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*The Holy Baptism of
Zen Cephias Smith
December 31, 2023*

PSALM 147:13-21



13 Worship the LORD, O Je¹rusalem; *
—¹praise your¹ God, O¹ Zion;

14 For he has strengthened the¹ bars of your¹ gates; *
he has¹ blessed your¹ children with¹ in you.

15 He has established¹ peace on your¹ borders; *
he satisfies you¹ with the¹ finest¹ wheat.

16 He sends out his com¹mand to the¹ earth, *
and his¹ word runs¹ very¹ swiftly.

17 He gives¹ snow like¹ wool; *
he¹ scatters¹ hoarfrost like¹ ashes.

18 He scatters his¹ hail like¹ bread crumbs; *
who can¹ stand a¹gainst his¹ cold?

†19 He sends forth his¹ word and¹ melts them; *
he blows with his¹ wind, and the¹ waters¹ flow.

20 He declares his¹ word to¹ Jacob, *
his¹ statutes and his¹ judgments to¹ Israel.

21 He has not done so to¹ any other¹ nation; *
to them he has not revealed his¹ judgments.¹
Halle¹lujah!

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE GALATIANS 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might

receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN 324 Let all mortal flesh keep silence

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THE GOSPEL

Gospeler Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 1:1-18

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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

THE REV. LESLIE J. HAGUE

A quiet time for reflection follows the sermon.

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE

Celebrant The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Presenters I present Zen Cephias Smith to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

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

Presenters I will, with God's help.

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

Presenters I will, with God's help.

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

Presenters I renounce them.

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

Presenters I renounce them.

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

Presenters I renounce them.

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

Presenters I do.

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

Presenters I do.

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

Presenters I do.

The People stand, and the celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

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

People **We will.**

Celebrant Let us join with him who is committing himself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

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 CANDIDATE

The Celebrant then says to the congregation

Celebrant Let us now pray for him is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open his heart to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send him into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **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

Celebrant 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 God 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.

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 and 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 forever. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

The candidates are presented by name to the Celebrant, who then pours water upon the candidate, saying:
Zen, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People loudly **Amen.**

Celebrant 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 him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him 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 each person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying
Zen, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.

People loudly **Amen.**

Celebrant 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.

BAPTISMAL MUSIC

Processional on Asperges Me

Louis Huybrechts (1911-1973)

Bob Sheavly, Organist

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION *The Holy Eucharist, Prayer B*

OFFERTORY SOLO

Sweet Holy Child

Mary E. Caldwell (1909-2003)

Jane Andersen, Soprano

What shall I bring for the sweet holy Child who has but the straw for a bed? Shall I bring stars for a silver crown to place by his dear little head? Gold from the sun shall I bring for a light, softest of moonbeams to garland the night. Gentle white lambs for his delight, sweet Jesus, the Lord of my heart.

What shall I bring for the sweet holy Child who smiles as he wakes from his sleep? Roses so fair and a soft blanket warm, all these the young Jesus may keep. Songs for his joy and delight I shall bring, all of my heart for this dear little King. Love and devotion the tribute I bring, sweet Jesus, the Lord of my life.

Lullay, lullay, thou sweet holy Child, I bring thee a lullaby song. Dreamless thy slumber for night winds are still, the wise men and shepherds have gone. Far in the eastern skies shadows appear. Hush little Princeling, there's nothing to fear. Soft as an echo thy name I hear, sweet Jesus, the Savior of all.

OFFERTORY HYMN 82

Of the Father's love begotten

Divinum mysterium

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God 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. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. 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:

Celebrant and People sing

**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.**

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The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

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,

Celebrant and People

**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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

FRACTION ANTHEM

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant says the following Invitation

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 ANTHEM

Cradle for a Lamb

Penny Rodriguez

Dan Bishop, Pianist

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION SAID BY THOSE NOT PRESENT AT HOLY COMMUNION

The Celebrant leads the livestream worshippers in this prayer.

In union, O Lord, with the faithful of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. We present to you our souls and bodies with the earnest wish that we may always be united to you. And since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all the love of our souls. Let nothing ever separate you from us. May we live in you, and may you live in us, both in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

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

RECESSIONAL HYMN 87 **Hark! The herald angels sing**

Mendelssohn

DISMISSAL

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

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

POSTLUDE

Fanfare

C.S. Lang (1891-1971)

Bob Sheavly, Organist

**Thanks to Dan Bishop, Bob Sheavly , Jane Andersen and the All Saints Choir
for providing today's music.**

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DEDICATION OF ALTAR FLOWERS AND SANCTUARY CANDLES 2024

The sign up for 2024 dedication of Altar Flowers and the Sanctuary Candles is now available online or contact the office to schedule a special date. The donation for Altar Flowers is \$100; and during Advent, it is \$30 for the Altar Greens. Flowers are not used during Lent. The Sanctuary Candle is \$15 for each week.

