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Holy Baptism

Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be God, (+) the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Celebrant: There is one Body and one Spirit;

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

Celebrant: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

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

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Reading

Romans 8: 26-39

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸ And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. ³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³ Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." ³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel

Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

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

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. ³² It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.” ³³ He told them another parable. “The kingdom of heaven is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened.” ⁴⁴ “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. ⁴⁵ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶ who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it. ⁴⁷ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸ When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹ “Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.” ⁵² And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Homily

Fr. Craig Lister

The Baptismal Exhortation

Dearly beloved, Scripture teaches that we were all dead in our sins and trespasses, but by grace we may be saved through faith. Our Savior Jesus Christ said, “Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God”; and he commissioned the Church to “make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” Here we ask our heavenly Father that *this Candidate*, being baptized with water, may be filled with the Holy Spirit, born again, and received into the Church as a living member of Christ’s body. Therefore, I urge you to call upon God the Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, that of his abundant mercy he will grant to *this Candidate* that which by nature *she* cannot have.

The Presentation

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Godparents Parents: I present *Olivia Marie Rees* to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant:

Today, on behalf of this child, you shall make vows to renounce the devil and all his works, to trust God wholeheartedly, and to serve him faithfully. It is your task to see that this child is taught, as soon as *she* is able to learn, the meaning of all these vows, and of the Faith that you will profess as revealed in the Holy Scriptures. *She* must come to put *her* faith in Jesus Christ, and learn the Creeds, the Lord’s Prayer, the Ten Commandments, and all other things that a Christian ought to know, believe, and do for the welfare of *her* soul. When *she* has embraced all these, *she* is to come to the Bishop to be confirmed, that *she* may publicly claim the Faith for *her* own and be further strengthened by the Holy Spirit to serve Christ and his kingdom.

Are you willing and ready to undertake this?

Godparents and Parents: I am, the Lord being my helper.

Profession of Faith

Question: Do you renounce the Devil and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer: **I renounce them.**

Question: Do you renounce the empty promises and deadly deceits of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer: **I renounce them.**

Question: Do you renounce the sinful desires of the flesh that draw you from the love of God?

Answer: **I renounce them.**

Celebrant: Almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness and evil and lead you into the light and obedience of the kingdom of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Question: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and confess him as your Lord and Savior?

Answer: **I do.**

Question: Do you joyfully receive the Christian Faith, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

Answer: **I do.**

Question: Will you obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in them all the days of your life?

Answer : **I will, the Lord being my helper.**

The celebrant then addresses the congregation, first inviting them to stand.

Celebrant: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support *this* person in *her* life in Christ?

People: **We will.**

Celebrant: Let us join with *this candidate* to proclaim our faith in the words of the ancient baptismal confession, the Apostles' Creed.

Celebrant: Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

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

Celebrant: Do you believe and trust in Jesus Christ?

People: **I do. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by 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 and trust in the Holy Spirit?

People: **I do. 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. Amen.**

Litany for the Candidate(s)

Celebrant: Let us now pray for *this Candidate* who is to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant: That *this child* may come to confess *her* faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

People: **We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.**

Celebrant: That this *Candidate* may continue in the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers.

People: **We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.**

Celebrant: That *this* child may walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which *she* has been called, ever growing in faith and all heavenly virtues.

People: We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

Celebrant: That *she* may persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever *she* falls into sin, repent and return to the Lord.

People: We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

Celebrant: That *she* may proclaim by word and deed the Good News of God in Christ Jesus to a lost and broken world.

People: We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

Celebrant: That as a *living member* of the Body of Christ, *she* may grow up in every way into him who is the head.

People: We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

Celebrant: That, looking to Jesus, *she* may run with endurance the race set before *her*, and at the last receive the unfading crown of glory.

People: We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

Prayers for the candidate

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting Father, in your great mercy you saved Noah and his family in the Ark from the destruction of the flood, prefiguring the sacrament of Holy Baptism. Look mercifully upon *this* your *servant*. Wash and sanctify *her* through your Holy Spirit, that *she* may be delivered from destruction and received into the Ark of Christ's Church; and being steadfast in faith, joyful through hope, and rooted in love, *she* may pass through the turbulent floods of this troublesome world and come into the land of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Thanksgiving Over the Water

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues:

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 in the River Jordan when the Holy Spirit descended upon him as a dove. 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 made regenerate by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now, Father, sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit. May all who are baptized here be cleansed from sin, be born again, and continue forever 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 forever. *Amen.*

The Baptism

The Celebrant continues:

