

# HOLY BAPTISM



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AT 10:00AM

ST. JOHN'S WESTWOOD



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WE JOYFULLY WELCOME YOU TO  
ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

January 11, 2026 | 10:00AM | The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ

## THE HOLY BAPTISM OF NICOLÁS DANIEL MARTINEZ AND HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

*On Sundays when the Service follows Formation, there is no musical Prelude.*

### THE WORD OF GOD

Entrance Hymn

Christ, Be Our Light

Gather 512



1. Long - ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long - ing for truth,—
2. Long - ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long - ing for hope,—
3. Long - ing for food, man - y are hun-gry. Long - ing for wa - ter,
4. Long - ing for shel-ter, man - y are home-less. Long - ing for warmth,
5. Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo-ple, man - y the hearts that



we turn to you. Make us your own,— your ho - ly peo - ple,  
 man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone— has pow'r to save us.  
 man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,— bro - ken for oth - ers,  
 man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing, shel - ter - ing oth - ers,  
 yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants to one an - oth - er,



light for the world to see.\_\_\_\_\_  
 Make us your liv - ing voice.\_\_\_\_\_  
 shared un - til all are fed.\_\_\_\_\_  
 walls made of liv - ing stone.\_\_\_\_\_  
 mak - ing your king - dom come.\_\_\_\_\_  
 Christ, be our light!



Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness. Christ, be our light!



Shine in your church gath - ered to - day.\_\_\_\_\_

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### Opening Acclamation & Collect for Purity

*Book of Common Prayer* page 355

*Presider* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**  
*Presider* Let us pray.

*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.**

### The Collect of the Day

*Book of Common Prayer* page 357

*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 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.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn** Christ, when for us you were baptized *The Hymnal 1982* 121

## The Gospel

Matthew 3:13-17

*Gospeller* 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."

*Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## Homily

The Rev. V. Michael Bousquet



## THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE

*Presider* The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*Parents &  
Godparents*

**I present Nicolás Daniel Martinez to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

*Question*

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*Answer*

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

*Question*

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Answer*

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

*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.**

*Question*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

*Answer*

**We will.**

*Presider*

Then let us join now with Katie and Fernando, and with Meg and Drew, who are now committing Nicolás to Christ, and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

*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, 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.**

*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.**

### Prayers for the Candidate

*Book of Common Prayer* page 305

*Deacon* Let us now pray for Nicolás, who is about to receive the Sacrament of new  
birth.

*Deacon* Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Deacon* Open his heart to your grace and truth.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Deacon* Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Deacon* Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Deacon* Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Deacon* Send him into the world in witness to your love.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Deacon* Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Presider* Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your  
Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again  
in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

*The clergy and the candidate and his family and presenters process to the entrance of the nave.*

### Thanksgiving over the Water

*Book of Common Prayer* page 306

*Presider* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*Presider* 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 Presider pours water upon the candidate, saying*

Nicolás Daniel Martínez, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*The Presider then places a hand on the head of the newly baptized and, with Chrism, marks his forehead with the sign of the cross, saying*

Nicolás Daniel, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

*The Deacon lights a candle with the flame of the Paschal Candle and presents it to the newly baptized, saying*

Nico, receive the light of Christ as a sign that you have passed from darkness into light. Shine as his light in the world to the glory of God. **Amen.**

*Presider* Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant 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.**

*Presider* Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*All* **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 & Announcement

*Book of Common Prayer page 308*

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

*After greeting each other in peace, all return to their seats.*

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts.  
*Psalm 96:8*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*As the table is prepared and as the people sing the following hymn, the community brings forward gifts of bread and wine and donations to support the ministry of the parish.  
All children are welcome to gather around the altar at this time!*

### Hymn

A gift from your children

Nancy Bourassa (b.1950)

Carey Landry (b.1944)



