

St. John's Episcopal Church
Georgetown Parish
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Holy Eucharist

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ

January 11, 2026

10:00 AM



Welcome to St. John's Church, Georgetown Parish



Please know how glad we are to share this day with you! We hope you will fill out the “Welcome card that you’ll find in the back of the pews and place it in the offering plate so we can send you more information about our vibrant community. Or just scan the QR code to add your name directly to our email list!

Name Badges

Please pick up or make your own name badge as you enter the church. You may leave your badge in the bins in Blake Hall after coffee hour. Childcare is available from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm in the atrium. Ushers are here to assist you. We are very glad you are here!

**Sunday Service at 10am with Kids “Holy Moly” program 1st and 3rd Sundays
Contemplative Prayer on Tuesdays at 5:30pm in the Chapel of the Carpenter**

Service Participants

Clergy

The Rev. Gini Gerbasi, Rector
The Rev. Dr. Laura Natta, Rector

Director of Music

Aaron Goen

Verger

John Wise

Intercessor

Margaret Huckaby

Reader

Tyler Van Andel

Ushers

Andrea Kramer & Monica Wong

Acolyte

Gregory Page

Technologist

Kenneth Wong

Altar Guild

Andrea Kramer

Flower Guild

Laura Ivey

Host Minister

John Ryan

Prelude

Chorale Prelude on 'Puer Nobis Nascitur'

Healey Willan

Liturgy of the Word

Processional Hymn 444

“Blessed be the God of Israel”

Thornbury

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be God’s Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

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.

Song of Praise

Benedictus es S236

“Glory to you”

Rutter

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.*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Please be seated

The Lesson

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29

Stephen Elvey

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name;
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
The voice of the Lord is upon the waters
the God of glory thunders;
The Lord is upon the mighty waters.
The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.
The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
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.
The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe
and strips the forests bare.
And in the temple of the Lord
all are crying, "Glory!"
The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as King for ever more.
The Lord shall give strength to his people;
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Hymn 121

"Christ, when for us you were baptized"

Caithness

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 3: 13-17

Gospeler: 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."

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Gini Gerbasi, Rector

Please stand in body or spirit.

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son, he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

The Leader and People pray responsively

Creator God, Giver of all good gifts, awaken us daily to our dependence upon your generosity, and make us always thankful for the abundance of your blessings. Move in us and make us see how to be instruments of love and peace in your Church and throughout the world. Let us pray together as the People of God, saying

God in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Gracious God, lead us to reject the dark bitterness of othering all those whom we do not understand. Enlighten all leaders of our nation and world with the wisdom of your diverse creation that together we may build a more just and inclusive society.

God in your loving mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Merciful God, be present with all those in any kind of need or trouble: For those whom we know and cherish, and for our human family in this city and everywhere. We pray especially for **Hannah Rollins**, granddaughter of Sandra Adams-Choate, who died suddenly on New Year's Day. Let us pray together for: **Angela, Amy, Carol, Charles, Craig, Dal, David, Ethan, Jan, Juan Carlos, Karen, Katie, Nick, Paula, Reuben, and Stephanie.** We pray that addiction, depression, or illness will lift from those afflicted. And we pray for all people affected by violence, war, accidents, or natural disasters.

God in your infinite mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Joy of human hearts, heal our communities, where neglect, violence, greed, and warfare increase the suffering and need of people and other creatures. We remember especially those who serve the common good, and those who serve our country at home and abroad. We pray for those who have died. In your infinite mercy, wrap your arms around all those whose grief will not let go. Bless all who know loss with your strength and peace.

God in your healing mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray to you, Comforter of all the earth, for the intentions of the individuals in this community—stated now either silently or aloud (*A moment of silence is kept*)

God, in your perfect mercy,

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a closing collect

The Peace

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Offertory Sentence



We appreciate your support! Please consider making an offering using the QR Code to support St. John's ministries.

