026 Offering Envelopes

If you have made a 2026 pledge, please pick up your offering envelopes in the Tower Room.

Your prayers are requested for members and friends of St. B's ...

Please join us in praying for those in our parish undergoing surgery or other acute challenges: Terry Amann; Jenni Williams; Bates Churchill; Vince Marsiglia; Shirley Nathan Pulliam; Sandra DeSilva; Vivian Thompson and family.

And for those who need our continuing prayers: Vanessa and Jim; Brian; Stacey and Daniel; Alexander Lukens; Olly Henry-Wilson and family; Michele Bloomer; Stephanie Brooks-Wiggins; Clinton Reavis; Odette During; Yvonne and Otis Johnson; Kimberly Hayes; Tom McNeil; Vivian Morton; Grace; Kathy; Tijon Cox and family; Debbie McClellan; Bryce Kaspar; Irene Hardy; Larry Brown; Phoenix DeVale; Robin Blackburn; Heidi; Theresa Thomas; Meg and Shaun; Kathy and Andy; Don and Angel; Nathan; Jean McElroy; Bernice; 40 West Assistance and Referral Center Clients; those in our midst who are un- or under-employed; the unhoused; and all people touched by war and other forms of violence worldwide.

Faith Forum Today

FALLING UPWARD: Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life, by Fr. Richard Rohr

Falling Upward proposes that life is composed of two distinct spiritual phases:

- 1. First Half of Life:** This phase is about developing a stable identity, securing a job, building relationships, and integrating into a community with a sense of security and clear boundaries. While necessary, people can become trapped here, overly focused on achievement and external validation, which limits their spiritual progression.
- 2. Second Half of Life:** This phase begins when the structures of the first half start to crumble due to inevitable difficulties, obstacles, and losses (the "falling"). *These challenges are opportunities for profound personal growth and transformation, leading to a deeper understanding of the "True Self" beyond the ego.*

Key Themes

- Growing through Failure
- Moving Beyond Dualism
- The "Inner Task"
- Finding Fullness

Ultimately, *Falling Upward* is a guide to embracing life's difficulties as steppingstones to a richer, more meaningful, and spiritually mature existence, encouraging a conscious choice to grow from challenges rather than becoming cynical or withdrawn.

Join Joe Twist TODAY at 9:15 am and explore with him this challenging book and see how it relates to you and your life. This Faith Forum will be a highly interactive discussion and we invite your active participation.

Important Winter Health Information

by Corinne Bowmaker, Parish Health Resource

It's that time of year. (*cough, cough*) Have you been hearing about a "Superflu? Some of our parishioners have come down with it. It's a new variant of Influenza A or H3N2. It's a fast-spreading mutated H3N2 strain called "subclade K". Because it spreads so quickly and is thought to cause more severe illness, some have given it the nickname "Superflu". This strain has changes in a key surface protein making it harder for the immune system to recognize. This year's flu vaccine doesn't perfectly cover this strain because it emerged and spread after the specific strains for this year's vaccine had been selected.

This flu strain is the predominant one spreading in the US now and transmission is now high to very high in 32 states. Maryland is High. It has caused hospitalizations in the US to double in one week (CDC). We are nowhere near the peak and epidemiologists expect to see increasing cases for several more weeks, with illnesses beginning to level off by end of January or February. 7.5 million have had flu since October with 3100 deaths. There have been 5 pediatric deaths. Infants and young children through age 4 are among the hardest hit.

It's not too late to get your flu vaccine if you haven't yet. It will help you avoid severe illness, hospitalization or death if you do catch the flu.

Symptoms are pretty much the same as former flu seasons. They start fairly acutely, with high fever, shaking chills, cough, shortness of breath and muscle aches being the most common. Some people are also experiencing nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. Symptoms are more severe in the elderly, unvaccinated and those with underlying chronic conditions. Complications include pneumonia, bronchitis, muscle breakdown and seizures (encephalitis).