1. Here is our gift, the work of our hands, though simple and  
Here is our gift, the thoughts of our minds, in shar - ing with  
2. Here is our gift, our love from with - in, in giv - ing to  
Here is our gift, the bread and the wine: a sym - bol of  
3. Here is your gift, our Sav - ior, our Lord; the gift of your  
Here is our gift, a gift ev - er new: in giv - ing to



lit - tle, Lord, you un - der - stand: a gift, a gift from your  
oth - ers the truth we will find: a gift, a gift from your  
oth - ers real lov - ing be - gins: a gift, a gift from your  
shar - ing, a beau - ti - ful sign: a gift, a gift from your  
pres - ence, the gift of your word: a gift, a gift for your  
oth - ers we give un - to you: a gift, a gift from your



chil - dren; a gift, a gift of our love. \_\_\_\_\_  
chil - dren; a gift, a gift of our love. \_\_\_\_\_ to REFRAIN  
chil - dren; a gift, a gift of our love. \_\_\_\_\_  
chil - dren; a gift, a gift of our love. \_\_\_\_\_ to REFRAIN  
chil - dren; the gift, the gift of your love. \_\_\_\_\_  
chil - dren; the gift, the gift of our love. \_\_\_\_\_ to REFRAIN

**REFRAIN**

Here is our gift, the song that we sing: rais-ing our voic-es,  
 prais-ing your name! Here is our gift, the song of our heart: a  
 gift, a gift of our love. **1., 2.** love. **Final** love. **A**  
 gift, a gift of our love, a gift, a gift of our love.

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**Eucharistic Prayer B**

*Book of Common Prayer* page 367

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*Presider* It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. 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:

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly LORD God of hosts.

Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He who  
 comes in the name of the LORD. Ho - san - na in the  
 high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Text & Music: *Mass of Creation*, Marty Haugen (b. 1950)  
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*The Presider continues with the Eucharistic Prayer until saying,*

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.  
 Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

*The Presider continues with the Eucharistic Prayer until saying,*

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.

A - men, a - men, a - men!  
 A - men, a - men, a - men!

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say: **The Lord's Prayer**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

*Book of Common Prayer* page 364

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

**Fraction Anthem** *Jesus, Lamb of God*

Je-sus, Lamb of God,  
Je-sus, Bread of Life, you take a-way the sins of the  
Je-sus, Hope for all,

5 1.-2.  
world: have mer - cy on us.

10 3.  
world: grant us your peace.

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**The Presentation and Invitation**

*All are welcome at the Lord's table.*

*Presider* The gifts of God for the people of God.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

*Please do not intinct (dip) the bread into the wine. You may receive the bread alone if you so desire.*

*If you do not wish to receive Communion, we still invite you to come forward for a blessing;  
to indicate your desire for a blessing, simply cross your hands over your chest when you approach the priest.*

**Communion Meditation** *January – By the Fireside, Op.37a, No.1* Tchaikovsky (1840-1893)

**The Postcommunion Prayer**

*Book of Common Prayer* page 365

*Presider* Let us pray.

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.

**The Blessing**

**Closing Hymn**

*Sing a New Church*

*Gather* 644

1. Sum - moned by the God who made us Rich in  
2. Ra - dant ris - en from the wa - ter; Robed in  
3. Trust the good - ness of cre - a - tion; Trust the  
4. Bring the hopes of ev - 'ry na - tion; Bring the  
5. Draw to - geth - er at one ta - ble All the

3  
our di - ver - si - ty, Gath - ered in the name of  
ho - li - ness and light, Male and fe - male in God's  
Spir - it strong with - in. Dare to dream the vi - sion  
art of ev - 'ry race. Weave a song of peace and  
hu - man fam - i - ly; Shape a cir - cle ev - er

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hu - man fam - i - ly; Shape a cir - cle ev - er

9  
Let us\_ bring the gifts that dif - er And, in\_ splen - did var - ied

13  
ways, Sing a new church in - to be - ing, One in faith and love and praise.