Offertory Anthem

“Tribus miraculis”

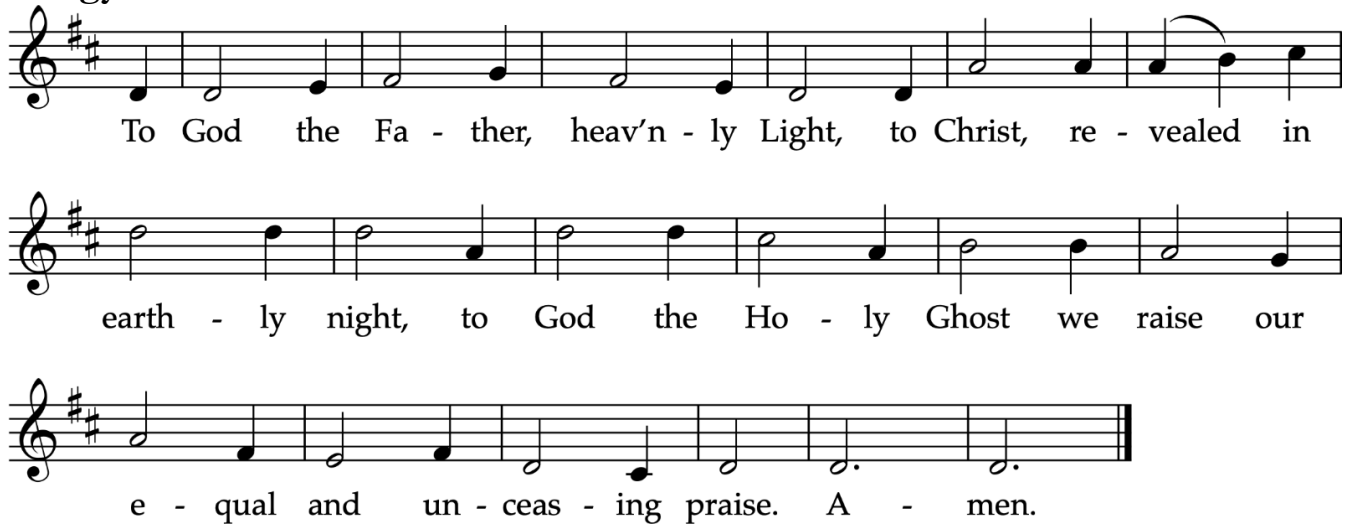
Luca Marenzio

Tribus miraculis ornatum, diem sanctum colimus:
Hodie stella Magos duxit ad praesepeium:
Hodie vinum ex aqua factum est ad nuptias:
Hodie in Jordane a Joanne Christus baptizari voluit,
ut salvaret nos, Alleluia.

We observe this holy day, ornamented with three miracles:
Today a star led the Magi to the manger;
Today wine was made from water at the wedding;
Today in the Jordan Christ desired to be baptised by John,
so that He might save us, Alleluia.

Doxology

based on Puer nobis nascitur



To God the Fa - ther, heav'n - ly Light, to Christ, re - vealed in
earth - ly night, to God the Ho - ly Ghost we raise our
e - qual and un - ceas - ing praise. A - men.

HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant 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 our thanks and praise.**

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time, you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so, this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

The Sanctus

James MacMillan

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might. Heaven and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bles - sed is
he, O bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues:

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

And now as our savior Christ has taught us we are bold to say:

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant and People

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 forever and ever. Amen.

Fraction Anthem S154

David Hurd

The Celebrant says:

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and all are welcome at God's table.

Communion of the People

All those who seek a closer relationship with God in Christ are welcome to receive communion at St. John's. Communion bread will be distributed at the chancel steps. If you would like to receive wine, please sip from the cup. Please do not dip the bread in the cup. The communion minister will wipe the cup and turn it for the next person. If you would prefer a blessing in lieu of communion, please cross your hands over your chest.

Communion Hymn 139 "When Jesus went to Jordan's stream"

*Christ unser Herr
zum Jordan kam*

Post Communion Prayer

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.

Blessing

Celebrant:

Be careful as you go out into God's creation, for it does not belong to you. Be gentle with yourself and with one another, for you are the dwelling place of the Most High God. Be alert and hesitant, for sometimes God is but a whisper. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn 135 "Songs of thankfulness and praise"

Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Pastoral care available. If you or a loved one is in need of prayer or assistance, our clergy and Stephen Ministry are available to help. If you are feeling worried, sad, or hopeless, or are sick, in the hospital, or home recuperating, and you would like to receive communion at home, a visit by a clergy member or Stephen Minister can be scheduled. If you would like to arrange a home visit, or if a virtual visit or phone call is preferred, please contact the parish office at 202-338-1796.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

GRATE PATROL Hands Needed 1/11 or 1/12



Join our fun, quick and charming crew in making 200 SANDWICHES for the Salvation Army this week. Please sign up to bring sandwich supplies to coffee hour after the service on Sunday, January 11th. Or if it works better for you, you may bring pre-made sandwiches with no condiments by 4pm on Monday, January 12th. We also **need two people to bring fresh fruit** - tangerines, bananas, and/or apples are good choices. *Cameron Sherr* will ride on the Grate Patrol truck and distribute the sandwiches. *Check out the available slots below and*

click on the appropriate button to sign up. Thank you! Questions? Please email office@stjohnsgeorgetown.org or call 202-338-1796.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F44A9A92AAFA7-61443779-grate>

Volunteers still NEEDED!

