Welcome to the Church of Bethesda-by-the-Sea!

- Child care is available from 7:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for children up to three years of age. You are welcome to take your child to our nursery at any point during the service—just ask an usher to point the way.
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- Page numbers on the left side of the column refer to The Book of Common Prayer (red).
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Prelude  
*Wie schön leuchtet*  (How Bright Appears the Morning Star)  
Johann Pachelbel

**The Word of God**

*The congregation stands as the hymn is introduced.*

**Hymn 135**  
*Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*  
*Salzburg*

**Acclamation**

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

People  
*And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. 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.*

**Salutation**

Celebrant  
The Lord be with you.

People  
*And also with you.*

Celebrant  
Let us pray.

**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 congregation is seated.*

**Lesson**  
*Isaiah 42:1-9*

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Reader  
The Word of the Lord.  
People  *Thanks be to God.*
The Gospel Procession

The congregation stands as the hymn is introduced.

†Hymn 121  Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized  Caithness

Gospel  Matthew 3:13-17

Deacon  The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People  Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

Deacon  The Gospel of the Lord.

People  Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily  The Rector

A brief period of silence follows the Homily.

Holy Baptism

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

Celebrant  The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Then the candidates unable to answer for themselves are presented individually by their Parents and Godparents, as follows

Parents/Godparents  I present N. 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/Godparents  I will, with God’s help.

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

Parents/Godparents  I will, with God’s help.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions 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.

After all have been presented, 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?

People: We will.

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

The congregation stands.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?
People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
People: I will, with God’s help.

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
People: I will, with God’s help.

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People: I will, with God’s help.

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People: I will, with God’s help.
Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

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

Prayers for the Candidates
*The Celebrant 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.*

Then 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 Celebrant blesses the water, first saying*

The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

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

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

Celebrant: 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 congregation may be seated.

The Baptism
Presented for Holy Baptism are

Cara Frances Benjamin
Remi Clara Hitchcock
Eva Marie Romanello
Frederic Rosengarten Van der Grift, Jr.


Then the Celebrant anoints the person, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying,
N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ’s own for ever. Amen.

When all have been baptized the congregation stands, and the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

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.

The Celebrant says

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People
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

Celebrant
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People
And also with you.

Greeting and Announcements

Generosity Talk

Lisa Hastey
The Holy Communion

Offertory
Members of the congregation will present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord. See page 11 for more information.

Offertory Anthem
There Shall a Star Come Out of Jacob       Felix Mendelssohn
There shall a star come out of Jacob and a scepter shall rise out of Israel, with might destroying princes and nations. As bright the star of morning gleams, so Jesus sheddeth glorious beams of light and consolation. Thy Word, O Lord, radiance darting, truth imparting, gives salvation; Thine be praise and adoration!

The congregation stands as the gifts are brought forward.

Presentation and Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heav’nly host: Creator, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A

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.

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

The Celebrant adds a Proper Preface then continues
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:
Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.
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 for ever. Amen.

Celebrant

And now, as our Savior Christ, has taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People

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.

Fraction Anthem

Mason Marten

Celebrant

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

People

Therefore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

Celebrant

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

Communion

In the Episcopal Church, all baptized Christians are encouraged to receive communion. This is the Lord's table. It is the Lord who invites you. It is his wish that those who want him should meet him here. During communion, please come forward at the direction of the ushers, to the high altar or to the chapel altar, filling in at the altar rail from right to left, and either kneeling or standing to receive. For those who prefer not to use the steps, please either go to the chapel or request from an usher that communion be brought to you in your pew. Our custom in the Episcopal Church is to receive both elements by putting hands forward, palms crossed and facing upward to receive the bread, and by guiding the chalice lightly to receive the wine. Please note that receiving just the bread or wine alone is fully receiving communion. If you would like to receive a blessing instead, simply cross your arms across your chest. Gluten-free wafers are available at the high altar; let the priest know when you go up to receive.

During the Communion

Hymn 120 The Sinless One to Jordan Came

Solemnis haec festivitas

The congregation stands when the Celebrant returns to the altar.

Sending Out of Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant We who are many are one body.

People For we all share one bread, and one cup.
Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant and People

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

Hymn 117 Brightest and Best Morning Star

The Dismissal

Response Thanks be to God.

Postlude Wie schön leuchtet (How Bright Appears the Morning Star) J.S. Bach

We pray for the repose of the soul of

Edwin Anderson Bowen
Marcia Quale Chellis Kay

Flowers are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the marriage of

Rodney Albert Woodstock and Carrie Elizabeth Pazda

Prayers for healing and wholeness have been asked for... Alex, Alice, Alvarez family, Andrew, Angela, Anne, Anita, Anthony, Arlo, Austin, Becky, Beverley, Bill, Bill Ed, Bob, Bobby, Bowen family, Carmen, Celia, Charles, Chellis Kay family, Chip, Chris, Christine, Chuck, Coyne family, Dalia, Dan, David, Debbie, Deborah, DJ, Don, Donna, Dorothy, Edwin, Elena, Emmy, Evan, Frank, Fred, Gay, George, Gerry, Griffon, Hannah, Holly, Hunter, Jack, James, Jan, Jason, Jeanne, Jerry, Joaquin, John, Jonathan, Judy, Kay, Kelley, Kelly Ann, Ken, Kendall, Kim, Larry, Linda, Louis, Louise, Loyda, Lucy, Lydia, Lynn, Malcolm, Mallory, Marcia, Marge, Margot, Maria, Mariela, Marilyn, Mark, Martin, Mary, Mary Ann, Matthew, Merrill family, Michael, Michelle, Miriam, Nancy, Nathan, Neil, Nolan family, Pam, Pat, Patricia, Peggy, Peter, Renee, Reysean, Richard, Ricky, Robbie, Robert, Sally, Sandra, Scott, Shane, Sharon, Shaune, Shawn, Spencer, Stephen, Steve, Sue, Susan, Suzanne, Suzy, Sylvia, Taryn, Ted, Thomas, Tom, Vicki, Vincent, Ward, and those serving our country... Alex, Benjamin, Christian, Clara, Eric, George, Harold, Herbert, John, Lorne, Luster Michael, Thomas, Tommy, and William.

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