



**First Sunday after the Epiphany:
The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ**

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

January 11, 2026, 10:00 AM

St. John's Episcopal Church
297 Lowell Avenue, Newtonville, Massachusetts



St. John's Weekly Calendar

Sunday, January 11 <i>The First Sunday after Epiphany: The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ</i>	8:00 am Morning Prayer: Rite II <i>spoken</i> (in-person) 10:00 am Holy Eucharist: Rite II <i>sung</i> (in-person & livestream) 11:30 am Vestry Meeting
Monday, January 12	6:30 pm EfM Meeting (Loring Room)
Wednesday, January 14	9:30 am EfM Meeting (Loring Room)
Thursday, January 15	6:00 pm Compline <i>spoken</i> (Zoom) 7:30 pm Choir Practice
Sunday, January 18 <i>The Second Sunday after the Epiphany</i>	8:00 am Morning Prayer: Rite II w/ Holy Communion <i>spoken</i> (in-person) 10:00 am Holy Eucharist: Rite II <i>sung</i> (in-person & livestream)

Prayer Requests

The Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer

We Pray for
Iran, Iraq, Syria

The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

We Pray for
Churches of the Boston Harbor Deanery
St. John & St. James Church, Roxbury (Boston)
Ecclesia Ministries and common cathedral,
Boston
Hospitality Homes
The Diocesan Staff
The Massachusetts Council of Churches

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer

We Pray for
Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central
de America

Birthdays

Marjorie Carey 01/11
Melissa Leahy 01/11
Alyssa Castonguay 01/12
Peter Zabchuk 01/15
Michael Dion 01/16
Thaddens Dufresne 01/16

Anniversaries

NA

Pray for: Alec, Anne, Austin, Bob M, Bob Z, Candy, Cathy, Christian, Ella, Emma, Evelyne, Flynn, Fred, Gary, James, Jeanne, John, Ken, Kevin, Lena, Louise, Margaret, Marina, Mark, Mary, Maxine, Phoebe, Phyllis, Ron, Shelbi, and Thomas.

Please note that the service is being live-streamed and recorded on our website and YouTube page.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge that we work and pray on the historical and unceded territory of the Massachusett people, and we are grateful for the example of their stewardship. We seek to be instruments of justice and peace for all, especially Indigenous Peoples.

Order of Service

Prelude

Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam, BuxWV 180

Dieterich Buxtehude
(1637-1707)

Please stand as you are able for

Processional Hymn 138, "When Jesus came to Jordan's stream"

Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam

Welcome

Opening Acclamation & Collect for Purity

Enriching Our Worship 1 p 50, BCP p 355

Presider: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People: **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

All: 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.**

Gloria in excelsis, S 278

William Mathias (1934-1992)

The Collect of the Day

BCP p 214

Presider: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: 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.**

Please be seated for

The First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9

After the Reading, the following is said

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 29 *Afferte Domino*

The Choir sings Refrain; the Congregation repeats. The Choir sings Verses; The Congregation sings Refrain where indicated with R.



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| 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, *
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. | 4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor. R |
| 2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; *
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. R | 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; *
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon; |
| 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the Lord is upon the mighty waters. | 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox. R |



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- 7 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. **R**
- 8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the Lord *
all are crying, “Glory!” **R**

- 10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; *
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; *
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of
peace. **R**

The Second Reading: Acts 10:34-43

After the Reading, the following is said

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able for

Hymn 120, “The sinless one to Jordan came”

Solemnis haec festivitas

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

Before the Gospel, the following is said

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the Gospel, the following is said

Presider: The Gospel of our Savior.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Following the Gospel, when the Preacher invites you, please be seated for

The Homily

The Rev. Michael Thompson, Esq.

A period of silence follows the Homily, after which, when the Minister invites you to, please stand as you are able for

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

BCP p 292

Pastoral and Occasional Liturgies: A Ceremonial Guide p 47

Presider: Dear People of God: In Holy Baptism we follow the pattern of our Lord Jesus Christ. As he came up from the water he was anointed by the Spirit of God and designated as God’s Son. So we also are anointed by that same Spirit; we are reborn and adopted as children with whom God is well pleased. Let us now renew our own baptismal covenant.

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

People: I do.

Presider: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Presider: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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.