Flu is spread through the air and also through fomites - items touched by infected people who leave virus particles behind. Virus particles can stay active and infectious on hard, non-porous surfaces for 24-48 hours and on soft, porous surfaces for 2-12 hours. So, to avoid the flu:

1. Wash hands often with soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizer (at least 60% alcohol).
2. Avoid touching your face.
3. Clean high touch surfaces frequently - doorknobs, phones, keyboards, countertops.
4. Cover coughs and sneezes.
5. Avoid sick people.
6. Wear a mask in crowded places, especially indoors.
7. Get vaccinated.

If someone is sick at home:

1. Isolate them into one room if possible.
2. Identify one caregiver to assist the sick person.
3. Frequent hand washing for the sick person and caregiver.
4. Disinfect high touch surfaces.
5. Avoid sharing personal items (towels, utensils).
6. Increase ventilation.
7. Wear masks in close contact with sick person.

To treat the flu at home:

1. Get rest.
2. Stay hydrated (water, broth, juice)
3. Ibuprofen and/or acetaminophen for fever and aches.
4. Humidifier and saline spray for congestion.
5. Over the counter cough medicine.
6. No aspirin for children or teens under 20 years (avoid Reye's syndrome).
7. Stay home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone without using fever-reducing medication.

When to see a doctor:

1. See a doctor if you are high risk (young kid, older adult, pregnant, chronic conditions) within 48 hours for antiviral medication.
2. If you have serious symptoms such as trouble breathing, chest pain, dizziness, confusion, severe vomiting or symptoms that get better then worsen (can be a complication like pneumonia, bronchitis, sinus infection, inflammation of heart, brain or muscles)
3. Persistent high fever
4. Severe weakness or muscle pain
5. In children, fast breathing or retracting neck/chest muscles to breathe, gray or blue lips or nail beds, no tears when crying, reduced urination, fever or cough that get better, then worsen.

There are also multiple other viruses being spread this winter as usual. COVID is increasing, though still fairly low in Maryland presently. This may change after the holidays with the increased travel and mingling. RSV is around. And of course the usual rhinoviruses (which cause 40% of the common colds) and coronaviruses (non-COVID). People like to conjecture what they've caught if they get sick, but the only way to be sure is by testing. Many symptoms overlap and are not specific for any particular virus. A prolonged cough, which some people are experiencing after the acute illness, can come from any of these infections due to airway inflammation and irritant buildup.

Best strategy is to avoid all of them! The best way to do that is by frequent hand washing and masking in crowded areas indoors.

Stay well!



New Online Donation System Help

We recognize that change can sometimes bring challenges, and in order to help make this transition as smooth as possible, support will be available for anyone who would like assistance getting started with our new church system.

For anyone who would like assistance getting started with our new church donation and information system (ChurchTrac), help will be available after the 10:30 service today during fellowship hour. Our Assistant Treasurer, Patrica Redsicker, will be available for approximately one hour to walk you through the system and answer any questions you may have.

She will provide a basic overview, a live demonstration, and address any questions or concerns. Parishioners are welcome to bring their own devices (phone, tablet, or laptop) if they would like help signing up on the spot.

We look forward to helping you get connected. Please feel free to stop by!



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- + Social events
- + It is free and it is FUN!!

FOR MORE INFORMATION or to register,

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Some 2026 Sacred Dates & Celebrations

January 19: Martin Luther King Day of Service
January 24: Vestry & Leaders Retreat, 9:00 am-Noon
February 2: Feast of the Presentation
February 8: Youth Sunday
February 15: HBCU Sunday and Evensong
February 18: Ash Wednesday
March 7: Lenten High Tea, 4:00 pm
March 29: Palm Sunday and Bishop Carrie's Visitation
April 5: Easter Day
April 19: Annual Parish Meeting

