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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

During the Prayers of Intercession, you are invited to add your own prayer(s) either in speech or in silence as indicated by the line: "Other intercessions may be added here." You may wish to use this insert to write down your prayer(s) which you may then offer aloud during that time. If you wish to have your prayers added to the Prayer of the Church during the coming weeks, please remove and place this card in the offering plate.

Greetings and welcome in the name of the crucified and risen Lord Jesus. We trust that the Holy Spirit has called you to Sts. Peter and Paul Church and pray that your worship experience today will be meaningful for you and strengthen you in faith.

You are invited to sign **the guest register** at the entrance to the sanctuary or fill out **a welcome card** from a pew pocket. Please indicate whether or not you would like to be placed on our mailing list as well as your desire for a visit by the pastor or another parishioner.

Restrooms are located in a room off the entryway to the sanctuary and also across the gym on the west side of the building and on the lower level. Please ask an usher or greeter for directions. **Parents and children** are welcome to make use of the anterooms on the main level at the Woodside entrance.

Interested in membership? We would be delighted to have you join our community of faith in worship and ministry. **Please use a welcome card** from a pew in front of you. Additional information is available from pamphlet displays and tables throughout the facility. Our website may be accessed at the following address: www.stspeterandpaulriverside.org .

In addition to words, music and gestures, the liturgy includes several **periods of silence**. In our noise-filled world, we listen for the Word in the silence of our hearts. Before the liturgy begins, we are called to a time of reflection and centering.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Adults or children not communing may come forward for a blessing. If you or a member of your family is interested in Baptism, please speak to Pastor Dennis. Join us for conversation following worship in the dining hall on the lower level.

How to use this worship folder: Hymns for the service are in the back two-thirds of *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (red book). In this bulletin: *—indicates those who are able may stand. **Bold parts** are for the participation of all.

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
January 12th, 2019 ✚ 10:15 a.m.

In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son of God. Through this great epiphany, Jesus fulfills all righteousness and becomes the servant of God who will bring forth justice and be a light to the nations. In the waters of Baptism we too are washed by the Word, anointed by the Spirit, and named God's beloved children. Our baptismal mission is to proclaim good news to all who are oppressed or in need of God's healing.

HOLY COMMUNION

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP, SETTING FOUR, PAGES 147-155

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND *CALL TO WORSHIP

Arise, shine, for your light has come!

The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Lift up your eyes and look around:

all gather together to proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Your sun will never set again.

The Lord is our light and our salvation!

Your moon will wane no more.

The Lord is our light and our salvation!

Your days of sorrow will end.

The Lord is our light and our salvation!

Whom shall we fear?

**Whom shall we fear? The Lord is the strength of our life;
whom shall we fear?**

***ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Let us come into the light of Christ, confessing our need for God's mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of peace,
we confess that we are not at peace—with others or with ourselves. We bring to you all that tears us apart: discord in our families, violence in our world, our own conflicted hearts. In your mercy, mend us. Reunite us with one another and to you. Let peace reign over all the earth, through the Prince of Peace, our Savior and Lord Jesus. Amen.

In the Word who has come to dwell with us, God has given us grace upon grace: forgiveness that is stronger than our sins, love that can heal every broken heart. Hear this word of God's pardon and peace: in the name of Jesus our Savior, you are free from all your sins. Rise, shine, for your light has come. **Amen.**

***GATHERING HYMN** *God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens* ELW 771

***GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.



Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you,
we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Let us pray. Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 42:1-9

God's servant Israel is endowed with the Spirit in order to bring justice to the nations. The servant will not exercise authority boisterously or with violence, nor will weariness ever keep it from fulfilling its task. God's old promises have been fulfilled; the new assignment of the servant is to bring light to the nations.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalms 29

Prayed responsively by leader and congregation.

Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

**the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

The voice of the LORD
bursts forth in lightning flashes.

