

Baptism

Season after Pentecost



Saint Paul's Church

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Prelude
Announcements

GATHERING

Hymn (see hymn board)

Presider: Blessed be God,
beloved Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier.

Assembly: **And blessed be God's glorious reign, now and for ever. Amen.**

Presider: There is one Body and one Spirit;

Assembly: **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Presider: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

Assembly: **One God and Father of all.**

Presider: The Lord is with you.

Assembly: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray together

In water are we conceived.
In water are we knit together in the Spirit.
Through the breaking of water are we born.
Through the drinking of water are we nourished.
You, O God, *are* the living water:
wash over us, again and again and again,
that in Christ we might live as your daughters and sons,
and that with Christ as our heart
we might respect the dignity of every human being. Amen.

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Canticle 20

Glory to God *Gloria in excelsis*

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

THE WORD OF GOD

(Please see the take-home insert)

Following each lesson and the sermon, a period of silence will be observed to allow reflection.

We sit.

Sermon

The Presentation for Baptism

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

Parents and Godparents: I present *Natalie Elise* to receive the Sacrament of Baptism

Presider: Will you be responsible for seeing that *Natalie Elise* is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents: I will, with God's help.

Presider: Will you, by your prayers and witness, help *Natalie Elise* to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents: I will, with God's help.

Presider: Do you seek to awaken to the eternal presence of God, who is your very heart and soul?

Parents and Godparents: I do.

Presider: God forever invites you to let go of self deceit to dwell in the house of honesty, where eternal Hope reigns. Will you accept this invitation?

Parents and Godparents: I will, with God's help.

Presider: God forever invites you to let go of all fear to dwell in the house of courage, where eternal Faith reigns. Will you accept this invitation?

Parents and Godparents: I will, with God's help.

Presider: God forever invites you to let go of all anger to dwell in the house of serenity, where Love reigns. Will you accept this invitation?

Parents and Godparents: I will, with God's help.

Presider: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as the way of Life and Hope?

Parents and Godparents: I do.

Presider: Do you put your whole trust in Christ's grace and love?
Parents and Godparents: I do.

Presider: Do you promise to follow Christ as the way of life?
Parents and Godparents: I do.

We stand as we are able.

Presider: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support *Natalie Elise* in her life in Christ?
Assembly: **We will.**

Presider: Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Presider: Do you place the trust of your heart in God, the Creator?

Assembly: **I place the trust of my heart in God, creator of heaven and earth.**

Presider: Do you place the trust of your heart in God, the Redeemer?

Assembly: **I place the trust of my heart in Jesus Christ, God's beloved, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried, and descended to the dead; who on the third day rose again, ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Presider: Do you place the trust of your heart in God, the Sanctifier?

Assembly: **I place the trust of my heart in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sin, 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?

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

Presider: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to God?

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

Presider: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

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

Presider: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbors as yourself?

Assembly: **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?

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

Presider: May we always know that all creation rests eternally in the compassionate arms of God, the Mother and Father of all, who ceaselessly gives new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, who forever bestows upon us the forgiveness of sin, and who graciously keeps all creation forever in eternal life, living in the heart of Christ.

Assembly: **Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Presider: As we celebrate the Sacrament of rebirth,
let us pray for the church, the world and Natalie Elise:

Leader: May all who confess your Name be united in your truth,
live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: May the people of this land, and of all the nations,
be guided in your ways of justice and peace;
that we may honor one another and serve the common good.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: May all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit be comforted and healed;
may they find courage and hope in their troubles, and the joy of your salvation.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: May all who have died receive your mercy, that your will for them may be fulfilled;
and may we share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: May *Natalie Elise* know your Spirit as the faith
liberating her from the broken and deadly way of anger, fear and deceit.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: May *Natalie Elise* know your Spirit as the love
opening her to your grace and truth.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: May *Natalie Elise* know your Spirit as the hope
filling her soul with wholeness and life.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: May *Natalie Elise* know that she forever has a place
in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: May *Natalie Elise* learn to love others
in the power of the Spirit.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: May *Natalie Elise* know that she is sent into the world
in witness to your love.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: May *Natalie Elise* know that in you
is the fullness of peace and glory.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Presider: You, O God,
grant that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus
live in the power of the resurrection,
and look for Christ to come again in glory;
who lives and reigns in love now and for ever. *Amen.*

We sit.

Thanksgiving over the Water

Presider: The Lord is with you.

Assembly: **And also with you.**

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

Assembly: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider: We thank you, Beloved God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moves in the beginning of creation. Through it you lead the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your child Jesus receives the baptism of John and is 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, Mother, 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 as joyful followers of the way of Christ, we bring into the company of saints those who come to Christ in faith, baptizing them in the name of the one God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier.

You sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit that those who here are received into this household may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To Christ, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Baptism

Presider: *Natalie Elise*, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Presider: *Natalie Elise*, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. Amen.

Presider: Beloved God,
we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit
you welcome *Natalie Elise* into the church,
you bestow upon this your beloved
the forgiveness of sin,
and raise her to the new life of grace.
May she know you, O God,
as the Spirit sustaining her.
May she know you, O God,
as her own inquiring and discerning heart.
May she know you, O God,
as her own courage and love;
and may she taste your joy and wonder, O God,
in all she does. **Amen.**

We stand as we are able.

Presider: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All: **God receives you by baptism
into the Church.
Child of God,
blessed in the Spirit,
welcome
to the family of Christ. Amen.**

The Peace

Presider: The peace of Christ be always with you.

Assembly: **And also with you.**

Recognition of Parishioner Birthdays & Anniversaries
Welcoming of Visitors and Guests



THE TABLE OF GOD

Presentation Anthem

Presentation of the Gifts

Acclamation of Praise

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Presider: The Lord is with you.

