

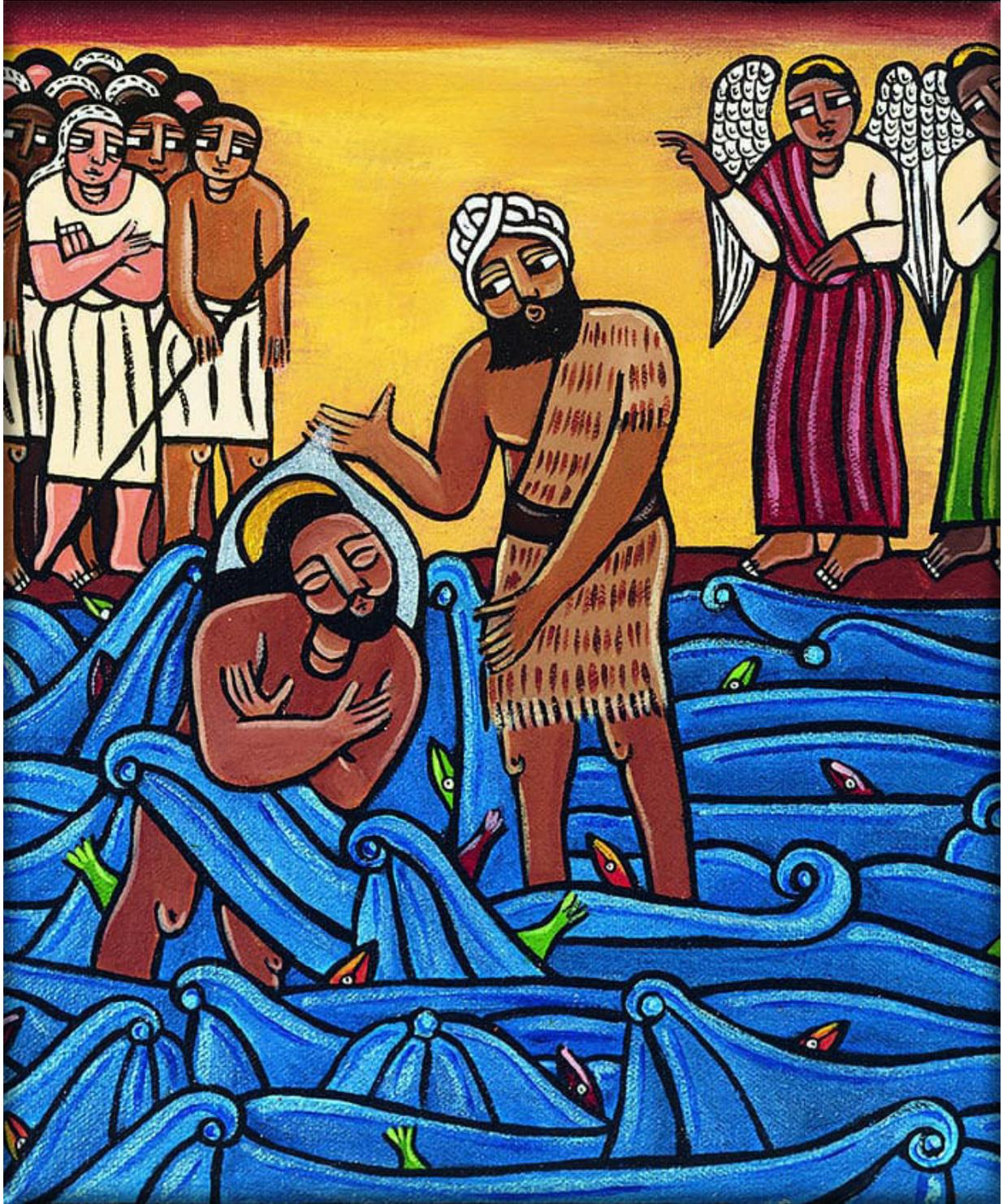


SAINT JOHN'S  
CATHEDRAL  
EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF FLORIDA

# The Baptism of our Lord

January 14, 2024 | 8 a.m.

LOVE *at the* CORE.



*Painting Jesus' Baptism by Laura James*

## ✻ THE HOLY EUCHARIST ✻

Voluntary

Prelude on *Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam*, Dietrich Buxtehude

*At the sound of the bell, all stand.*

Hymn 448 (*Stanzas 1-3*)

“O love, how deep, how broad, how high”

*Deus tuorum militum*

## ✻ THE LITURGY OF THE WORD ✻

Celebrant Blessed be God.

People **Forever and ever. Amen.**

**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

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

*Silence.*

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.**

*All sit.*

The Lesson

Acts 19:1-7

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, “Did you receive the

Holy Spirit when you became believers?” They replied, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.” Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.” On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— altogether there were about twelve of them.

The Word of the Lord.

**People**

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm**

Psalm 29

**All**

**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 evermore.**

**The Lord shall give strength to his people; the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.**

*All stand.*

**The Holy Gospel**

Mark 1:4-11

**Deacon  
People**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*All sit.*

## The Sermon

The Rt. Rev. Scott Benhase,  
*Assisting Bishop for the Diocese of Florida*

*A period of silence is kept.*

*All Stand.*

## The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant      Do you believe in God the Father?

**People**      **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant      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.**

Celebrant      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.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

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

Celebrant 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.**

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

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

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

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

Celebrant 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.**

Celebrant Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

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

## Prayers of the People

Leader Eternal God, we thank you for the gift of our lives, for friendship, community and for this beautiful Cathedral.

