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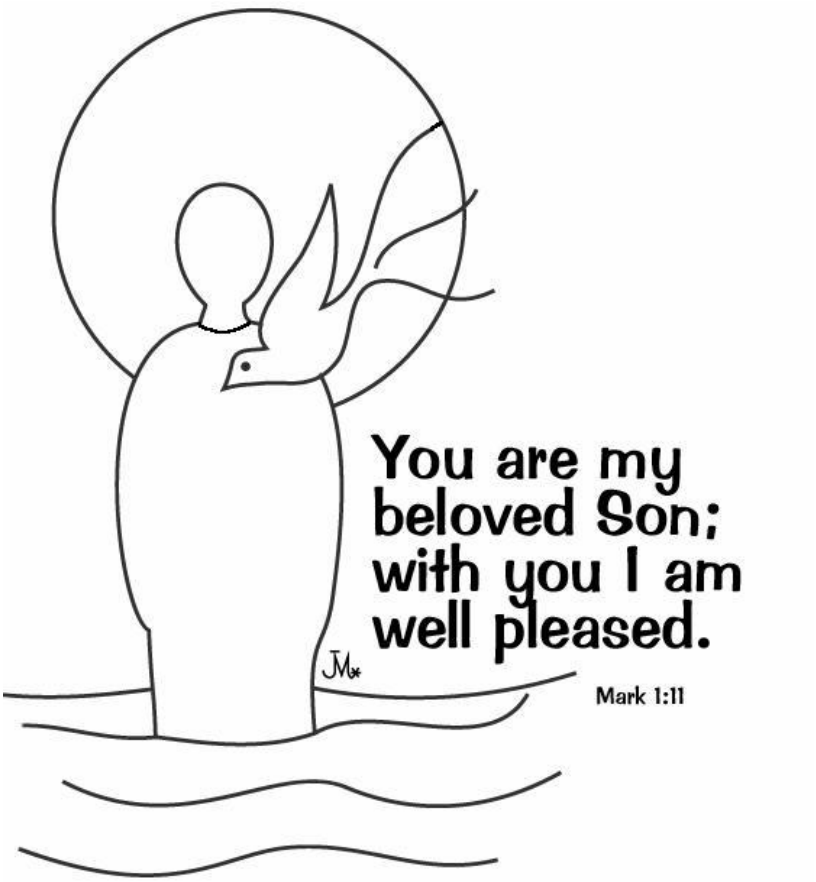

The First Sunday After the Epiphany: The Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ

January 13, 2008
10:00 am

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Holy Baptism

Prelude: *"Jesus, My All"* English Folk Melody

Choral Introit: *"Baptized in water, sealed by the spirit"* M. Saward (b. 1932)/E. Hancock (b. 1929)

Opening Hymn: *"God, the Omnipotent!"* Russia Hymnal 569

The people standing, the Celebrant says Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

The Celebrant then continues 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.

The Collect of the Day
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 Lessons (*The people sit.)*
Isaiah 42:1-9
Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.
Reader The Word of the Lord.
People *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 29 *Afferte Domino*
1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, *
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; *
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; *
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; *
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
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.
8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.
9 And in the temple of the LORD *

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all are crying, "Glory!"
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.

Acts 10:34-43
Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."
Reader The Word of the Lord.
People *Thanks be to God.*

Gradual Hymn: *"Christ, when for us you were baptized"* Caithness Hymnal 121

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 3:13-17 (The People Stand)
Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*
Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

The Sermon—The Reverend James Stevenson

The Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

The Celebrant says The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.
Parents and Godparents I present Nathan Arvid to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant 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 parents and godparents on behalf of the infant
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.

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The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this *person* in his life in Christ?

People *We will.*

Celebrant Let us join with *those* who are committing *themselves* 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

The Celebrant then says to the congregation
Let us now pray for this person 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.*

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 res-

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urrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. *Amen*.

Thanksgiving over the Water
The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying 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.

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
The Priest pours water upon the candidate saying
Nathan, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen*.

Celebrant
Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servants 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
Nathan, 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.
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 *All stand.*
The Celebrant says to the people The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People *And also with you.*

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome & Announcements / Birthdays & Anniversaries

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Senior Choir Anthem: *"Baptized in water"* M. Saward (b. 1932) / D.C. Walker (b. 1938)

Presentation Of Offerings: Doxology Hymnal 380 verse 3

The Great Thanksgiving—*Eucharistic Prayer A*

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

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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.*

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

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: *Holy, holy, holy Lord* Hymnal S 125
Celebrant and People
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are 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.

The people stand or kneel. *Then the Celebrant continues*
Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues
We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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,

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People and Celebrant

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
The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.
A period of silence is kept. Then may be sung or said

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

The Fraction Anthem—Hymnal S154

The Invitation to Communion
Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation
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 baptized Christians of any age or denomination are welcome to receive Holy Communion

Post Communion Hymn: "*Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace"* verses 1,4

The Post Communion Prayer
After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People *Thanks be to God.*

Closing Hymn: *"Shall we gather at the river"* LEVAS 141

Postlude: *"Now Praise We Christ"* Anonymous

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, January 13, 2008 W The First Sunday after the Epiphany:
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WELCOME TO PRINCE OF PEACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
we are glad you have chosen to worship with us.
Here are a few items to assist you with this morning's service.