Assembly: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

Assembly: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

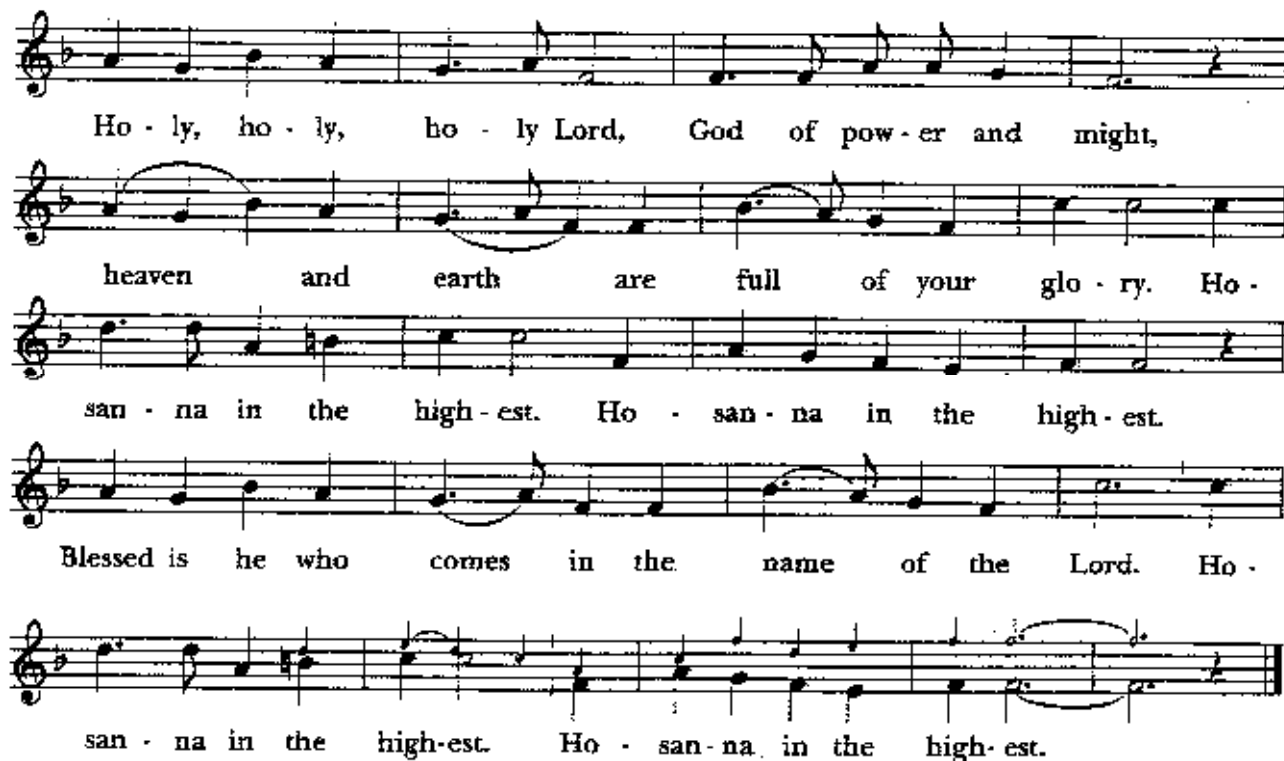
Assembly: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider:

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You fill us and all creation with your blessing and feed us with your constant love; you redeem us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

The Holy Eucharist
Holy, holy, holy Lord *Sanctus*

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: From *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

Presider: Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of the universe and giver of life.
You form us in your own image
and call us to dwell in your infinite love.

You give the world into our care
that we might be your faithful stewards
and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we fail to honor your image
in one another and in ourselves;
we do not see your goodness in the world around us;
and so we violate your creation,
abuse one another,
and reject your love.

Yet you never cease to care for us,
and prepare the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah
you call us into covenant with you.
You continually deliver us from slavery,
forever sustain us in the wilderness,
and ceaselessly raise up prophets
to renew your promise of salvation.

You send your eternal Word,
made mortal flesh in Jesus.
Born into the human family,
and dwelling among us,
he reveals your glory.
Giving himself freely to death on the cross,
he triumphs over evil,
opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us,
Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his friends, 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,
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 poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sin.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: **Christ has died.**
 Christ is risen.
 Christ will come again.

Presider: Remembering Jesus' death and resurrection,
we now present to you from your creation
this bread and this wine.
By your Holy Spirit may they be for us

the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.
Grant that we who share these gifts
may be filled with the Holy Spirit
and live as Christ's Body in the world.
Bring us into the everlasting heritage
of your daughters and sons,
that with *Natalie Elise* and all your saints,
past, present, and yet to come,
we may praise your Name for ever.

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. **AMEN.**

Presider: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

All: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
And deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider: We break this bread
to share in the Body of Christ.

Assembly: **We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.**

Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God and all are invited to God's table.

The Communion

Please receive the bread in your open and outstretched hands. Take hold of the cup firmly and guide it to your lips or hold the bread and dip it into the wine. The response to receiving of the bread and wine is "Amen".

Communion Hymn (see hymn board)

We stand as we are able.

SENDING FORTH

Presider: Let us pray

All: 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.

Commissioning of Eucharistic Visitors

All: We send you forth bearing these holy gifts
that those to whom we go
may share with us
in the communion of Christ's body and blood.
We who are many are one Body,
because we share one bread and one cup.

Presider: May the
Holy eternal Majesty,
Holy incarnate Word,
Holy abiding Spirit,
Bless you for evermore.

Assembly: **Amen.**

Hymn (see hymn board)

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

Assembly: **Thanks be to God.**

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WELCOME!

We welcome all visitors and guests this morning. After the service, you are invited to the Great Room on the Lower Level for coffee and conversation.

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