**People Awaken us to the brightness of your light.**

Leader We ask that you would bring peace to this world, to all the nations of the earth.

**People Awaken us to the brightness of your light.**

Leader We ask you to help us care for and nurture this planet.

**People Awaken us to the brightness of your light.**

Leader We ask you to empower us, that we may fulfill our baptismal vows and serve the world as followers of Jesus.

**People Awaken us to the brightness of your light.**

Leader We ask you to embrace those who have died and bring them into your loving arms.

**People Awaken us to the brightness of your light.**

Leader We ask you to guide us as we seek to bring new life to the urban core of this city.

**People Awaken us to the brightness of your light.**

*The Celebrant concludes the prayers.*

*All remain standing or kneel as able.*

## Confession of Sin and Absolution

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence.*

**All** Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

*Greet one another with the peace of the Lord.*

## Welcome and Announcements



As the altar is prepared for Communion, please place your offering in the collection plate as it is passed. You may also give by texting jaxcathedral \$(amount) to 73256. Or use the QR code to give online. Thank you for your generosity

Hymn 380 (8 a.m., Stanza 3)

“Praise God from whom all blessings flow”  
*Old 100th*

# ✠ THE 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.**

Celebrant 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:

## Sanctus *(Sung three times)*

Holy, Holy, Holy, My Heart  
WLP 785

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My  
heart pours out my praise to - you; you are ho - ly, Lord.

*All stand or kneel.*

Celebrant We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made

us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,  
**All We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
**All 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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.*

**All Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*All baptized people are welcome to receive communion. Please let clergy know if you would like a gluten free wafer. Everyone is welcome to come to the altar for a blessing, indicated by folding your arms across your chest. If you would like to receive communion and are unable to come to the altar, please ask an usher for assistance. You are also invited to receive prayers in our chapel to the left of the altar.*

## The Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant 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.**

## Blessing

Celebrant The blessing of God Almighty be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

*All stand.*

## Hymn 296

“We know that Christ is raised and dies no more”  
*Engelberg*

## Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

**People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

## Voluntary

Carillon, Herbert Murrill



*The flowers at the High Altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Marion Gregory and Dorothy Maida.*

*Join us at 11:30 a.m. for a Conversation in Community with Bishop Scott Benhase.  
The conversation will be livestreamed on our website and YouTube channel.*

*"A Case for Love," presented by Fathom Events and Grace-Based Films is an inspiring and challenging look at unselfish love and whether it can solve the extreme societal and political divide facing the U.S.*



Let's go to the movie together!  
St. John's Cathedral has reserved a row of seats at the  
AMC Regency 24 Theater.

**Tuesday, January 23**

**7 p.m.**

**Tickets are \$15.**

**Scan the QR code to pay for your ticket and reserve a seat.**



This movie is only in theaters Tuesday, January 23. If you are unable to see the movie with us at 7 p.m., there is also a 4 p.m. show time. And, if you are unable to make it to the AMC Regency 24 Theater, "A Case for Love" is showing on screens at Cinemark theaters. We encourage you to find a theater and time that works for you, invite a friend and go see this inspirational documentary that was inspired by the writing and preaching of Bishop Michael Curry. Let's sell out the theaters in Jacksonville and show the movie studios that there is a wide audience for films like this one!

## ∞ LOVE AT THE CORE ∞

Love at the Core is our motto; it refers to the heart of who we are. For nearly 200 years, St John's Cathedral has sought to lead people in worship and community service here in the urban core of Jacksonville. We believe that through beauty, art, and worship we can draw people into community to experience God's love and serve those in need. We are a diverse congregation that welcomes all people. You are welcome to learn about the love of Jesus with us.

### Our Clergy



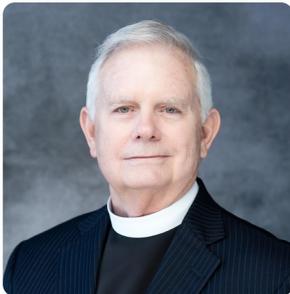
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## ∞ INFORMATION ∞

### FOR VISITORS AND NEWCOMERS

Welcome! We're glad you've joined us today. To learn more about membership, baptism, confirmation or to receive emails about upcoming events, fill out a connection card found in the pew and hand it to an usher or clergy. Or, visit [jaxcathedral.org/welcome](http://jaxcathedral.org/welcome) and fill out a card online.

### HAKIMIAN NURSERY

Our nursery is staffed with trained caregivers for infants and toddlers up to 3 years old every Sunday from 9:15 to 11:15 a.m.

### CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Christian formation for ages 4 through 12th grade is offered at 10 a.m. All are invited to meet in the back of the church to process behind the choir down the aisle and out to their various classrooms. We join the 10 a.m. service at the time of The Peace.

### PASTORAL CARE AND PRAYER

The prayer line is always open. Please let us know what you need and how we can pray for you. Many parishioners appreciate our clergy being with them prior to surgery. If you are having a medical procedure and would like pre-op prayers, please call the church office (904) 356-5507.

If you are calling after hours, press 4, and your call will be routed to a member of the clergy. You may also choose the prayer request option under "Contact" on our website for a quick and confidential response.

### ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL BOOKSTORE & GIFT SHOP

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