Presider: 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.**

Presider: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Presider: 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.**

Presider: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Presider: 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.**

Presider: Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect and restore the beauty and integrity of all creation?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Presider: 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.**

The Prayers of the People

Form I, BCP p 383

*Please join in the **bolded** parts.*

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples. For the Church in Iran, Iraq, and Syria; Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America; Hospitality Homes; The Diocesan Staff; The Massachusetts Council of Churches; and these churches of the Boston Harbor Deanery: St. John & St. James Church, Roxbury (Boston) and Ecclesia Ministries and common cathedral (Boston); let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Presiding Bishop Sean; our Bishop Julia; our Priest Michael; our pastoral care intern Jason; and all lay ministers, bishops, priests, and deacons, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For **Alec, Anne, Austin, Bob M, Bob Z, Candy, Cathy, Christian, Ella, Emma, Evelyne, Flynn, Fred, Gary, James, Jeanne, John, Ken, Kevin, Lena, Louise, Margaret, Marina, Mark, Mary, Maxine, Phoebe, Phyllis, Ron, Shelbi, and Thomas**, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Marjorie Carey, Melissa Leahy, Alyssa Castonguay, Peter Zabchuk, Michael Dion, Thaddeus Dufresne, and for those celebrating anniversaries this week, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

Please add your own prayers and thanksgivings either silently or aloud.

Silence

The Presider concludes with the following Collect from Revised Common Lectionary Prayers

Lord God, you revealed your Son in the waters of the Jordan and anointed him with the power of the Holy Spirit to proclaim good news to all people. Sanctify us by the same Spirit, that we may proclaim the healing power of the gospel by acts of love in your name. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

BCP p 360

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

During the Confession of Sin, it is traditional to kneel.

All: 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.

The Presider stands and says

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

Presider: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Announcements, Blessing of the Chalk, and Epiphany Proclamation

Offertory Anthem

Tribus miraculis

Carlotta Ferrari (b. 1970)

Tribus miraculis ornatum, diem sanctum colimus:

We honor this holy day with three miracles:

Hodie stella Magos duxit ad praeseptum:

Today the Magi were led by the star to the manger:

Hodie vinum ex aqua factum est ad nuptias:

Today water was turned into wine at the wedding:

Hodie in Jordane a Joanne Christus baptizari

Today Jesus presented himself to John to be

voluit, ut salvaret nos. Alleluia.

baptized in the Jordan for our salvation. Alleluia.

Antiphon to Magnificat at Second Vespers, Feast of the Epiphany

Please stand, as able, for

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B, BCP p 361
(Expansive Language Version)

God be with you

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, 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 Savior.

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:

Sanctus and Benedictus S 128

William Mathias (1934-1992)

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 Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, 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 Savior 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 Jesus 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 Christ's death,
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
We await Christ's coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior 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 in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, 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 Ever-Blessed Mary the God-bearer, Blessed John the Evangelist, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

BCP p 364

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

Presider: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

Fraction Anthem S 165

Mathias

Presentation of the Gifts

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

– All people are welcome to receive communion at God's table in this place. –

St. John's offers communion in both kinds (bread and wine).

To receive the bread, please stand or kneel at the altar rail and extend your hands.

To receive the wine, please drink directly from the chalice. Due to public health guidelines, please do not dip the bread in the chalice.

Please be reassured that communion is fully received if you receive the bread alone.

If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of communion, please simply stand or kneel at the altar rail and cross your arms over your chest

Communion Hymn 121, "Christ, when for us you were baptized"

Caithness

The Prayer After Communion

BCP p 366
(Expansive Language Version)

Presider: Let us pray.

All: 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 Christ, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

The Priest blesses the People, and the People respond, "Amen."

Hymn 296, "We know that Christ is raised and dies no more!"

Engelberg

The Dismissal

Minister: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

I've Just Come from the Fountain

Richard Billingham (1934-2024)

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Following the service, Michael will offer individual prayer. After the Postlude, Michael will return to the altar.

Please feel free to come up one at a time, share your prayer requests, and he will pray with and anoint you.

You may stand or kneel at the altar rail as you feel comfortable.

Please join us in DiMauro Hall for coffee hour, a time of community and fellowship. To get to DiMauro Hall, walk toward the altar, exit through the door on the right, and follow the signs and people. Anyone would be happy to help you find it.



LEADERS OF THIS MORNING'S SERVICE

Presider & Preacher: The Reverend Michael Thompson, Esq.

Music Director: Jeffrey Mills

Wardens: Kristin Knudson and Laura Brewer

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Laura Brewer

Altar Guild: Libby Seaman

Lector & Counter: Kristin Knudson

Usher: Rebecca Snow

IT Minister: Alastair Battson

Vestry Person of the Day: Sarah Moravick

Coffee Hour Host: Cleo Messinger

Today's Woman in Music

Carlotta Ferrari's (b. 1970) setting of a traditional aniphon text sung before Magnificat at Second Vespers of the Feast of the Epiphany is for unison choir and organ. Against the choir's melody, the organ provides accompaniment in two modes other than the choral melody. The result sounds very much like early music and carries an aura of mysticism and, indeed, miracle.



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