

**The Last Sunday After The Epiphany**

**February 27, 2022**



**Holy Baptism of  
Rex Eldon Valentine**

**St. Matthew's Episcopal Cathedral  
Laramie, Wyoming**

*In Christ we grow in faith, respond through action, and  
embrace all people.*

**Prelude**

**Valentina Gavrilova**

**Opening Hymn**

**“Christ, for the world we sing”**

**Hymnal #537**

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.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.  
**People And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**The First Lesson - Exodus 34:29-35**

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.  
**People Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 99

The Lord is King; let the people tremble; \*

**he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.**

The Lord is great in Zion; \*

**he is high above all peoples.**

Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; \*

**he is the Holy One.**

“O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; \*

**you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.”**

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and fall down before his footstool; \*

**he is the Holy One.**

Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, \*

**they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.**

He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; \*

**they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.**

“O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; \*

**you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.”**

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and worship him upon his holy hill; \*

**for the Lord our God is the Holy One.**

### Lord Prepare Me

#### Verse 1

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary  
Pure and holy, tried and true  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living  
Sanctuary for You

#### Verse 2

Lord prepare me to be a testimony  
Sweet and simple, tried true  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living  
Testimony for You

#### Verse 3

Lord prepare me to be a sacrifice  
Pure and holy, tried and true  
With thanksgiving, I be a living  
Sacrifice for You

## **The Second Lesson – 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2**

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

Reader        The Word of the Lord.  
People        **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn                    "Come thou fount of every blessing"                    Hymnal #686**

## **The Holy Gospel**

Celebrant    The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
People        **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

### **Luke 9:28-43**

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen. On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

Celebrant    The Gospel of our Lord  
People        **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**



Celebrant Let us all renew our own 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.**

*All are invited to be seated*

**Special Music "With this water" by Fred Gramann  
sung by the Cathedral Choir with solos by Erik Erlandson and Camila Rabelo  
(the words are found on the back of the bulletin)**

## Gathering at the Baptismal font

*After the family and celebrant have gathered around the font  
the children of the church are invited to also gather around the font.*

### Prayers for the Candidate

Celebrant Let us now pray for Rex who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

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

**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open his heart to your grace and truth.

**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

### Thanksgiving over the Water

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death

and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, God, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

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

### **The Baptism**

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

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*

Rex, 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.

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**

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People And also with you.**

**Offertory Hymn**

**Wade in the Water**

***Chorus***

**Wade in the water,  
Wade in the water children  
Wade in the water,  
God's gonna trouble the water**

***Verse 1***

**See that host all dressed in white,  
God's gonna trouble the water  
The leader looks like the Israelite,  
God's gonna trouble the water**

***Verse 2***

**See that band all dressed in red,  
God's gonna trouble the water  
Looks like the band that Moses led,  
God's gonna trouble the water**

***Verse 3***

**If you don't believe I've been redeemed,  
God's gonna trouble the water  
Just follow me down to Jordan's stream,  
God's gonna trouble the water**

**Presentation Hymn**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him, all creatures here below  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost**

***This is the Lord's table where ALL are welcome.***

*If you would prefer to receive a blessing rather than communion, please come forward and cross your arms over your chest. If you do not wish to receive wine please know that receiving only the bread is still a full communion*

## The Great Thanksgiving

### Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

**People We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Here a Proper Preface is said*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Celebrant and People**

**Hymnal S125**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of, full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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.

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,

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

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 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. **AMEN.**

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

**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**

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

#### **Post Communion Prayer**

Celebrant Let us pray.

**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.**

**Blessing**

**Closing Hymn**

“Love divine, all loves excelling”

**Hymnal 657**

**The Dismissal**

**Postlude**

**Valentina Gavrilova**

### **Announcements for the Week of Feb 20-26**

**Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the birth of Theodore Robert Libbrecht by his great aunt May & by Lynne Beal in thanksgiving for all who have prayed, helped, and supported her in her recent health issues.**

**Music at St. Matt's** – We are in the process of adding different and more varied music in worship and we want to begin by learning about you all. Using the camera on your phone scan this QR code and it will take you to a short questionnaire.



**Prayer list-** Praying for others and having prayers said for you is very powerful. Oftentimes we want to ask folks to pray for us or for others and are not sure how to do that. Beginning with our next Wednesday update we will have a space to share the names of those who wish to have prayers said for them or for someone else. If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, please email or call Nancy in the office and they will be included on the Wednesday update. It is very important that you ask permission of those you want included as not everyone wants their needs made public. If you or someone else would like prayers but do not want to be included in this update, please also let us know and we will have our prayer team pray in confidence. Please pray for: Mary, Char, Carol, Deb, Helene, Tiffany, Barbara, Christopher, Tuller, Marigold, Brad, Dianne, Brad, Mel, Geoff, Judith, Lucas, Justin, Danny, Marilyn, Julie, Darcy, Janet, Lynne, Valerie, Amanda, Jacob, Jamie, Amy, Milward, Geoff, Curtis, Carol, B.A, Trish, and \_\_\_\_\_.

**Choir Concert at the Cathedral** – On March 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm the UW Collegiate Chorale will join a visiting choir from Bozeman Montana to perform here at the Cathedral. Be sure and mark your calendar for this wonderful evening of music. We will have more information coming soon.

**Shrove Tuesday** – Canterbury Fellowship will be serving pancakes again this year at Canterbury House starting at 6:30pm. Canterbury House is located at 110 S. 9<sup>th</sup> Street. All are invited.

**Ash Wednesday** – This year we will have three services on Ash Wednesday. The first will be at 7:15am with Holy Eucharist. The second will be at 12:10 at the Newman Center and will be an ecumenical service. The third service will be at 6:00pm without Eucharist.

**Mask Policy** - We are now encouraging but not requiring everyone to mask up during services in the Cathedral on Sunday mornings.

**Fiber arts group** –This group gathers on Fridays from 6pm to 9pm at Canterbury Fellowship located at 110 S. 9<sup>th</sup> street. Drop in any time, stay for a while or stay the whole time. This is a wonderful opportunity to sit and work with each other and take some time to get to know our St. Matthew's family. In Christ, Melissa Hunter

## **Baptized**

Rex Eldon Valentine

## **Parents**

Chloe Cundall  
Sean Valentine

## **Godparents**

Kyra Cundall  
Alex Berninger

## **Today's Ministers**

Homilist—The Very Rev. Brian K. Gross  
Celebrant—The Rev. Chris Mottl  
Eucharistic Ministers—Julie Gross and Jordan Bishop  
First Reader – Kent Drummond  
Second Reader – Paul Hesco  
Crucifer – Ray Robertson  
Server – Teddy Hart  
Greeters – Dave Bell & Jeff Bell  
Organist- Valentina Gavrilova  
Music Director – Dr. Holly Dalrymple

## **With this water**

Fred Gramann

With this water begins the journey;  
With this water forever claimed.  
With this water the Lord now leads you.  
With this water forever changed

With these vows your loved ones name you.  
With these vows your family grows.  
With these vows this congregation  
Now surrounds you, God's love to show.

With this water we celebrate now.  
With this water let us recall  
The baptism of our dear Savior.  
Who laid down His life for all.