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

Olivia Marie, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. *Amen.*

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon *this* your *servant* the forgiveness of sin, received *her* as your own *child* by adoption, made *her* a *member* of your holy Church, and raised *her* to the new life of grace. Sustain *her*, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit, that *she* may enjoy everlasting salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Celebrant continues: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

***Celebrant and People:* We receive you into the fellowship of the Church. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in the royal priesthood of all his people.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Announcements

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Dear Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, together with all your faithful people gathered around every altar of your Church, and I embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Never permit me to be separated from you. *Amen.*

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

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 him thanks and praise.**

The celebrant continues:

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is your living Word from before time and for all ages; by him you created all things, and by him you make all things new. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of Consecration *(the people may kneel)*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with

confidence before the throne of grace. On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me." Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts. (+) Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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 forever. *Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer

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 forever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Prayer of Humble Access (*celebrant and people together*)

We do not presume to come to this, your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord, whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Holy Communion *Be Thou my vision*

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Prayer of Thanksgiving (*the people may kneel*)

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal Kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Blessing (+) and Dismissal

Be Thou my vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,



all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!



thou my best thought, — by day or by night,
thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;
Heart of my heart, — what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

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Announcements

Congratulations Olivia Marie Rees

Sunday School – New class on Hebrews starting next Sunday, August 2, 2020.

Holy Eucharist – Wednesday, July 29, 2020 at 11:30 am.

Food Pantry drop off – Wednesday, July 29, 2020, 5:30 pm to 6:00 pm.

Pledge Cards – Thank you for turning in your pledge cards. We welcome those still outstanding.

St. Francis Anglican Parish Prayer List

For the concerns weighing on the hearts and minds of members of this congregation:

John Wood
 Martha Connolly
 *Helen Frechette
 *Paul Dempster
 *Ann Hodges
 *Bob Stone
 *Ted Lawrence
 *Pat Aylies
 *Lew Andersen
 Lisa Anne Callis
 Dave Ward
 Ron Perkinson
 Ed Wesley

Candy Torgerson
 *Mackenzie Stinson
 Jo Maddox
 Murray Ingraham
 *Robert Burkey
 Elijah
 Faye Glennon
 *Ashley Quinones
 Dwight Dueitt
 Sarah Barber (and her 4 babies)
 Ralph Ward
 Jimmy King
 *Abigail Rozak

Chase Serry
 *Betty Pittman
 *Karen Tatum
 Kevin Jeffries
 *Brian Haynes
 Tommy McDonald
 Judy Jackson
 *Charles Wick
 Larry Jackson
 Georgia Kate Tatum
 Dan Abernathy
 John Ryan
 Bailey Pate

*Member of St. Francis

To add or remove a name from the prayer list contact Sue Comstock at 919-498-9154 or email her at suectrace@gmail.com. Names will be removed after three weeks unless you contact Sue to extend the time.

Pray for those serving all over the world in our military: Matthew Pate, Ben Hodsdon, William Puckett, Katherine Campbell, Brian Gille, George Walter, Jim Makepeace, Rick Smith, Jody Gordon, Raymond DeSantos, Eliza, Josh Pratt, Greg, Ben Gumpton, Jeremy, Lucas Rees, Daniel Hardin, Jared Oldham, Noah Gibson, Nick Stavlund, Jason Williams, Fortune Egbulefu, James Rozak, Logan Peterson, Levi Whiteman, Foster Knowles, Stephen and Patrick Hart.

Pray for the departed: Bernice Morris, Charles VonCanon, George Liven, Sarah Haber, Virginia Griswold.

Altar Flowers - The altar flowers are given by Bob and Peggy Nelson to the Glory of God and in celebration of their anniversary and God's Kingdom.

Those serving:

	9:00 am service	11:00 am service
Greeters:	Scott Bruce	Sue Comstock
Ushers:	Chuck Lewis	Tom Reese
Lectors:	Mari Hann	Gordy Reese
Acolytes:	Kaleb Gordon	Cameron Hanna
Cleaning:	Fernando Quinones, Scott Bruce, TBD	Gordy Reese, Bruce Ledford, Anne Greenaway
Music Director:	Audrey Hanna	
Organist:	Rosemary Parten	
Altar Guild:	Terry Crawley, Linda Pate, Edie Makepeace and Jean Dabbs	

Vestry

Through 2021: Bruce Ledford, Tom Reese, Jimmy Washburn, Junior Warden
 Through 2022: Oliver Crawley, Joe Hanna, Beth Puckett
 Through 2023: Johnnie Gordon, Phillip Lloyd, Helen Ward
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