

# Saint Thomas's Church

**The Baptism of the Lord  
Sunday, January 9, 2022**

**Choral Mass at 11 o'clock**



Baptism of Christ, David Gérard, approximately 1460-1523  
Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee

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*The Altar flowers are given to the honour and glory of almighty God:*

*They were given in memory of Robert Gordon and Kathryn Wilma Alice Gordon,  
and their children Kathryn Alice Agnes Gordon Tulk and Roberta Holmes Gordon McEachern;*

*and*

*In memory of Marigrace and John David Campbell Ross, and Robert Thorne Bodie, by Robert Ross.*

**Celebrant & Homilist:** Fr. Humphrey  
**Reader:** Maureen Somerville  
**Organist & Director of Music:** Matthew Whitfield

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**PROVISOS FOR IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE**

1. *Given recent research, cloth masks on their own, unless worn with two disposable masks, provide insufficient protection. At all times, therefore, everyone in the church must wear an N95, KN95, or an acceptable equivalent mask. If you do not have one of these qualifying masks, the minimum acceptable coverage is two disposable medical face masks properly fitted. If you do not have an acceptable mask, two disposable masks will be issued to you at the door.*

2. *Congregational singing is still allowed, but we strongly recommend that you do so softly, if at all. Tuneful humming, such as when we are enjoying a piece of music on the radio, is fine; we want you to enjoy the music and to participate in it, but with this new variant that is several times more contagious than others, we can't encourage anything more than gentle singing behind your mask(s).*

**MUSIC OF THE MASS** – Communion Service in the Phrygian Mode, *Charles Wood*

**PRELUDE:** Christ, unser Herr, zum Jordan kam, BWV 685, *J.S. Bach*

*Please remain seated as the choir enters the church during the prelude. At the sound of the bell, all stand for the entrance of the Sacred Ministers.*

**INTROIT:** Psalm 98.1-4

- 1 O sing unto the Lord a new song; / for he hath done marvellous things.
- 2 With his own right hand, and with his holy arm, / hath he gotten himself the victory.
- 3 The Lord hath declared his salvation: /  
his righteousness hath he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He hath remembered his mercy and his faithfulness toward the house of Israel; /  
and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; /  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

O sing unto the Lord a new song; / for he hath done marvellous things.

*Please kneel.*

**COLLECT FOR PURITY**

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Choir sings*

**KYRIE ELEISON**

Kyrie Eleison : Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christe Eleison : Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Kyrie Eleison : Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Please stand.*

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO**

*Celebrant:* Glory be to God on high,

*People:* **and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.**

**For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Lord be with you.  
**And with thy spirit.**

*Please remain standing for the Collect.*

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

O Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ did take our nature upon him, and was baptized for our sakes in the river Jordan: Mercifully grant that we being regenerate, and made thy children by adoption and grace, may also be partakers of thy Holy Spirit; through him whom thou didst send to be our Saviour and Redeemer, even the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**THE FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 43.1-7**

The First Lesson is written in the forty-third chapter of the book of the prophet Isaiah, beginning at the first verse.

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, 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 Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my eyes, and honoured, and I love you, I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life. Fear not, 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 up, and to the south, Do not withhold; bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth, every one who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*The people remain seated as the choir sings the psalm.*

**PSALM: 29 - Afferte Domino; Tone VIII,1**

- 1 Ascribe unto the Lord, O ye mighty, / ascribe unto the Lord worship and strength.
- 2 Give unto the Lord the honour due unto his Name; / worship the Lord with holy worship.
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; /  
it is the glorious God that maketh the thunder, even the Lord upon many waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation; / the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaketh the cedartrees; /  
yea, the Lord breaketh the cedars of Lebanon.
- 6 He maketh Lebanon to skip like a calf, / and Sirion like a young ox.
- 7 The voice of the Lord divideth the flames of fire;  
the voice of the Lord shaketh the wilderness; /  
yea, the Lord shaketh the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the Lord maketh the hinds to bring forth young,  
and strippeth bare the forests: / in his temple doth every thing speak of his honour.
- 9 The Lord sitteth above the water-flood, / and the Lord remaineth a King for ever.
- 10 The Lord shall give strength unto his people; /  
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

**THE SECOND LESSON: Acts 8.14-17**

The Second Lesson is written in the eighth chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, beginning at the fourteenth verse.

