

# "Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit"

Episcopal Church of the Epiphany  
Holy Baptism and Holy Eucharist  
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany  
February 9, 2014, 10:30 am

From our Offertory Hymn

We worship today according to the order for Holy Baptism,  
beginning on page 299 of the Book of Common Prayer.

Processional Hymn:

*Be Thou My Vision*.....488

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

**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 Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons (the people sit)

*The First Lesson – Isaiah 58:1-12*

Thus says the high and lofty one  
who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy:  
Shout out, do not hold back!  
Lift up your voice like a trumpet!  
Announce to my people their rebellion,  
to the house of Jacob their sins.  
Yet day after day they seek me  
and delight to know my ways,  
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness  
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;  
they ask of me righteous judgments,  
they delight to draw near to God.  
"Why do we fast, but you do not see?  
Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?"  
Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,  
and oppress all your workers.  
Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight  
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Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

**I do.**

Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

**I do.**

Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

**I do.**

*The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying:*

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

**We will.**

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

#### The Baptismal Covenant

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

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

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

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

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

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

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

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

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

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

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

#### Prayers for the Candidate

*The Celebrant then says to the congregation:*

Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

*The Lay Reader leads the following petitions:*

Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Open her heart to your grace and truth.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Fill her with your holy and life giving Spirit.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Send her into the world in witness to your love.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Give to **David Willis, Robert Lumpkin, Stacy Knight** and the departed eternal rest.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bless these persons in need of your care and strength: **Lynda Denton, Dot and Thurman Harris, Charlotte and Lannon Poole, Barbara Trogdon, Zoe and Arnold Bush, Dezel Oliver** (Kathy Haynie), **Billie Wilkinson, Lindsey Burt** (Eddie and Pam Harper), **Kathy Brumbleloe** (Jere and Pam Van Etten), **Oletta Goodwin, Sherry Gritz** (Jean Kerr), **Clifford Flood** (Jean Kerr), **Robert Lumpkin** (Barbara Trogdon), **Emmanuel Rico** (Mike and Elizabeth Harber), **Carrie Phillips** (Sharon Cleary), **Nancy Jones** (Nancy Dupree), **Dan Merrill** (Hugh Thompson), **Jane Clayton** (Jean Kerr), **Adam Dorough** (Kelli Kerr), **Tommy Johnson** (Amanda Borden), and the others we now name: *(the people may add their own petitions).*

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant says:*

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 for ever. **Amen.**

#### Thanksgiving over the Water

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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.

*At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water*

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 candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, who then immerses, or pours water upon, the candidate, saying:*

Elizabeth Adalin, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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 her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her 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.**

*Then the Priest places a hand on the child's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying to her:*

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

*The Celebrant says:*

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**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

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

### Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

### The Holy Communion

The Offertory Hymn:

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### The Presentation

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

### The Great Thanksgiving

*(Eucharistic Prayer B, BCP p 367)*

*(Musical Response in the Hymnal at S 120)*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

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It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*(Father Wells says a Proper Preface)*

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: *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord.....S 130*

*The people stand or kneel*

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,

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

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,

**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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of  
silence is kept.*

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

Fraction Anthem: *Jesus, Lamb of God*.....S 164

The gifts of God for the people of God.

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then  
immediately deliver it to the people.*

Communion Hymn: *This Little Light of Mine*

**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**Everywhere I go . . .  
All through the night . . .**

*After Communion, the people stand or kneel and the  
Celebrant says*

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

Recessional Hymn (*the people stand*):

*We Know that Christ is Raised and Dies No More*.....296  
(We will omit the final "Amen.")

Alleluia, Alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the  
power of the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

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Elizabeth's parents are Daniel Warren Kerr and Kelli Wilson Kerr. Her godparents are Jonathan and Crystal Wilson and Russell and Kristina Halasz. Her grandparents are Joe and Beverly Wilson and Jean and the late Paul Kerr. Elizabeth's brother is Alexander Philip Kerr.

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Our Service Roster is now more or less complete through June. To see when you are scheduled to serve, go to the church web site at [EpiphanyTallassee.org](http://EpiphanyTallassee.org) and look for the link on the left hand side on the bottom that says "Service Roster."

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**Serving at Epiphany this week . . .**

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Altar Guild: Lavonne Hart  
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Piano: Caleb Hart

Eucharistic Minister: Jere Van Etten  
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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: *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord.....S 130*

*The people stand or kneel*

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.

