



THE LAST SUNDAY OF THE EPIPHANY  
&  
THE BAPTISM OF  
CHRISTOPHER AARON BASSETT WOLFF

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY TWENTY-SEVENTH  
TWO-THOUSAND AND TWENTY TWO,  
TEN THIRTY IN THE MORNING

SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
GREENVILLE, TEXAS

# *Concerning the Baptismal Service*

Holy Baptism is full initiation by water and the Holy Spirit into Christ's Body the Church. The bond which God establishes in Baptism is indissoluble.

Holy Baptism is appropriately administered within the Eucharist as the chief service on a Sunday or other feast.

The bishop, when present, is the celebrant; and is expected to preach the Word and preside at Baptism and the Eucharist. At Baptism, the bishop officiates at the Presentation and Examination of the Candidates; says the Thanksgiving over the Water; [consecrates the Chrism;] reads the prayer, "Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit;" and officiates at what follows.

In the absence of a bishop, a priest is the celebrant and presides at the service. If a priest uses Chrism in signing the newly baptized, it must have been previously consecrated by the bishop.

Each candidate for Holy Baptism is to be sponsored by one or more baptized persons.

Sponsors of adults and older children present their candidates and thereby signify their endorsement of the candidates and their intention to support them by prayer and example in their Christian life. Sponsors of infants, commonly called godparents, present their candidates, make promises in their own names, and also take vows on behalf of their candidates.

It is fitting that parents be included among the godparents of their own children. Parents and godparents are to be instructed in the meaning of Baptism, in their duties to help the new Christians grow in the knowledge and love of God, and in their responsibilities as members of his Church.

Processional Hymn

*When morning gilds the skies (Laudes Domini)*

H #427

*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.

*Gloria in excelsis*

H #S280

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And also with you.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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 LESSONS

The First Lesson: Exodus 34:29-35

The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

- 1 The Lord is King;  
let the people tremble; \*  
he is enthroned upon the cherubim;  
let the earth shake.
  
- 2 The Lord is great in Zion; \*  
he is high above all peoples.
  
- 3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; \*  
he is the Holy One.
  
- 4 “O mighty King, lover of justice,  
you have established equity; \*  
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.”
  
- 5 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God  
and fall down before his footstool; \*  
he is the Holy One.
  
- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,  
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, \*  
they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.
  
- 7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; \*  
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.
  
- 8 O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; \*  
you were a God who forgave them,  
yet punished them for their evil deeds.

9 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God  
and worship him upon his holy hill; \*  
for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

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

The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

**Gospel Hymn**

*Christ upon the mountain peak (Mowsley)*

H #129

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

*People:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

**The Gospel: Luke 9:28-36**

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**THE SERMON**

**PRESENTATION & EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES**

**Hymn**

*Celebrant:* The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*The candidates who are able to answer for themselves are presented individually by their Sponsors, as follows*

**Sponsor: I present Christopher Aaron Bassett Wolff to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

*The Celebrant asks each candidate when presented*

Do you desire to be baptized?

**Candidate: I do.**

*When all have been presented the Celebrant asks the parents and godparents*

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

**Parents and Godparents: I will, with God's help.**

**Celebrant:** Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

**Parents and Godparents: I will, with God's help.**

*Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the candidates who can speak for themselves, and of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children*

*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.

*After all have been presented, the Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying*

*Celebrant:* Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

*People:* We will.

*Celebrant:* Let us join Christ 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 CANDIDATES

*Celebrant:* Let us now pray for Chris 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 them 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 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, 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

Chris, 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 these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them 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 Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying to each one*

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

*When all have 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.

***Celebrant:*** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

***People:*** And also with you.

## THE OFFERTORY

Offeratory Hymn

*Ye watchers and ye holy ones (Lasst uns erfreuen)*

H #618

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*All Christians baptized in the name of the Trinity who are in good standing with their home churches are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you wish not to receive the wine, know that the Church has always taught that the full sacrament is received by partaking of the consecrated bread alone. Only the Eucharistic ministry may dip the bread into the chalice. If you wish only to receive a blessing, please join us at the altar rail, crossing your arms over your chest.*

Offertory Anythem

*Doxology (Old 100th)*

A3 #221

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

Agnus Dei

BCP 407

**The Presentation**

**BCP 362**

**Communion Hymns**

*Be Unto Your Name*

*A3 #20*

*Shout to the North*

*A3 #144*

**The Blessing & Dismissal, p. 366**

**Recessional Hymn**

*Alleluia! sing to Jesus! (Hyfrydol)*

*H #460*

## 8:00 — HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I

Introduction to Worship

Opening Sentence

BCP 323

Collect

BCP 182

The Lessons

First Reading

Exodus 34:29-35

Psalm

Psalm 99

Epistle

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Gospel

Luke 9:28-36, [37-43a]

Sermon

The Rev. Trent Pettit

Nicene Creed

BCP 326

Prayers of the People

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***Holy Communion***

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*Agnus Dei*

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Post Communion Prayer

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The Blessing & Dismissal

BCP 339

## *Pray for the Church, the Body of Christ*

Please pray for those on our prayer list this week: Bob Lanier, Father Gordon, and Mike Lavigne. We also pray for our Daughters of the King Ministry as they bring their strength and service together by praying for friends and for the people.

**Contact our church office to add a name to our prayer list.**

### *Upcoming Events*

- Tuesday, March 1:** *Shrove Tuesday* - Compline & burning of palm crosses for ashes at 5:45pm; Pancake Dinner hosted by St. Joseph's Guild at 6pm
- Wednesday, March 2:** *Ash Wednesday* - imposition of the ashes at 12pm and 6pm; No Morning Prayer, No Bible Study
- Thursday, March 3:** Lenten Program #1: Dinner from 6-6:30pm, Program from 6:30-7:30pm; This year's study covers Tim Keller's *The Reason for God*.
- Friday, March 4:** Stations of the Cross at 6pm

### *Announcements*

- **EDOD YOUTH CONFIRMATION RETREAT:** April 8 (arrive after dinner) - April 9 (concluding with dinner) for youth and their adult sponsors. Youth who have already been confirmed but would like to revisit this faith commitment are also invited to attend. More info to come.
- **UPCOMING COFFEE HOURS:**
  - Mar 6 - Charcuterie boards
  - Mar 13 - Sandwiches - bring your favorite or a side
  - Mar 20 - Bring your favorite salad or dressing
  - Mar 27 - Bring your favorite appetizer
- **SPEC KEY HOLDERS:** If you have a key to any part of the church facility, please let Elizabeth Porter, our Jr. Warden, know as soon as possible, and please bring your keys to church next week. Thank you!

The St. Paul's Memorial Fund  
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in memory of  
**JOHN WYANT, beloved parish member.**

### **February 20**

Offering: \$1,600.00 ~~ Attendance: 52

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