



# Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

## The Baptism of Griffin Thomas Buccelli

September 10, 2023 10:00am  
Epiphany Parish, Walpole  
Rite II

*We gather with joy in the power of Jesus' name, to care for one another and to include all people through our fellowship, education & outreach.*



### The Prelude

### Opening Hymn

H#376 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee

### The Word of God

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

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

*The Celebrant then continues:*

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.

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And also with you.

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

**The Collect (in unison)** Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### The First Reading

**Ezekiel 33:7-11**

You, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

The Word of the Lord.

*People Thanks be to God.*

## Psalm 119:33-40

*Legem pone*

- <sup>33</sup> Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, \*  
and I shall keep it to the end.
- <sup>34</sup> Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; \*  
I shall keep it with all my heart.
- <sup>35</sup> Make me go in the path of your commandments, \*  
for that is my desire.
- <sup>36</sup> Incline my heart to your decrees \*  
and not to unjust gain.
- <sup>37</sup> Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; \*  
give me life in your ways.
- <sup>38</sup> Fulfill your promise to your servant, \*  
which you make to those who fear you.
- <sup>39</sup> Turn away the reproach which I dread, \*  
because your judgments are good.
- <sup>40</sup> Behold, I long for your commandments; \*  
in your righteousness preserve my life.

## The Second Reading

**Romans 13:8-14**

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Word of the Lord.

*People Thanks be to God.*

## Gradual Hymn

**H#379 God is Love, let heaven adore him**

## The Gospel

**Matthew 18:15-20**

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

*People Glory to you Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth

about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ*

## The Sermon

The Rev. Christen H. Mills



## Sacrament of Baptism

### Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

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*The Celebrant says:* The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*Parents and Godparents say:* **I present Griffin Thomas Buccelli to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

*Celebrant 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 say:* **I will, with God's help.**

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

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

*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.**

*Celebrant addresses the congregation:*

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

*People:* **We will.**

### The Baptismal Covenant

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*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**

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*Celebrant* Let us now pray for this person who 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.**

*Celebrant* 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 forever. Amen.

## **Thanksgiving over the Water**

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*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 Baptism

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

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

*When this action has been completed, the celebrant, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over them, saying:*

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 celebrant places a hand on the child's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying:*

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

*The Celebrant says:* Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*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 is now exchanged.

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

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

## Offertory Hymn

H#371 Thou, whose almighty word



## Eucharistic Prayer B

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*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says*

The Lord be with you.

*People:* *And also with you.*

*Officiant:* Lift up your hearts.

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

*Officiant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*Then, facing the Holy Table, 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.

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*

*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.*

*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.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to 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 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;*

*The Celebrant continues*

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 [\_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

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

*People and Celebrant*

*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.*

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## **The Breaking of the Bread**

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

[Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]*

*Facing the people, 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 Hymn**

**LEVAS#74 Jesus, Jesus, Fill us with your love - see insert**

## **Post Communion Prayer**

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*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people. After Communion, the Celebrant says*  
Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

*Almighty and ever living God,*

*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.*

## **The Blessing**

## **Welcome & Announcements**

## **Blessing of the Backpacks**

## **Closing Hymn**

**H#400 All creatures of our God and King**

## **The Dismissal**

*The Celebrant dismisses with these words*

*Officiant:* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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

## **Invitation for Spiritual Communion**

*This prayer is a personal prayer that you can say when you desire communion but are unable to receive the sacrament..*

Lord Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you. Let me never be separated from you. Amen.

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## **Those in Our Prayers for the Week of September 10, 2023**

Marge Buttimer, Andrea Marden, Daniel Miller, JD & Peggy Bradley, Lucas, Beth G, Gail N, Siobhan McLaughlin

*We also continue to remember:* Chris M, Andrea, Jo-Ann Barrett, Roberta, Barbara S, Malcolm Gurney, Marge Buttimer, Nancy Anderson, Jean Ford, Amanda C, Cindy Falcone, Ed Glebus, Peter, Scott Ashmanski, Don Uliano, Jason H, Shawn H

- We pray for our first responders and military personnel and their families.
- We pray for those affected by war, terrorism, natural disaster and violence, racism, abuse, addiction or loneliness.

**Recently Departed:** The Rt Rev Roy F Cederholm Jr; Richard A Vetstein, Charlie Moran

**Parish Cycle of Prayer:** Jean Najarian & Family  
Laura Nelson & Tiberius Herman & Family  
Jan Nuzzolo & Family  
John & Nancy Parnagian & Family

**Walpole Cycle of Prayer:** All Nations Worship Center

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** Ascension Memorial Church, Ipswich  
St. Stephen's Memorial Church, Lynn  
Emmanuel Chapel, Manchester-by-the-Sea  
Ministries to the Homeless

**Celebrating Birthdays:** September 11 – Shirley Hutchins  
September 13 – Cindy Stockwell, Anmarie Lovejoy  
September 14 – Tricia DiMatinis, Tracey Robinson  
September 17 - David Lovejoy, Richard Whitaker  
September 19 – Caitlin Grant

**Celebrating Anniversaries:** September 15 – Laura Nelson & Tiberius Herman

**The Altar Flowers are in loving memory of Edith, James and Tina Valentine, from the Giovannucci family**