April 24-26: Women's Retreat
June 14: Choir Concert, 7:30 pm
September 11: Flea Market Pre-Sale
September 12: St. B's Flea Market
September 20: Celebration of St. Bartholomew's Day
October 4: Blessing of Animals
October 31: Trunk or Treat
November 7: St. B's Christmas Bazaar
December 25: Christmas Day
December: Daughters of the King Quiet Day

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. B'S

for the week beginning January 11, 2026



- Sunday** We celebrate the **Holy Eucharist** at 8:00 am and 10:30 am. Both services take place in the Church. You can join us for worship at **10:30 am** on [Zoom](#).
Children are invited to stand at the Altar for the Eucharist in celebration of **Children's Sunday**.
Faith Forum begins at **9:15 am** in the Parish House and on Zoom. Join Joe Twist for an interactive presentation based on the book *Falling Upward* by Richard Rohr.
After both services, be sure to join us to enjoy **refreshments and fellowship**.
Child care is available in the Parish House Cribbery for children up to age 5 from 10:00 am through 12:00 pm. Please stop by and meet our wonderful Caregiver, Dona McIntyre.
- Monday** The **40 West Board** will meet at 7:00 pm via Zoom.
- Tuesday** There will be a meeting of the **Pastoral Care Committee** at 4:00 pm on Zoom.
The **Daughters of the King** will meet at 7:00 pm via Zoom.
The **Handbell Choir** will rehearse at 7:00 pm. New members are welcomed and may contact Willis Keeling at 410-947-5507 for additional information.
- Wednesday** The **Outreach Committee** will meet at 7:00 pm via Zoom.
Compline begins at 7:00 pm on Zoom Please contact Brigit Molony (brigitmolony@msn.com) for the Zoom link and more information.
- Thursday** The **Choir School of West Baltimore** class meets at 5:30 pm in the undercroft. Children in grades 3-8 may enroll at any time. Contact Corinne Bowmaker at 410-599-3143 or zencorinne@hotmail.com.
At 7:30 pm, the **St. Bartholomew Choir (older youth & adults)** practices in the Undercroft.
- Saturday** **St. B's Men's Breakfast** will begin at 8:30 am at the Double T Diner in Catonsville.
Creation Caretakers monthly litter cleanup begins at 10:00 am in the parking lot.
There will be a **Celebration of the Life of Wayne Selleck** at 11:00 am, followed by a repast.

Community Notes . . .

Please take this bulletin home with you!

We will need **25 volunteers** to pick up empty bags after either service **TODAY**, and use supplied maps, routes and instructions for delivery to doorsteps in the local neighborhoods over the next few days for our MLK Day of Service food drive. There will be coordinators in the Parish House to assist you with any questions or concerns.

Pick up a bag in the Parish House for yourself to fill with food and return to the St. B's on MLK day. These bags will be available for pickup after either service.

Have you been wondering how you best could serve St. B's in a leadership role? We have three open positions for which we need new leaders, and would love to hear from you! We need a new Treasurer, chair of the Stewardship Committee, and chair of the Christianity and Racism Task. Please contact Senior Warden, Amanda Harris: aharris1968@hotmail.com or 443-812-1341.

Monday through Saturday at 12:00 Noon, we hold a brief service of **Noonday Prayer** (at home). If you have specific prayer needs, please send them to Adam Barner (adam@stbs-md.org).

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St. B's is producing a podcast! "Voices in the Vineyard" brings you sermons, musical offerings, prayer, and community updates in a short, 20-30 minute audio format every week.

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40 West is in need of boxes of cereal. **Help folks with nothing carry home something!** 40 West is always in need of reusable bags! Please, only clean and not torn bags.

A quick look at events in the coming weeks ...

January 19	Martin Luther King Day of Service
January 24	Ministry Leaders and Vestry Retreat, 9:00 am - Noon
February 28	Empty Bowls fundraiser for 40 West, Noon to 2:00 pm
March 7	Lenten High Tea, 4:00 pm in the Parish House

For additional information about our ministries and programs, please contact us at 410-945-7263, office@stbs-md.org, or visit our website at <https://stbs-md.org/>.