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Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

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,

**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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of  
silence is kept.*

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

Fraction Anthem: *Jesus, Lamb of God*.....S 164

The gifts of God for the people of God.

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then  
immediately deliver it to the people.*

Communion Hymn: *This Little Light of Mine*

**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**Everywhere I go . . .  
All through the night . . .**

*After Communion, the people stand or kneel and the  
Celebrant says*

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

Recessional Hymn (*the people stand*):

*We Know that Christ is Raised and Dies No More*.....296  
(We will omit the final "Amen.")

Alleluia, Alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the  
power of the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

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Elizabeth's parents are Daniel Warren Kerr and Kelli Wilson Kerr. Her godparents are Jonathan and Crystal Wilson and Russell and Kristina Halasz. Her grandparents are Joe and Beverly Wilson and Jean and the late Paul Kerr. Elizabeth's brother is Alexander Philip Kerr.

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Our Service Roster is now more or less complete through June. To see when you are scheduled to serve, go to the church web site at [EpiphanyTallassee.org](http://EpiphanyTallassee.org) and look for the link on the left hand side on the bottom that says "Service Roster."

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**Serving at Epiphany this week . . .**

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Altar Guild: Lavonne Hart  
Lay Reader: Amanda Borden  
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# "Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit"

Episcopal Church of the Epiphany  
Holy Baptism and Holy Eucharist  
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany  
February 9, 2014, 10:30 am

From our Offertory Hymn

We worship today according to the order for Holy Baptism,  
beginning on page 299 of the Book of Common Prayer.

Processional Hymn:

*Be Thou My Vision*.....488

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

**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 Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons (the people sit)

*The First Lesson – Isaiah 58:1-12*

Thus says the high and lofty one  
who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy:  
Shout out, do not hold back!  
Lift up your voice like a trumpet!  
Announce to my people their rebellion,  
to the house of Jacob their sins.  
Yet day after day they seek me  
and delight to know my ways,  
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness  
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;  
they ask of me righteous judgments,  
they delight to draw near to God.  
"Why do we fast, but you do not see?  
Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?"  
Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,  
and oppress all your workers.  
Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight  
and to strike with a wicked fist.  
Such fasting as you do today  
will not make your voice heard on high.  
Is such the fast that I choose,  
a day to humble oneself?  
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,  
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,  
a day acceptable to the LORD?  
Is not this the fast that I choose:  
to loose the bonds of injustice,  
to undo the thongs of the yoke,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
and to break every yoke?  
Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,  
and bring the homeless poor into your house;  
when you see the naked, to cover them,  
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?  
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,  
and your healing shall spring up quickly;  
your vindicator shall go before you,  
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.  
Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;  
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you,  
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,  
if you offer your food to the hungry  
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,  
then your light shall rise in the darkness  
and your gloom be like the noonday.  
The LORD will guide you continually,  
and satisfy your needs in parched places,  
and make your bones strong;  
and you shall be like a watered garden,  
like a spring of water,  
whose waters never fail.  
Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;  
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;  
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,  
the restorer of streets to live in.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The Psalm – Psalm 112*

Hallelujah!  
Happy are they who fear the Lord \*  
**and have great delight in his commandments!**  
Their descendants will be mighty in the land; \*  
**the generation of the upright will be blessed.**  
Wealth and riches will be in their house, \*  
**and their righteousness will last for ever.**  
Light shines in the darkness for the upright; \*  
**the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**  
It is good for them to be generous in lending \*  
**and to manage their affairs with justice.**  
For they will never be shaken; \*  
**the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; \*  
**their heart is right;**  
**they put their trust in the Lord.**

Their heart is established and will not shrink, \*  
**until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

They have given freely to the poor, \*  
**and their righteousness stands fast for ever;**  
**they will hold up their head with honor.**

The wicked will see it and be angry;  
they will gnash their teeth and pine away; \*  
**the desires of the wicked will perish.**

*The Epistle – 1st Corinthians 2:1-16*

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,  
nor the human heart conceived,  
what God has prepared for those who love him --

these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

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"For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?"

But we have the mind of Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Sequence – Matthew 5:13-20 (the people stand)

Hymn: *Thy Strong Word Did Cleave the Darkness*.....381  
Verses 1-2

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**Glory to You, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

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The Gospel of the Lord.

