The Lord’s Prayer Sing The Hymnal S 119

The Breaking of the Bread The Hymnal S 164

Fraction Anthem Deutsche Messe – Franz Schubert

Communion of the People

All who are baptized by water and in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, regardless of denomination, are invited to receive Communion. Those who are not baptized, or who choose not to receive for any reason, are invited forward to the altar rail to receive a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest. To receive by intinction, continue holding the host out and the Eucharistic Minister will dip it into the chalice and place it on your tongue. Indicate your desire to receive a gluten-free host by holding out your hands together palms-down.

Anthem Hail to the Lord’s Anointed Leonhart Schröter

Voluntary Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness J. S. Bach

Hymn Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence The Hymnal 324

Stand.

The Postcommunion Prayer BCP 366

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 your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing The Hymnal S 173

Processional Hymn Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized The Hymnal 121

Voluntary Fugue in C Major (“Jig”) BuxWV 174

Dieterich Buxtehude

The Sacrament of Baptism

Baptism marks the beginning of a journey with God that continues for the rest of our lives, the first step in response to God’s love. For all involved, particularly the candidates, but also parents and sponsors (godparents), it is a supremely holy moment. It is when we begin a new relationship with God, one defined by forgiveness and the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Christians have seen in these waters our rebirth as new creatures, and others have understood baptism to be our burial with Christ in his death, so that we can also share with him in his resurrected life. Both womb and tomb are powerful symbols of what happens here.

But baptism also involves the wider church, too, and all those who witness the baptism today make promises of support and prayer. We also renew the sacred vows of the Baptismal Covenant, which guide us on the journey of becoming ever more faithful disciples of Jesus.

In the midst of the church the Paschal Candle burns brightly, as a sign of the light of Christ that shines in the lives of the newly baptized. Each of the newly baptized receives a small candle lit from the Paschal Candle, as a symbol of the illumination of Christ’s light as they begin the journey of their Christian lives.

The Holy Eucharist & Baptisms

Opening Voluntary How Bright Appears the Morning Star BuxWV 223

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Welcome

Entrance Hymn Songs of Thankfulness and Praise Stanza 1, 2 & 3

The Opening Acclamation The Book of Common Prayer, page 299

Presider Φ Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

There is one Body and one Spirit;
There is one hope in God’s call to us;
One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
One God and Father of all.

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord 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.
The Gradual

Isaiah 43:1-7

Thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, your name. 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 Savor. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, 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 them up,” and to the south, “Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth everyone 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 Gospel

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and 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 heavens were opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”