What's the most effective way to help a friend or neighbor get connected with God?

Invite them to church one Sunday!

Instructions for 2026 Online Giving:

ATTENTION: These instructions are for making an online donation (using a credit card or bank account) towards your 2026 pledge or any other ministry **using our new 2026 online giving platform**. If you haven't already made a pledge and would like to do so, **please complete a pledge card first** and return to the church, ATTN: Patricia Redsicker.

1. Scan the QR code - it will take you to ChurchTrac.com
2. On the landing page, click on "Sign in" and then "Create an account".
(If you do not wish to create an account, you will only be able to pay using a credit card, not your bank account.)
3. Once signed in, enter a dollar amount and state the category/ministry you are donating to e.g. Pledge, Altar Guild, Music etc. (You may also select to help cover the card fees).
4. On the next page you will enter your credit card or bank account details, and then follow the prompts to complete the transaction.
5. If you have any questions, please reach out to Patricia Redsicker (Assistant Treasurer) via email: predsicker@stbs-md.org or text: 410-972-1807



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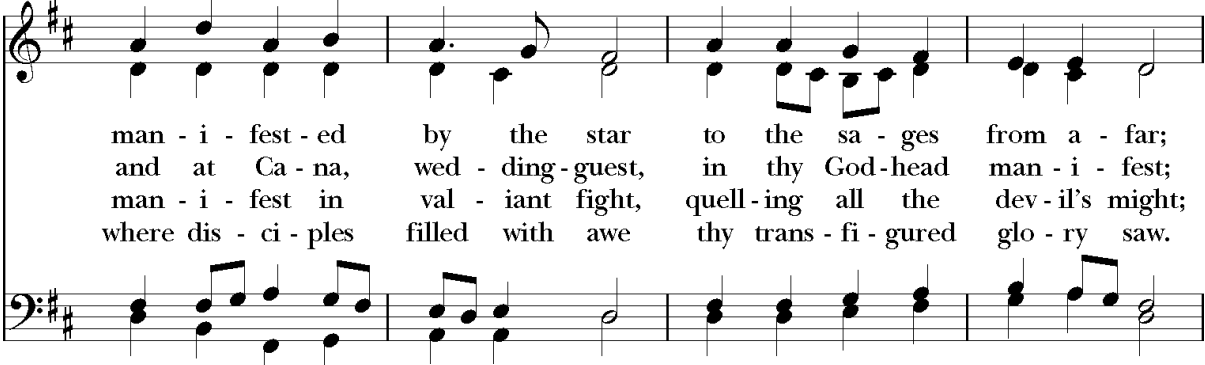


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1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Jes - us, Lord, to thee we raise,
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro-phet, Priest, and King su - preme;
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;
 4 Man - i - fest on moun - tain height, shin - ing in re - splen - dent light,



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;
 and at Ca - na, wed - ding - guest, in thy God - head man - i - fest;
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;
 where dis - ci - ples filled with awe thy trans - fi - gured glo - ry saw.



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;
 man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill;
 When from there thou led - dest them stead - fast to Je - ru - sa - lem,



an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
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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)

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1 When Je - sus went to Jor - dan's stream his Fa - ther's will o -
 2 The Ho - ly Spi - rit then was shown, a dove on him de -
 3 He came by wa - ter and by blood to heal our lost con -



bey - ing, and was bap - tized by John, there came
 scend - ing; the Tri - une God is thus made known
 di - tion; he cleans - es, rec - on - ciles to God,



a voice from hea - ven say - ing, "This is my dear be -
 in Christ as love un - end - ing. He taught, he healed, he
 and gives the Great Com - mis - sion. Then let us not heed



lov - èd Son up - on whom rests my fa - vor."
 raised the dead, yet, in his great en - deav - or
 world - ly lies nor rest up - on our mer - it,



And till God's will is ful - ly done he will not bend or
 to save us, his own blood was shed; but death could hold him
 but trust in Christ who will bap - tize with wa - ter and the



wa - ver, for he is Christ the Sa - vior.
 nev - er. He rose, and lives for ev - er.
 Spi - rit that we may life in - he - rit.