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Hymn: *Thy Strong Word Did Cleave the Darkness*.....381  
Verses 3-4

Sermon

Father Wells

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate for Baptism

*Celebrant:*

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*The Parents and Godparents present the candidate, as follows:*

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**I present Elizabeth Adalin Kerr to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

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We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

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

**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 Lord be with you.

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who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy:  
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to the house of Jacob their sins.  
Yet day after day they seek me  
and delight to know my ways,  
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and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;  
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like a spring of water,  
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the restorer of streets to live in.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The Psalm – Psalm 112*

Hallelujah!  
Happy are they who fear the Lord \*  
**and have great delight in his commandments!**  
Their descendants will be mighty in the land; \*  
**the generation of the upright will be blessed.**  
Wealth and riches will be in their house, \*  
**and their righteousness will last for ever.**  
Light shines in the darkness for the upright; \*  
**the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**  
It is good for them to be generous in lending \*  
**and to manage their affairs with justice.**  
For they will never be shaken; \*  
**the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; \*  
**their heart is right;**  
**they put their trust in the Lord.**

Their heart is established and will not shrink, \*  
**until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

They have given freely to the poor, \*  
**and their righteousness stands fast for ever;**  
**they will hold up their head with honor.**

The wicked will see it and be angry;  
they will gnash their teeth and pine away; \*  
**the desires of the wicked will perish.**

*The Epistle – 1st Corinthians 2:1-16*

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,  
nor the human heart conceived,  
what God has prepared for those who love him --

these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.

"For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?"

But we have the mind of Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Sequence – Matthew 5:13-20 (the people stand)

Hymn: *Thy Strong Word Did Cleave the Darkness*.....381  
Verses 1-2

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**Glory to You, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, Lord Christ.**

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Sermon

Father Wells

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate for Baptism

*Celebrant:*

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*The Parents and Godparents present the candidate, as follows:*

*Parents and Godparents:*

**I present Elizabeth Adalin Kerr to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

*Celebrant:*

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

*Parents and Godparents:*

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

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

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

Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

**I do.**

Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

**I do.**

Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

**I do.**

*The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying:*

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

**We will.**

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

#### The Baptismal Covenant

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

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

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

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

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

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

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

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

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

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

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

#### Prayers for the Candidate

*The Celebrant then says to the congregation:*

Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

*The Lay Reader leads the following petitions:*

Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Open her heart to your grace and truth.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Fill her with your holy and life giving Spirit.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Send her into the world in witness to your love.

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Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

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Give to **David Willis, Robert Lumpkin, Stacy Knight** and the departed eternal rest.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bless these persons in need of your care and strength: **Lynda Denton, Dot and Thurman Harris, Charlotte and Lannon Poole, Barbara Trogdon, Zoe and Arnold Bush, Dezel Oliver (Kathy Haynie), Billie Wilkinson, Lindsey Burt (Eddie and Pam Harper), Kathy Brumbleloe (Jere and Pam Van Etten), Oletta Goodwin, Sherry Gritz (Jean Kerr), Clifford Flood (Jean Kerr), Robert Lumpkin (Barbara Trogdon), Emmanuel Rico (Mike and Elizabeth Harber), Carrie Phillips (Sharon Cleary), Nancy Jones (Nancy Dupree), Dan Merrill (Hugh Thompson), Jane Clayton (Jean Kerr), Adam Durough (Kelli Kerr), Tommy Johnson (Amanda Borden), and the others we now name: (the people may add their own petitions).**

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant says:*

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 for ever. **Amen.**

#### Thanksgiving over the Water

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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.

*At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water*

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 candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, who then immerses, or pours water upon, the candidate, saying:*

Elizabeth Adalin, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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 her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her 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.**

*Then the Priest places a hand on the child's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying to her:*

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

*The Celebrant says:*

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**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

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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### Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

### The Holy Communion

The Offertory Hymn:

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### The Presentation

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
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### The Great Thanksgiving

*(Eucharistic Prayer B, BCP p 367)*

*(Musical Response in the Hymnal at S 120)*

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*(Father Wells says a Proper Preface)*

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: *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord*.....S 130

*The people stand or kneel*

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**and have great delight in his commandments!**  
Their descendants will be mighty in the land; \*  
**the generation of the upright will be blessed.**  
Wealth and riches will be in their house, \*  
**and their righteousness will last for ever.**  
Light shines in the darkness for the upright; \*  
**the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**  
It is good for them to be generous in lending \*  
**and to manage their affairs with justice.**  
For they will never be shaken; \*  
**the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; \*  
**their heart is right;**  
**they put their trust in the Lord.**

Their heart is established and will not shrink, \*  
**until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

They have given freely to the poor, \*  
**and their righteousness stands fast for ever;**  
**they will hold up their head with honor.**

The wicked will see it and be angry;  
they will gnash their teeth and pine away; \*  
**the desires of the wicked will perish.**

*The Epistle – 1st Corinthians 2:1-16*

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,  
nor the human heart conceived,  
what God has prepared for those who love him --

these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.

