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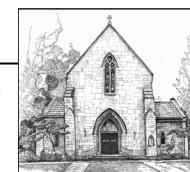
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The Baptism of Our Lord

Saturday, December 16, 2017 — 6 p.m.—Chapel

Sunday, December 17, 2017—8 a.m.—Chapel

Celebrant and Preacher—The Rev. Noah H. Evans

THE WORD OF GOD

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

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

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 Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God, and in loving memory of Katherine Birk, John Dubiel, and Stephen M. Delano.

We pray for all who are ill, or in any trouble, need or sorrow, especially for Edith Rose, Aubrey, Joan, Maria, Mohammad, John, and Veronica, and for all who are included in our parish prayer list, for our Stephen Ministers and their care receivers, for all who serve in the armed forces of the United States, and for all who are suffering from violence, persecution, or disease around the world.

We pray for those who have died, for parishioner Lillian Walter, wife of the late William R. Walter, mother of Patricia Glod, mother-in-law of John Glod and grandmother of Jonathan and Emily Glod, for Mary Madelyn Castner, wife of the late Robert J. Castner, mother of Lawrence Castner and mother-in-law of Priscilla Castner, for Robert J. Gannon, husband of Norna Francescangeli Gannon, father of Dean Gannon, father-in-law of Mollie Gannon and grandfather of Casey and Carter Gannon, and for our loved ones who have gone before us.

We give thanks for Cecelia Mara Gawlas, daughter of Rachel and Zachary Gawlas and sister of Samuel Gawlas, and for Georgiana Jean Strickling, daughter of Elizabeth and Nicholas Strickling and sister of Alexander Strickling, who will be baptized during the 10:45 service.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 2:1-13

People The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Noah H. Evans

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

The Prayers of the People

Leader: ...Hear us, Lord, we trust in you.

All: Lord, we trust in your love.

Confession of Sin

The people may kneel or stand.

BCP 360

The Peace

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

Announcements**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B
The people may stand or kneel.

BCP 367

The Lord's Prayer

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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Gifts of God for the people of God.

All are welcome to receive Communion.

If you need communion brought to your pew, please let the celebrant know.

Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

Blessing**Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.