A special thank you to everyone for their support of our Flower Guild which adds to the beauty and enrichment of our Church.

The All Saints Office will be closed on Monday, January 1, 2024.



Did you know that even given our substantial endowment funds, the largest percentage of our operating income each year is your pledges and plate donations?

The gifts of pledge and plate budgeted each year for All Saints are more than double the income from our combined endowment funds distributions for operating expenses, buildings and grounds, and music & ministry. Even then,

our income from pledges and plate is often not enough to truly sustain our current ministries. Many are not aware of how essential your gifts of time, talent, and treasure are to the continuing vibrant ministry we share.

On Wednesday, November 8, All Saints gathered on Zoom in a town hall to hear an informative and engaging presentation, *Rooted in Abundance*, which explored the many gifts and some of the challenges we have as a community of faith. Senior Warden Alyson Hardin, and Treasurer Rich Clarke listed many of the abundant blessings at All Saints, including legacy gifts left to us to steward into the future and the generosity of those with us today. We also discussed the challenges of the current year which predicts a serious operating cash shortfall.

Next week, you will hear more from our pledge chair Barry Moss; Alyson Hardin; and Mother Leslie about “Rooted in Abundance,” our 2024 pledge campaign. We will explore how our life and ministry as a parish is like a tree with roots, a trunk, and leaves.

As we begin to prayerfully consider our pledges to All Saints, Alyson invited us to consider our own gifts to the parish asking that we:

1. Fulfill our 2023 pledges before the end of the year;
2. Individually increase our 2024 pledges by 10%; and
3. If you have not made a pledge to All Saints previously, make a pledge for 2024.

Find the recording at <https://vimeo.com/allsaintsftl/riatownhall?share=copy#t=0>

Download the presentation slides at <https://allsaintsfl.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Town-Hall-PPT-v8-Final12-Read-Only.pdf>



The Altar Flowers this week are given to the Glory of God and with thanksgiving to God for my sons, my daughters-in-law and my 6 grandchildren by Faith Bird. Happy New Year.

The Sanctuary Candle this week is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Arnold R. Bird, my late husband by Faith Bird. May his soul rest in Peace.



OUTREACH: TRAFFIC STOP LIGHT PACKETS

" Pack the Packets"

Save the Date – Sunday, January 7th

The outreach committee is happy to be teaming up with Cynthia and Jon Floria to put together snack packets for our homeless folks on the street corners. Cynthia, Jon and Frank Asterita have been keeping this ministry going throughout the years. On Sunday, January 7th, we will be holding a "Pack the Packets" event in Neaverson Chapel after the 10:30 a.m. service. Just like our peanut butter making assembly line, we will be assembling these packets then making them available for sale. We will provide all the supplies so just come and help us pack.

FOOD DRIVE THAT GOES TO HELP THOSE IN NEED

The Outreach Committee is excited to bring back food donations for St. Ambrose's food pantry. St Ambrose Church in Fort Lauderdale was heavily damaged in the April flood and have been busy making repairs and getting their campus back up and running. They are now ready to receive donations for their food pantry. Next time you are shopping for groceries, get some extra items and bring them in to All Saints on Sunday morning. Basic food staples such as rice, beans, breakfast cereal, peanut butter, spaghetti sauce and noodles are always needed. There are lots of items that are BOGO – buy one, get one free that are great deals.

Many thanks for helping from the Outreach Committee!

**Please join us online or in person each Wednesday at 12:05 p.m. for our
WEDNESDAY HEALING AND PRAYER SERVICE
WITH THE HOLY EUCHARIST
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2024
THE COMMEMORATION OF WILLIAM PASSAVANT**

**Please join us in person or online each Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. for our
VESPERS ~ EVENING PRAYER RITE II
THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 2024
THE COMMEMORATION OF ELIZABETH SETON**

**Please join us online each evening, except Thursday, at 8:30 p.m. for our
SERVICE OF COMPLINE.**

BLESSINGS TO ALL CELEBRATING THIS WEEK OF DEC. 31- JAN. 6

**Birthdays Thys DeYoung, Damian Eker, Heather Glenn, Ralph Greene,
Tim Greene, Tyce Marshall, Claude Tant, Marty Warner,
Kayla Wincko**

Anniversaries Bill Antczak and Wade Harrell

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*The music, the candles,
the flowers that brought
the beauty of Christmas
to All Saints,*

*plus Mother Leslie's
smile and Esther's
unique hat of an
upside down Santa
that added to the
festival celebration!*

*Merry Christmas and a
Joyful New Year!*





*The Joy and Blessings of
Christmas Morning to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.
December 25, 2023*