"For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?"

But we have the mind of Christ.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Sequence – Matthew 5:13-20 (the people stand)

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The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**Glory to You, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, Lord Christ.**

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Sermon

Father Wells

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate for Baptism

*Celebrant:*

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*The Parents and Godparents present the candidate, as follows:*

*Parents and Godparents:*

**I present Elizabeth Adalin Kerr to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

*Celebrant:*

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

*Parents and Godparents:*

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

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

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

Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

**I do.**

Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

**I do.**

Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

**I do.**

*The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying:*

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

**We will.**

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

#### The Baptismal Covenant

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

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

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

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

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

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

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

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

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

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

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

#### Prayers for the Candidate

*The Celebrant then says to the congregation:*

Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

*The Lay Reader leads the following petitions:*

Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Open her heart to your grace and truth.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Fill her with your holy and life giving Spirit.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Send her into the world in witness to your love.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Give to **David Willis, Robert Lumpkin, Stacy Knight** and the departed eternal rest.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bless these persons in need of your care and strength: **Lynda Denton, Dot and Thurman Harris, Charlotte and Lannon Poole, Barbara Trogdon, Zoe and Arnold Bush, Dezel Oliver (Kathy Haynie), Billie Wilkinson, Lindsey Burt (Eddie and Pam Harper), Kathy Brumbleloe (Jere and Pam Van Etten), Oletta Goodwin, Sherry Gritz (Jean Kerr), Clifford Flood (Jean Kerr), Robert Lumpkin (Barbara Trogdon), Emmanuel Rico (Mike and Elizabeth Harber), Carrie Phillips (Sharon Cleary), Nancy Jones (Nancy Dupree), Dan Merrill (Hugh Thompson), Jane Clayton (Jean Kerr), Adam Durough (Kelli Kerr), Tommy Johnson (Amanda Borden), and the others we now name: (the people may add their own petitions).**

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant says:*

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 for ever. **Amen.**

#### Thanksgiving over the Water

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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.

*At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water*

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 candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, who then immerses, or pours water upon, the candidate, saying:*

Elizabeth Adalin, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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 her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her 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.**

*Then the Priest places a hand on the child's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying to her:*

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

*The Celebrant says:*

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**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

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

### Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

### The Holy Communion

The Offertory Hymn:

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### The Presentation

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

### The Great Thanksgiving

*(Eucharistic Prayer B, BCP p 367)*

*(Musical Response in the Hymnal at S 120)*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*(Father Wells says a Proper Preface)*

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: *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord.....S 130*

*The people stand or kneel*

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,

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

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,

**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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of  
silence is kept.*

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

Fraction Anthem: *Jesus, Lamb of God*.....S 164

The gifts of God for the people of God.

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then  
immediately deliver it to the people.*

Communion Hymn: *This Little Light of Mine*

**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**Everywhere I go . . .  
All through the night . . .**

*After Communion, the people stand or kneel and the  
Celebrant says*

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

Recessional Hymn (*the people stand*):

*We Know that Christ is Raised and Dies No More*.....296  
(We will omit the final "Amen.")

Alleluia, Alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the  
power of the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

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Elizabeth's parents are Daniel Warren Kerr and Kelli Wilson Kerr. Her godparents are Jonathan and Crystal Wilson and Russell and Kristina Halasz. Her grandparents are Joe and Beverly Wilson and Jean and the late Paul Kerr. Elizabeth's brother is Alexander Philip Kerr.

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**Serving at Epiphany this week . . .**

Ushers: Jimmy and Betty Weldon  
Altar Guild: Lavonne Hart  
Lay Reader: Amanda Borden  
Piano: Caleb Hart

Eucharistic Minister: Jere Van Etten  
Refreshments: Jean Kerr  
Stewards: Debra and Maurice McCord

**and next . . .**

Ushers: Hugh Thompson and Sharon Cleary  
Altar Guild: Pam Van Etten  
Lay Reader: Maurice McCord  
Piano: Caleb Hart

Chalice Bearer: Maurice McCord  
Refreshments: Kara Shea Davis  
Stewards: Laura and Michael Williams