

*Before the service, talk to God. During the service, let God talk to you. After the service, talk to one another.*

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

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

**The First Sunday after the Epiphany  
The Baptism of our Lord  
January 9, 2022**

**Prelude** **Valentina Gavrilova**

**Processional** "I want to walk as a child of the light" **Hymnal 490**

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.

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**

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your 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**

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 holiness.**  
The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; \*  
**the Lord is upon the mighty waters.**  
The voice of the Lord is a powerful 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 wilderness 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, "Glory!"**  
The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
**the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.**  
The Lord shall give strength to his people; \*  
**the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.**

**The Second Lesson – Acts 8:14-17**

Now 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.**

**Sequence Hymn** "We know that Christ is raised" **Hymnal 296**

**The Holy Gospel**

Gospeler The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark  
**People** **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

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."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.  
**People** **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sermon**

**The Very Rev. Brian K. Gross**

**The Renewal of Baptismal Vows**  
(Please stand)

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy catholic Church.

Celebrant Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

**People** **I do.**

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.**

Celebrant May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

### Prayers of the People

The Lord shall give us the blessings of strength and peace. Beloved of God, let us pray, "Walk with us through the waters, O God; walk with us through the fire."

Deliver your Church, O God, from fear. Strengthen those you have redeemed by your presence. Give us all the courage to keep our baptismal promises. Walk with us through the waters, O God; **Walk with us through the fire.**

Your power, O God, is evident in the mysteries of our universe. By water and your Holy Spirit you have made us a new people. We give you thanks and praise. Walk with us through the waters, O God; **Walk with us through the fire.**

Break down the walls of division in our city and our nation. Bring us together as one human family, formed and made by your great hands. Walk with us through the waters, O God; **Walk with us through the fire.**

Heal and comfort your beloved children, O God. Be with the needy in their trials. May they know that they are precious in your sight. Today we pray especially for Mary, Char, Mei, Carol, Kelly, Deb, Helene, Tiffany, Barbara, Christopher, Tuller, Marigold, Brad, Mel, Geoff, Judith, Lucas, Justin, Danny, Marilyn, Darcy, Hunter, Janet, Lynne, Valerie, Amanda, and \_\_\_\_\_. Walk with us through the waters, O God; **Walk with us through the fire.**

Heavenly Parent, you have accepted us as your children. You have made us heirs with Christ. In your great mercy, receive us, and all who have died, into glory everlasting. Walk with us through the waters, O God; **Walk with us through the fire.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect*

### The Confession of Sin

BCP 360

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Officiant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through 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** *All stand*

## The Holy Communion

Offertory Music "Lord of all hopefulness" Hymnal 482

### 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 Holy Communion

### 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.**

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:

### 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

Recessional Hymn "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!" (vs 1-3) Hymnal 460

### The Dismissal

### Postlude

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