

# Holy Baptism and Eucharist, Rite II



The First Sunday After the Epiphany:

The Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ

**January 13, 2019**

Welcome to 'Old Durham' Church. However you got here, whatever your background, you are welcome here for worship, service, and fellowship in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. The church is part of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington, and has been feeding souls on this site for over 350 years. It is our prayer that you will encounter God's love, peace, and hope here. As Christians in the Anglican tradition, our worship is rooted in Holy Scripture and in the Book of Common Prayer, which for centuries has united Christians all over the world in a common, ever-evolving, format of prayer and worship. You, the members of the congregation, play an important role in our worship; please follow along in this leaflet and speak your parts with confidence. The hymns we sing this morning will be found in this leaflet or in the blue hymnal in the pews. We worship every Sunday morning at 10:30 AM. There is an an adult Christian formation class most Sunday mornings at 9:15 AM in the Parish Hall, and we are up to all sorts of other things during the week. Our historic church building has no running water. Restrooms are located in the Parish Hall, across the parking lot from the church.

## Prelude

## Opening Hymn

*Beginning with women, alternate verses between Women and Men*



As I went down to the ri-ver to pray stud-y-in' a - bout the good ol' way and who shall wear the  
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star-ry crown, o Lord, show me the way. O sis - ters let's go down, let's go down,  
 star-ry crown, o Lord, show me the way. O bro - thers let's go down, let's go down,  
 star-ry crown, o Lord, show me the way. O mo - thers let's go down, let's go down,  
 star-ry crown, o Lord, show me the way. O fa - thers let's go down, let's go down,  
 star-ry crown, o Lord, show me the way. O sin - ners let's go down, let's go down,



come on down. O sis - ters let's go down, down to the ri-ver to pray.  
 come on down. O bro - thers let's go down, down to the ri-ver to pray.  
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## Opening Acclamation

**Presider** Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

**People** *Glory to God for ever and ever.*

**Presider** There is one Body and one Spirit;

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

**Presider** One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

**People** *One God and Father of all.*

## Gloria

*The Hymnal 1982, Service Music #280*

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - mighty 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.

### Collect of the Day

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

# The Liturgy of the Word

## First Reading

A reading from The Book of Isaiah (43:1-7).

1

But now thus says the Lord,

he who created you, O Jacob,

he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

2

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,

and the flame shall not consume you.

3

For I am the Lord your God,

the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom,

Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

4

Because you are precious in my sight,

and honored, and I love you,

I give people in return for you,

nations in exchange for your life.

5

Do not fear, for I am with you;

I will bring your offspring from the east,

and from the west I will gather you;

6

I will say to the north, "Give them up,"

and to the south, "Do not withhold;

bring my sons from far away

and my daughters from the end of the earth—

7

everyone who is called by my name,

whom I created for my glory,

whom I formed and made.”

## **Psalm 29**

*BCP p. 620*

*Afferte Domino*

- I Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, \*  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; \*  
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders; \*  
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; \*  
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; \*  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 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.
- 8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe \*  
and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the LORD\*  
all are crying, “Glory!”
- IO The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- II The LORD shall give strength to his people; \*  
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

## **Second Reading**

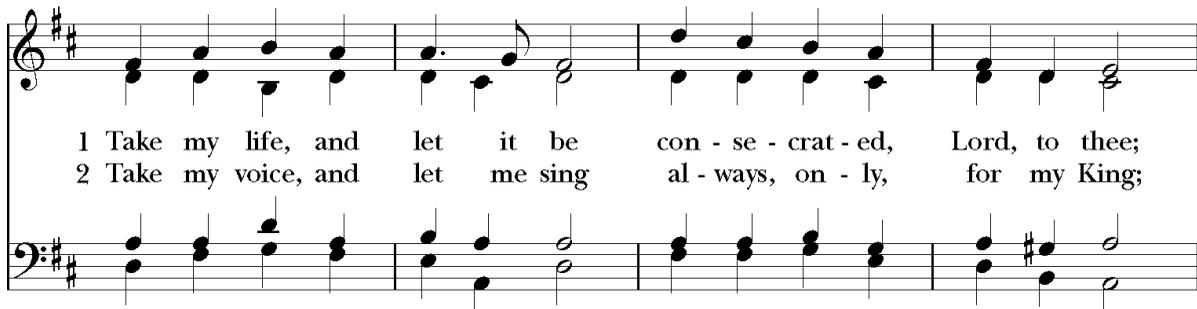
A reading from The Acts of the Apostles (8:14-17).