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and John, who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit; for it had not yet fallen on any of them, but they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The Choir sings:*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia. Alleluia. A voice came from heaven, saying, "This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased." Alleluia.

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

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

The Holy Gospel is written in the third chapter of the Gospel according to Saint Luke, beginning at the fifteenth verse.

**Glory be to thee O Lord.**

As the people were in expectation, and all men questioned in their hearts concerning John, whether perhaps he were the Christ, John answered them all, "I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with 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, as a dove, and a voice came from heaven, "Thou art my beloved Son; with thee I am well pleased."

The Gospel of Christ.  
**Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

### SERMON

*Please stand. All who are able to kneel, please do so at 'And was made incarnate.'*

### THE NICENE CREED

*Celebrant:* I believe in one God

*People:* the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of the Father before all worlds; God, of God; Light, of Light; Very God, of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; Through whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, (*Kneel.*) And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man, (*Rise.*) And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, The Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, And the Life of the world to come. Amen.**

### OFFERTORY

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

*Please remain standing for the hymn during the Offertory.*

### OFFERTORY HYMN 96 - Songs of thankfulness and praise

- 1 Songs of thankfulness and praise,  
Jesu, Lord, to thee we raise,  
Manifested by the star  
To the sages from afar;  
Branch of royal David's stem  
In thy birth at Bethlehem;  
Anthems be to thee address,  
God in Man made manifest.

- 2 Manifest at Jordan's stream,  
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;  
And at Cana wedding-guest  
In thy Godhead manifest;  
Manifest in power divine,  
Changing water into wine;  
Anthems be to thee address,  
God in Man made manifest.
- 3 Manifest in making whole  
Palsied limbs and fainting soul;  
Manifest in valiant fight,  
Quelling all the devil's might;  
Manifest in gracious will,  
Ever bringing good from ill;  
Anthems be to thee address,  
God in Man made manifest.
- 4 Sun and moon shall darkened be,  
Stars shall fall, the heavens shall flee;  
Christ will then like lightning shine,  
All will see his glorious sign;  
All will then the trumpet hear,  
All will see the Judge appear;  
Thou by all wilt be confest,  
God in Man made manifest.
- 5 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord,  
Mirrored in thy holy Word;  
May we imitate thee now,  
And be pure, as pure art thou;  
That we like to thee may be  
At thy great Epiphany;  
And may praise thee, ever blest,  
God in Man made manifest.

*SALZBURG  
Jakob Hintze (1678)*

*Bishop Christopher Wordsworth, 1862*

*The congregation may sit at the conclusion of the offertory hymn. Please stand as the thurifer approaches for the censuring.*

#### **PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel, for ever and ever. All that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine. All things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee. **Amen.**

*Please kneel.*

**INTERCESSIONS**

*Celebrant:* Dear friends in Christ, let us pray for the Church and for the world.

*silence*

Lord, in thy mercy

**We beseech thee, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* I bid your prayers for the church universal throughout the world; for Andrew our bishop, and for all who serve and minister to God's people.

*silence*

Lord, in thy mercy

**We beseech thee, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* I bid your prayers for the Queen and for all in authority in our country, province, and city. May God guide us in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honour one another and serve the common good.

*silence*

Lord, in thy mercy

**We beseech thee, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* I bid your prayers for God's blessings upon all people, and we give thanks to God for the people, neighbours, and friends of this parish, and especially for all those present with us in person or via livestream; our newcomers and visitors this morning, both near and far; and for all other thanksgivings we now name, silently or aloud \_\_\_\_\_ [on the anniversary of his/her baptism / ordination/ confirmation, etc.]. May God's abiding presence be with us always, and may we be a blessing to all people.

*silence*

Lord, in thy mercy

**We beseech thee, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* I bid your prayers for all those in need, for the sick\_\_\_\_\_, and all those suffering from the coronavirus, for elders in isolation, for prisoners, for refugees and migrants, for the oppressed, for those who mourn, and for all others for whom our prayers are asked\_\_\_\_\_, that they will be comforted by the ever-present love of our Lord.