Words: Martin Luther (1483-1546); para. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984), rev.

Music: *Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam*, melody from *Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn*, 1524; harm. Lucas Osiander (1534-1604)

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1 The sin - less one to Jor - dan came,
 2 Up - ris - ing from the wat - ers there,
 3 A - bove him see the heaven - ly Dove,
 4 How blest that mis - sion then be - gun
 5 O Christ, may we bap - tized from sin,
 6 On you may all your peo - ple feed,



1 and in the riv - er shared our stain;
 2 the Fa - ther's voice did then de - clare
 3 the sign of God the Fa - ther's love,
 4 to heal and save a race un - done!
 5 go forth with you a world to win:
 6 and know you are the Bread in - deed,



1 God's right - eous - ness he thus ful - filled,
 2 that Christ, the Son of God, had come
 3 now by the Ho - ly Spi - rit shed
 4 Straight to the wil - der - ness he goes
 5 grant us the Ho - ly Spi - rit's power
 6 who gives e - ter - nal life to those

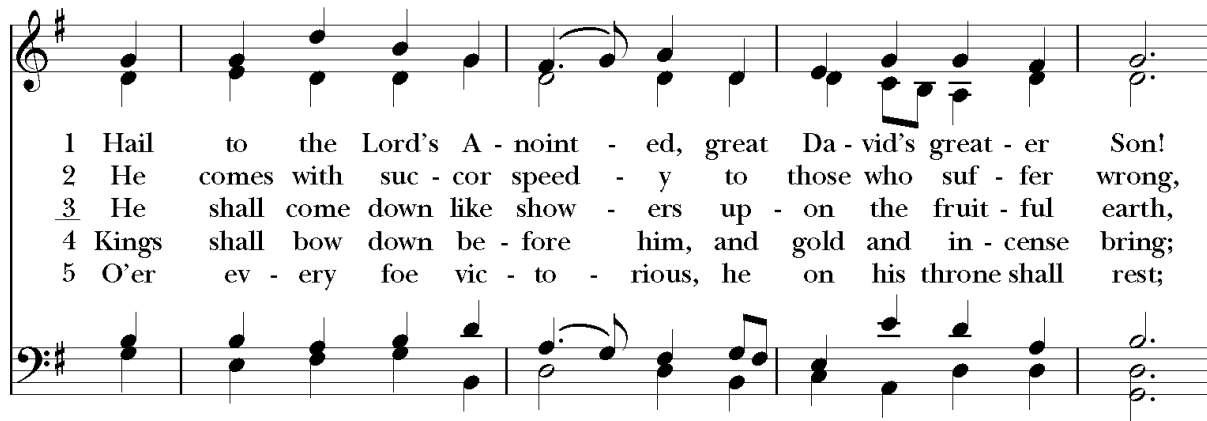


1 and chose the path his Fa - ther willed.
 2 to lead his scat - tered peo - ple home.
 3 up - on the Son's a - noint - ed head.
 4 to wres - tle with his peo - ple's foes.
 5 to shield us in temp - ta - tion's hour.
 6 that with you died, and with you rose.