<sup>14</sup>Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. <sup>15</sup>The two went down and prayed for them that they

might receive the Holy Spirit <sup>16</sup> (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). <sup>17</sup> Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

## Sequence Hymn

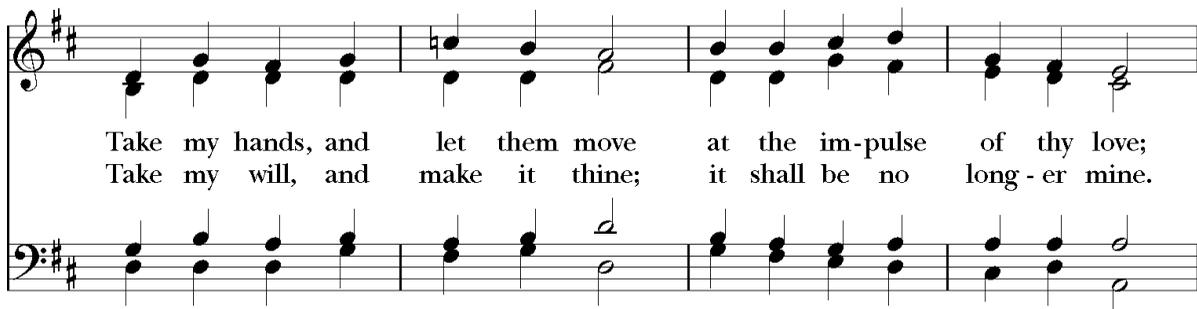
*The Hymnal 1982 #707 Take my life, and let it be*



1 Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
2 Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;



take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.  
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.



Take my hands, and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;  
Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no long - er mine.

take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.  
 Take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

Words: Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879), alt. Music: *Hollingside*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)

## Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (3:15-17,21-22).

<sup>15</sup> As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup> John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” <sup>21</sup> Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup> and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

## Sermon

# Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

*This morning we celebrate the baptisms of Kaylie F. \_\_\_\_\_ and Trinity,*

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

*Sponsor* I present N. to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*Presider* Do you desire to be baptized?

*Candidate* I do.

*The Presider asks the parents and godparents*

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.

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

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

*The Presider asks the candidates who can speak for themselves, and of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children*

*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.

*The Presider addresses the congregation* Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ? *People* **We will.**

*Presider* Let us join with those who are committing themselves 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 on 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 resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.*

**Presider** 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.*

**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.*

## Hymn at the Gathering at the Font

The Hymnal 1982 #513 Like the murmur of the dove's song

## Prayers for the Candidates

*The Presider then says to the congregation*

Let us now pray for *these persons* who *are* to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

*Leader* Deliver *them*, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Open *their hearts* to your grace and truth.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Fill *them* with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Keep *them* in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Teach *them* to love others in the power of the Spirit.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Send *them* into the world in witness to your love.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Bring *them* 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 for ever. *Amen.*

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.*

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 Presider 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

N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon *these* your *servants* the forgiveness of sin, and have raised *them* to the new life of grace. Sustain *them*, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give *them* 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.*

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

## Presentation of the Candle

Receive the light of Christ as a sign that you have passed from darkness into light. Shine as Christ's light in the world to the glory of God our Creator.

## **Welcome**

**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.*

## **Blessing of the Family and Sponsors**

May God the Father, who by Baptism adopts us as his children, grant you grace. **Amen.**

May God the Son, who sanctified a home at Nazareth, fill you with love. **Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit, who has made the Church one family, keep you in peace. **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

**Presider** The peace of Christ be always with you.

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

*The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **The Holy Communion**

*The Priest says*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

*Ephesians 5:2*

*Seeing how greatly God loves us, we share freely of the good things we have received. Place your gifts of money for the poor and for the work of the church in the offering plates as the ushers bring them around. These gifts of money, along with symbolic gifts of bread and wine, will be brought to the altar to be blessed and shared in the body and blood of Christ. If this is your first time here, we'd like you to be our guest, as well as Jesus' guest. Instead of making an offering, spend this week noticing all the ways that God blesses you. Then, next time you come back, give generously in thanksgiving for all that you have been given.*

## **Offertory Hymn**

*Wonder Love and Praise #752 There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place*

Piano accompaniment for the first system, featuring a treble and bass clef with a 4/4 time signature and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The music consists of chords and melodic lines in both hands.

Vocal line and piano accompaniment for the second system. The vocal line includes three verses of lyrics. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and melodic lines.

1. There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, \_\_\_\_\_ and I  
 (2. There are) bless - ings you can - not re - ceive \_\_\_\_\_ till you  
 (3. If you) say he saved you from your sin, \_\_\_\_\_ now you're

Vocal line and piano accompaniment for the third system. The vocal line continues with lyrics. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and melodic lines.

know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord. \_\_\_\_\_ There are  
 know him in his full - ness, and be - lieve. \_\_\_\_\_ You're the  
 weak, you're bound, and can - not en - ter in, \_\_\_\_\_ you can

sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, and I  
 one to pro - fit when you say, "I am  
 make it right if you will yield; you'll en -

know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord.  
 going to walk with Je - sus all the way."  
 joy the Ho - ly Spir - it that we feel.

Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, Sweet Heav - en - ly Dove,

Stay right here with us, fill-ing us with your love.

The first system of the musical score consists of a vocal line and piano accompaniment. The key signature is G major (one sharp). The vocal line begins with a whole note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line in the left hand and chords in the right hand.

And for these bless-ings we lift our hearts in

The second system continues the musical score. The vocal line starts with a whole note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The piano accompaniment includes a prominent melodic line in the right hand that mirrors the vocal melody.

praise; with-out a doubt we'll know that we have

The third system concludes the musical score. The vocal line begins with a whole note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords and a consistent bass line.

1. 2. been re - vived when we shall leave this place. 2. There are 3. If you place.

## The Great Thanksgiving

**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 the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:

*The Hymnal 1982, Service Music #128*

Ho - ly, ho - ly,





**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**

*A period of silence is kept.*

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

*The Priest invites the people to Communion*

Behold what you are; may you become what you receive.

*Holy Communion is the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ given with bread and wine. All baptized Christians regardless of denomination are welcome to come to the altar rail to share in this meal of life. If you prefer not to receive Communion, you may come forward and cross your arms over your chest, and the priest will offer a prayer of blessing. We offer both wine and grape juice at Communion. The first (larger) cup has wine and the second (smaller) cup has grape juice. You may drink or intinct from either. The bread will be placed in your hand. You may either, (1) Eat the bread and drink from the cup which follows; or (2) Hold the bread, dipping it in the cup and then eating the bread. If you do not wish to receive wine, please cross your arms after receiving the bread. If you prefer to receive Communion at your seat in the pew, we will be happy to bring it to you.*

## **Postcommunion Prayer**

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **Blessing**

May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord. **Amen.**  
May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth. **Amen.**

May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

## Closing Hymn

*The Hymnal 1982 #448 O love, how deep, how broad, how high*



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing  
2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly  
3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his  
4 For us to wick - ed hands be - trayed, scourged, mocked, in  
5 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he  
6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so



1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of  
2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions  
3 dai - ly works he wrought: by words and signs and  
4 pur - ple robe ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful  
5 went on high to reign; for us he sent his  
6 deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom



1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.  
2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er ov - er - threw.  
3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.  
4 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.  
5 Spi - rit here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.  
6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

Words: Latin, 15th cent.; tr. Benjamin Webb (1819-1885), alt. Music: *Deus tourum militum*, from *Antiphoner*; 1753; adapt. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.; harm. after Basil Harwood (1859-1949)

## Dismissal

**Deacon** Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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

## Postlude

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### Prayer List

#### Let us pray...

**...in thanksgiving for the members of our congregation:** Dan Hockett, Sue Hunt, Gary Leyland, and June Leyland.

**...for those who travel:** June and Gary Leyland; Cindy Shoemaker.

**...for support and protection for those who serve our country at home and abroad:** Mike Busey, Christopher Walker, Steven Mattingly, Sam Gray, Wes Dyson, Michael Petrusic, and Thomas J. Hunt.

**...for those in need of God's healing grace:** Missy Bowie; Chris Bowie; Lindy Lynch; Erin Macri; Bonnie Santora; David Taylor; Our continuing prayers are offered for: Hope Cameron; Conor Doyle; George Dyson; Butch Helwig; Carol Hindle; Dian Lockamy; Buddy Linton; Sam Linton; Rhonda McGraw; Jeanne Read; Jean Santora; Rose Speake; Joan Shoemaker; Roy Squires; The Rev. Arnold Taylor; Lisa Tuono; Luci Wright.

**The Diocese of Washington cycle of prayer:** Christ Church, Washington Parish; Christ Church Parish, Kensington; Christ Church Accokeek (St. John's Parish) and St. John's Chapel; Christ Church, Georgetown. **The Anglican Communion cycle of prayer:** the Anglican Church of Australia: The Most Revd Philip Leslie Freier - Archbishop of Melbourne & Primate of Australia.

### Announcements

*Don't forget that these announcements can also be found on the church website, [OldDurham.org](http://OldDurham.org). Look for a button near the top left of the home page. When you read them on line, you can follow the live links to websites mentioned in the announcements.*

**Adult Forum:** Please join us at 9:15am in the Parish Hall on Sunday mornings for coffee, learning, and thought-provoking discussion. Next week we will have a session on the polity and organization of The Episcopal Church. If you are interested in serving on the Vestry, you should plan to attend this session if possible.

There will not be a **Pastoral Care Team** meeting today.