## The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
People Thanks be to God.

Postlude *Où s'en vont ces gais bergers?* Claude Balbastre (1724-1799)

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This Sunday, we give thanks for the birthdays of Julia Irvine and David Lee.

### Upcoming Offerings at St. John's

- Worship & Music **Morning Prayer** – A 40-minute service every Thursday at 9:00am, via Google Meet. Center yourself and connect with friends; look for the link in the eNews.
- St. John's / Holy Spirit Mattapan: Joint Service** – Sunday, Feb. 8, 10:00am at CHS. Everyone worship at CHS; there is no morning service at St. John's.
- Outreach **STEM Robotics Tutoring** – Work with 25 inner city Middle School Youth at St. Stephen's Youth Programs on Tuesdays 5:00pm-6:00pm (now until Feb. 24). No experience necessary; attend when able; contact Cal Groton for info.
- CityReach** – Feb. 27/28. Mark your calendars, and RSVP with Br. Gabriel!
- Hale Reservation w/ Ecclesia** – Saturday, May 9. Mark your calendars now!
- Formation **All Parish Formation** – Sunday, Feb. 15: **Epiphany-God With Us**. Come at 9:15am to learn about how God continues to open our eyes to wonder and love; stay for an enhanced coffee hour following the service.
- Teen & Family Bible Study: The Path** – For ages 13 and older, with Br. Gabriel, online at 7:00pm. Parents are invited, but their participation is not required. The Path begins with the first five books of the Old Testament. Meetings are Jan. 11 & 14; Feb. 15 & 18, Mar. 15 & 18, Apr. 12 & 15.
- Ministry Support **Vestry Meeting** – Jan. 19, at 7:00pm, in the Narthex.
- Ministry Rota** – Sunday worship is for the entire community of St. John's, and it requires participation from every parishioner! Sign up online or on the big board in the narthex.
- Annual Meeting** – Sunday, Feb. 1, following the 10:00am service. A light luncheon will be served. Come elect officers for the next year and here reports on the state of the parish and look at the budget and goals for the new year.
- New Vestry Members** – Are you interested in serving on vestry? Contact the Leslie Davie, MaryAnne Carty, Cal Groton, or Randa Khuri to enquire about the ministry; information about vestry (role & time commitment) may also be found on the bulletin board in the narthex.

## Calendar of Events

### Sunday, January 11

- 10:00AM Holy Baptism & Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
10:00AM Nursery Care, in the School Wing  
11:00AM Coffee Hour, in the Narthex  
5:30PM Taizé Holy Eucharist  
7:00PM Family Bible Study: The Path, via Google Meet

### Tuesday, January 13

- 7:00PM Bible Study, via Google Meet

### Wednesday, January 14

- 7:00PM Family Bible Study: The Path, via Google Meet

### Thursday, January 15

- 9:00AM Morning Prayer, Rite II, via Google Meet

### Sunday, January 18

- 10:00AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
10:00AM Nursery Care, in the School Wing  
11:00AM Coffee Hour, in the Narthex  
5:30PM Taizé Holy Eucharist

### Monday, January 19

- 7:00PM Vestry Meeting, in the Narthex

### Tuesday, January 20

- 7:00PM Bible Study, via Google Meet

### Thursday, January 22

- 9:00AM Morning Prayer, Rite II, via Google Meet

### Saturday, January 24

- 11:00AM Clericus, Epiphany Walpole

### Sunday, January 25

- 10:00AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
10:00AM Nursery Care, in the School Wing  
11:00AM Coffee Hour, in the Narthex  
5:30PM Taizé Holy Eucharist

### Giving to St. John's

With cash or a check, 100% of your donation goes to support St. John's. However, to make giving more accessible, St. John's also has a Venmo account (although St. John's is assessed a fee for this service). Scan this QR code to donate to St. John's via Venmo during this service. In the field, "What is it for," please indicate what you would like your gift to support:

"Pledge" for payment on a pledge you have made to St. John's.  
"Plate" to support all the general ministries of the parish.



**THANK YOU!**