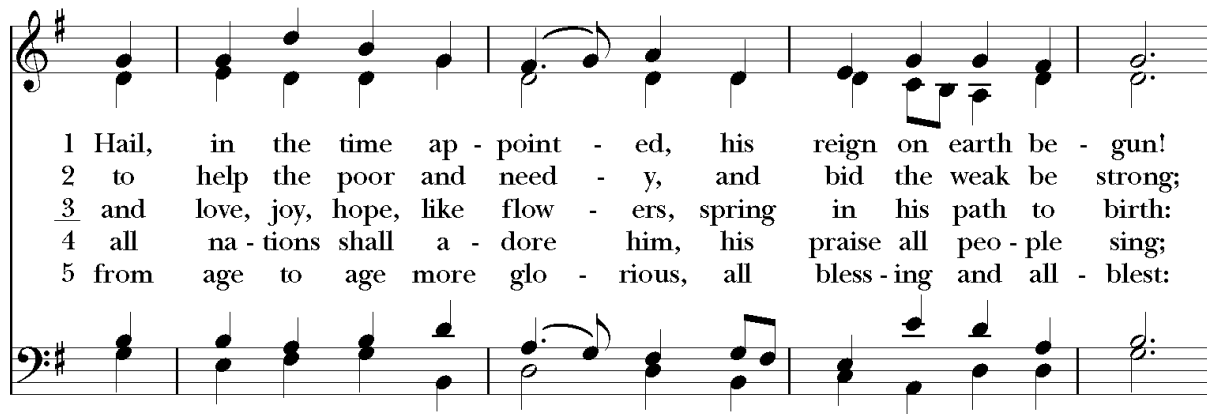
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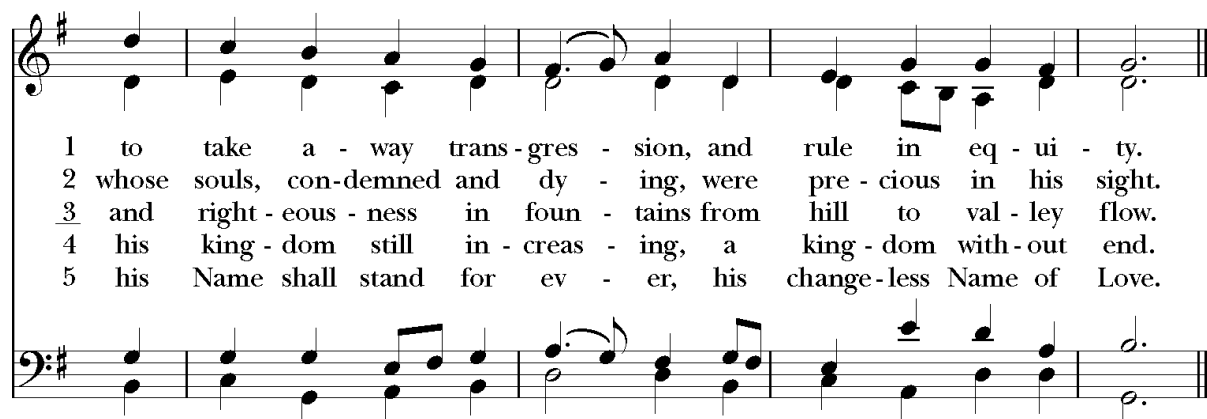
1 Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!
 2 He comes with suc - cor speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,
 3 He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth,
 4 Kings shall bow down be - fore him, and gold and in - cense bring;
 5 O'er ev - ery foe vic - to - rious, he on his throne shall rest;



1 Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!
 2 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;
 3 and love, joy, hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to birth:
 4 all na - tions shall a - dore him, his praise all peo - ple sing;
 5 from age to age more glo - rious, all bless - ing and all - blest:



1 He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free;
 2 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,
 3 be - fore him on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald, go;
 4 to him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows a - scend;
 5 the tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;



1 to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.
 2 whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, were pre - cious in his sight.
 3 and right - eous - ness in foun - tains from hill to val - ley flow.
 4 his king - dom still in - creas - ing, a king - dom with - out end.
 5 his Name shall stand for ev - er, his change - less Name of Love.

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 72

Music: *Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein*, German folk song; adapt. and harm. *A Student's Hymnal*, 1923, after Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941)

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