- You will find most of our service printed in this *Service Leaflet* provided to you by the ushers.
- The Red *Book of Common Prayer* and Blue *Hymnal* can be found in the pew rack.
- Our supplemental Hymnal, *Lift Every Voice & Sing* (LEVAS or LEV) is at both ends of your pew.
- The PostCommunion Hymn ("*Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace")* is also located in the pew rack.
- All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion at Prince of Peace.

Please feel free to speak to an usher if have any further questions or need assistance.

BAPTISM This morning we welcome the newest member of Prince of Peace, Nathan Arvid Johnston, through the sacrament of Holy Baptism. Nathan is the infant son of Rebecca Sutton and Patrick Johnston. Please join us following the service for a brief reception in honor of Nathan and his family.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING The annual meeting of the Prince of Peace Church will be held on Sunday January 20 following the 10:00 am service. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend this meeting.

REPORTS FOR ANNUAL MEETING All Commissions and Groups of the church are asked to submit a 2007 report to be included in the Annual Report. All of these reports must be in the church office BY the end of the day TODAY. When possible please email the information to princeofpeace@epix.net.

2008 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available. If you have not received a booklet and would like one, please contact Jennifer in the Church Office (675-1723 or princeofpeace@epix.net).

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:
8am Holy Eucharist
10am Holy Eucharist (with Music)
10am Sunday School

CHURCH OFFICE SCHEDULE:
Parish Administrator
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9am–2pm

Priest-in-Charge
Thursday 9am–2pm

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HAVE YOU VISITED OUR WEBSITE LATELY? Here are just a few of the things you can find there:

Updated Layministry Schedule....Weekly Bulletins (posted every Friday)....
Upcoming Events & Activities....Pictures from the Christmas Pageant, Gingerbread House Workshop, Tree Trimming, (and lots more)...Church Calendar...The Visitor (our parish newsletter)....
Episcopal Life Headlines.....Links to many informative websites

Visit our site at www.princeofpeacedallaspa.org and let the church office know what you think or if you have any suggestions.

A QUESTION....WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO VOLUNTEER FOR THE WATCH? Planning has begun for Lent, Holy Week and Easter. This year we would like to have an overnight watch of the reserved sacrament. The watch would begin following the Good Friday service and run through Holy Saturday morning. Volunteers would sign up for one hour shifts. This is something we have done this in the past, but not for the last few years. Before we add this back to our Holy Week schedule it is important to know that we will be able to have enough volunteers. If you are interested in finding out more about this please see Father Stevenson or Deacon Lou if you think you might like to volunteer for the watch, please contact the Church Office.

The Altar Flowers are in dedicated to the glory of Almighty God in celebration of the Baptism of Nathan Johnston by the Sutton family.

MINISTERS

Celebrant / Preacher	The Reverend James Stevenson
Deacon	The Reverend Mary Lou Divis
Organist	Jacqueline Sheehan
Acolytes	TBA
Lector	John Sheehan
Intercessor	Chris Sutton
Eucharistic Minister	Chris Sutton
Ushers/Oblationers	David Wright, Dale Jones
Altar Guild	Carol Jones, Mary Jillson-Stout
Vestry Counter	Chris Sutton

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THE NEXT…

...**Holy Eucharist**, this morning 8:00 am & 10:00 am

...**Baptism**, Sunday January 13, 10:00 am.

...**Adult Christian Education**, this morning 9:00 am.

...**Sunday School**, this morning 10:00 am.

...**Information for Annual Report due** TODAY!!!

...**Alanon Mtg**, today, 7:00 pm

...**Church Cleaning**, Tuesday, January 14.

...**AA Small Group, Monday,** January 14, 7:00 pm.

...**Morning Prayer (Chapel),** Tuesday, January 15, 9:00 am.

...**Church Office Open**, Tuesday, January 15, 9:00 am—2:00 pm.

...**Church Office Open**, Thursday, January 17, 9:00 am—2:00 pm.

...**Church Office Open**, Friday, January 18, 9:00 am—2:00 pm.

...**Annual Parish Meeting**, Sunday January 20 following the 10am service.

...**Family Service**, Sunday January 20, 10:00am.

...**Outreach Commission Mtg**, Sunday January 20, following the 10:00 am service.

...**Education Commission Mtg**, Sunday, January 27, following the 10:00 am service.

...**Property Commission Mtg**, Sunday January 27, following the service.

...**Parish Life Commission Mtg**, Sunday February 3 following the 10 am service.

...**Finance Commission Meeting**, Tuesday, February 5, 7pm.

...**Vestry Meeting (undercroft),** Wednesday, February 13, 7:00 pm.

If your event is missing from this list, please contact the Church Office with the details!

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