**Joe's Place Food Pantry** distributions are on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month from 4:30 to 6pm in the Parish Hall. The next distributions are Jan. 24 and Feb. 14.

Volunteers are always welcome to sort and distribute food to our neighbors. Contact: Millie Hamman.

**The Prayer Shawl Ministry** will meet on Wednesday, Jan. 23, at 2:30pm in the Parish Hall. Contact: Barbara Macri.

**Finance Committee** will meet after church on Jan. 20 in the Parish Hall.

**The Vestry** will meet on Jan. 24 at 7pm in the Parish Hall.

**Worship servers:** On January 27 we will meet after church to go over a few of the mechanics of our worship services. If you regularly serve as a chalicer, reader, usher, acolyte, or intercessor (*or, if you'd like to start serving in one of those capacities*), please join us after church (in the church). Contact: Rev. Catharine.

## **Vestry Service**

Among the outcomes of the parish by-law revisions that we passed in November is a need to replace Vestry members who have served past their term limits and to elect new Vestry members in staggered classes. Going forward, elected Vestry members will serve for three years, with two new members elected each year. In order to transition to this new model, we will be electing two new members every six months (instead of every 12 months) for the next 18 months. The first election will be held at a special Parish Meeting on March 3rd. and the Nominating Committee (to be appointed by the Vestry at their next meeting) will present a slate of candidates on February 3rd. If you are interested in Vestry service, please consider attending the Adult Forum on January 20th.

## **The Big Conversation**      Event Re-scheduled to January 27

Progress and Challenges in Our Schools: A Community Conversation on Dismantling Racism. Sunday, January 13, 2-5 pm (registration starts at 1:30) at Patuxent High School in Lusby. A community event featuring a panel presentation including Calvert Schools Superintendent Daniel Curry and representatives of the Southern Maryland community. The presentation will be followed by facilitated small group sessions to share our stories and make recommendations.

This event is being put on by Middleham and St. Peter's Parish with The Big Conversation Partnership for Dismantling Racism in Southern Maryland, including: All Saints Episcopal Church – Sunderland, Calvert County Public Schools, Calvert Library, Calvert NAACP, Community Mediation Centers of Calvert and St. Mary's Counties, Concerned Black Women of Calvert Co, Emmanuel SDA Church – St. Leonard, Harriet Elizabeth Brown Scholars, Patuxent Quaker Friends, St. Mary's NAACP. More information at: [bigconmsp@gmail.com](mailto:bigconmsp@gmail.com) / 410-326-4948

## **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

The octave, or 8-day period, between the feasts of the Confession of St. Peter (January 18) and the Conversion of St. Paul (January 25) has for over 100 years been observed as a Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. It is a week when Christians of all denominations pray in solidarity with and for one another, reminding ourselves of Jesus' prayer for his disciples that "they may be one so that the world may believe" (see John 17.21). Congregations and

parishes all over the world exchange preachers or arrange special ecumenical celebrations and prayer services.

In recent times a worship service booklet has been prepared by a group of Christians somewhere in the world, for use by Christians all over the world Christians during this week. (In the southern hemisphere, where this is the traditional summer vacation month, these services are sometimes held at a different time.)

The resources for the 2019 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity have been prepared by Christians from Indonesia, using the theme, 'Justice and only justice you shall pursue' (*Deuteronomy 16:18-20*).

According to the World Council of Churches, the organization that sponsors the Week,

“With a population of 265 million, 86% of whom are reckoned to be Muslim, Indonesia is well known as having the largest Muslim population of any country. However, about 10% of Indonesians are Christian from various traditions. In terms of both population and the vast extension of the country Indonesia is the biggest nation in South East Asia. The nation is founded on five principles called Pancasila, with the motto *Bhineka Tunggal Ika (Unity in Diversity)*. Across the diversity of ethnicity, language and religion, Indonesians have lived by the principle of *gotong royong* which is to live in solidarity and by collaboration.

This always fragile harmony is today threatened in new ways. Much of the economic growth that Indonesia has experienced in recent decades has been built on a system that has competition at its heart. This is in stark contrast to the collaboration of *gotong royong*. Corruption is experienced in many forms. It infects politics and business, often with devastating consequences for the environment. In particular, corruption undermines justice and the implementation of law. Moved by these concerns, the Christians of Indonesia found that the words of Deuteronomy, “Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue ...” (see Deut. 16:18-20) spoke powerfully to their situation and needs. Before the people of God enter the land God has promised them they renew their commitment to the Covenant God established with them.”

More information can be found at the World Council of Churches website:

<https://www.oikoumene.org/en/press-centre/events/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity>

In addition to the shared prayer service, there is a set of daily Scripture readings and reflections for the week. Those can be found on the church announcements page from our website.

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