WE'RE IN FULL SWING AND NEED EXTRA HANDS ON January 14 & 16.

Our annual hosting of Georgetown Ministry Center's *Extends Dinners* will be **weeknights from 1/5 – 1/16**. We joyfully cook and serve dinner and meaningfully engage in fellowship with our dear neighbors. **Host hours are from 3pm – 6pm**. Whether cooking, prepping, serving or cleaning, the joy of giving a hopeful moment is deeply moving and healing for all involved. **Each night needs a team of 8**. We also need folks to bring individually wrapped cookies, brownies or handheld fruit for our Grab-n-Go table. Please drop items off at a time that works best for you. Questions? Contact Rev. Natta. Sign Up [HERE](#):

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044EABAC28A6F94-60988540-gmcextends>

Girl Scout Cookies...



Our Girl Scout, Monica, is taking cookie orders for *the last time* as a high school senior. Order online now or in person Sunday, January 11, at her table in Blake Hall. Cookies will be delivered to church in early February. Online donations can send cookies to U.S. military personnel; any donated cookies purchased directly from Monica will be sent to local school food pantries. Questions? See Monica or contact her mom, Andrea Kramer (ac_kramer@yahoo.com). Thank you for your support! <https://www.gsdigitalcookie.com/landing/14/fcb4ec73-b9d6-4915-866e-2d6286819a63/en-US/False>

Save the Date for our Next CABARET EVENING!



The stars will come out again on **Saturday, 2/21/2025 at 6pm**, when our very own Kate Vetter-Cain and Derek Greten-Harrison, (no, you don't really have to be hyphenated to sing this rep – just talented!) will bring us their new show, ***“Alone Together with You.”***

Once again, our Director of Music, Aaron Goen, will accompany them. Delightful sips will be paired with a tasty feast of appetizers from Georgetown Restaurants!

Tickets will be \$60 and Patron and Sponsor levels will be available as well – stay tuned!

The Clergy, Wardens, and Vestry of St. John's wish to thank the following people for their pledge for the work of the church in 2026:

Sandra Adams-Choate	Tyler Metteer
Terresa Orrison Beal	Avery Miller & Gregory Mocek
Christine Carlson	Sarah Moore
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Roxana Day	Jen Page
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Rust Deming	Robert Rea
Mark Duer & Julio Leonard	Kirk Renaud & Rev. Sarah Duggin
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Alphonse & Ann La Porta	Kenneth Wong & Andrea Kramer
Robert Laycock & Thomas Vogt	Wilbur Wright
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Thus far in our Stewardship we have raised over \$214,600 in pledges for 2026.

St. John's needs to raise \$265,000 in pledge income in 2026.

Your financial support is essential to building the St. John's community.

If you wish to financially commit to any amount! please submit your pledge online giving to fulfill your pledge for the



St. John's 2026 Annual Giving Campaign
Serve each other - serve the world

supporting the work of the church in 2026 (in online at stjohnsgeorgetown.org and set up year ahead.

A Hope Note from Operations & Engagement:

I'm finding Hope and invigoration daily at our Hope Rope along O Street. Have you stopped to read a few of the notes yet? Some were digitized and are scrolling through the Hopecast on our website, stjohnsgeorgetown.org. Where else are you discovering the healing perspectives of others who dare to hope and put it into action? I'm collecting them from several digital platforms, and they really help me to breathe and center myself for the work we're all doing together. Here's one from Instagram!

Nikita Gill is a British-Indian poet, playwright, writer and illustrator based in south England. She has written and curated 8 volumes of poetry. Gill uses social media to engage her audience, and she has over 650K followers on Instagram, one of the most popular poets on the platform.

The rage you are feeling
comes from the same place
inside your heart as the love.

This is why you refuse to accept
a world where cruelty reigns
and the fire consumes all.

You have known hope
and joy and kindness
like you have known water.

And justice is a river
that demands
you do not give up on it.

- *Nikita Gill*

With much love,

Mark Duer



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