*silence*

Lord, in thy mercy

**We beseech thee, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* I bid your prayers for the souls of the departed, especially\_\_\_\_\_ who have died in recent days, and on their year's mind for\_\_\_\_\_, that they may share with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Thomas, and all the saints in God's eternal kingdom.

*silence*

Lord, in thy mercy

**We beseech thee, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant:* Creator of the World, all things were made by thee through thy Word, and without thee nothing would be. May all our prayers be acceptable unto thee and cast away the darkness of this world with thy marvellous light. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**



## INVITATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

**Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we from time to time most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God. **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, Creator and Preserver of all things, who by water and the Holy Spirit hast made us a holy people in Jesus Christ our Lord; though dost renew that mystery in bread and wine and nourish us, to show forth thy glory in all the world.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying:

*The Choir sings:*

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord:

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it; and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me.

Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all, of this; for this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy Bread of eternal life and the Cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded; And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy Communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER, FRACTION AND PEACE

Celebrant: As our Saviour Christ hath commanded and 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 them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.**

*The consecrated Bread is broken.*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And with thy spirit.**

*The Celebrant greets the Sacred Ministers and People with bows, then kneels to begin the Prayer of Humble Access.*

### HOLY COMMUNION

*All who intend to receive Holy Communion pray together:*

*Celebrant:* We do not presume

**to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, Trusting in our own righteousness, But in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy So much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, Whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, So to eat the Flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, And to drink his Blood, That our sinful bodies may be made clean by his Body, And our souls washed through his most precious Blood, And that we may evermore dwell in him, And he in us. Amen.**

*The Choir sings:*

### AGNUS DEI

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.

*All baptized Christians are invited to come forward to receive Holy Communion as directed by the Sidespeople.*

**MOTET**

O taste and see, *Ralph Vaughan Williams*

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is; Blest is the man that trusteth in Him.

*Please kneel or sit.*

**COMMUNION HYMN 90** – The heavenly Child in stature grows

- 1 The heavenly Child in stature grows,  
And, growing, learns to die;  
And still his early training shows  
His coming agony.
- 2 The Son of God his glory hides  
With parents mean and poor;  
And he, who made the heavens, abides  
In dwelling-place obscure.
- 3 Those mighty hands that rule the sky  
No earthly toil refuse;  
The Maker of the stars on high  
A humble trade pursues.
- 4 He, whom the choirs of angels praise,  
Bearing each dread decree,  
His earthly parents now obeys  
In deep humility.
- 5 For this thy lowliness revealed,  
Jesu, we thee adore;  
And praise to God the Father yield  
And Spirit evermore.

*TALLIS*  
*Thos. Tallis, 1567*

*Tr. from the Latin of Canon J.B. Santeuil (1689) by Rev. J. Chandler*

*Please kneel.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee that thou dost graciously feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; assuring us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are living members of his mystical body, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee. And although we are unworthy, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

## BLESSING

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*Please stand.*

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## CONCLUDING HYMN 479 – Spirit Divine, attend our prayers

- 1 Spirit Divine, attend our prayers,  
And make this house thy home;  
Descend with all thy gracious powers,  
O come, great Spirit, come.
- 2 Come as the light; to us reveal  
Our emptiness and woe:  
And lead us in those paths of life,  
Where all the righteous go.
- 3 Come as the fire, and purge our hearts  
Like sacrificial flame;  
Let our whole soul an offering be  
To our Redeemer's Name.
- 4 Come as the dew, and sweetly bless  
This consecrated hour;  
May barrenness rejoice to own  
Thy fertilizing power.
- 5 Spirit Divine, attend our prayers;  
Make a lost world thy home;  
Descend with all thy gracious powers,  
O come, great Spirit, come.

*LAMBETH  
Wilhelm Schulthes, 1871*

*Rev. Andrew Reed, 1829*

*The people may be seated. Please maintain an atmosphere of reverent silence during and after the Postlude.*

**POSTLUDE:** Christ, unser Herr, zum Jordan kam, BWV 684, *J.S. Bach*