**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe
and strips the forests bare.

And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

O LORD, give strength to your people;
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

Peter crosses the sharp religious boundary separating Jews from Gentiles and proclaims the good news of God's inclusive forgiveness in Jesus' name to Cornelius, a Roman centurion. As a result of Peter's preaching, Cornelius and his family become the first Gentiles to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

ELW 172

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -

- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -

lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

*GOSPEL

Matthew 3:13-17

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Before Jesus begins his ministry, he is baptized by John, touched by the Spirit, and identified publicly as God's child.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

*AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM BY THE ASSEMBLY

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism as we come before God to make public affirmation of our baptism into Christ.

Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you that you have made us your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called us to yourself, enlightened us with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished us in the community of faith. Uphold us and all your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

***Profession of Faith**

The assembly may stand and join in the responses.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response: **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response: **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: **I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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**

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the Word of God and share in the Lord's Holy Supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

The assembly makes affirmation:

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence both now and forever. **Amen.**

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Guided by the light of Christ, who has been made known to the nations, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

For the community of the baptized throughout the world and its leaders, that justice and forgiveness be proclaimed to all, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For the beauty of creation, trees and animals, clean water, and favorable weather, that all creatures live abundantly on your earth, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For all in authority at the local, state, national, and international levels, that they rule with equity and sincerity of heart; for relief workers and those who support them, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For the oppressed, the imprisoned, the sick, and all who call out for help, especially..., that all who dwell on the earth find comfort, peace, and redemption through Christ, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For this congregation and all who have been washed in the waters of baptism, for those inquiring about the gift of baptism and life in Christ, and for those who are absent from this gathering, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

Other prayers may be offered here in speech or silence.

In thanksgiving for those who have died in the faith, especially... that the grace of Christ in their lives guide us in our vocation as Christians throughout the world, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

Radiant God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who has made his dwelling among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

*PEACE

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

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING OF GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Good and loving God, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

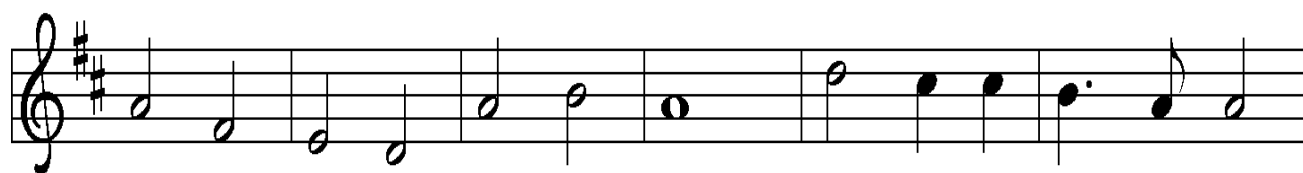
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son, and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

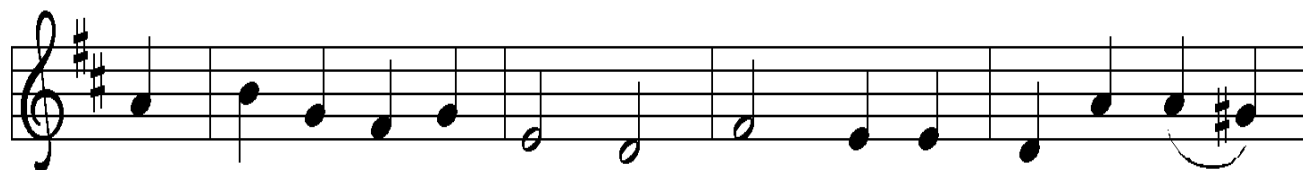
*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,
the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup
we remember your Word dwelling among us,
full of grace and truth.
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.
We look with hope for his coming. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.
Come among us.
Bless this meal.
May your Word take flesh in us.
Awaken your people.
Fill us with your light.
Bring the gift of peace on earth. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

We who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. Come. Be filled with light and life.

You are welcome to bring with you to Communion your worship books (ELWs) so that you may continue to join in singing the hymns during the distribution.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Thy Holy Wings

ELW 613

Arise, Your Light Has Come

ELW 314

*BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

O Morning Star, fair and bright,
you have refreshed us again with heavenly food. You are our dearest treasure. Go with us now—today, tomorrow, every day—that we tell the story of your never-ending love and sing your praise both now and forever. Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

***BLESSING**

The God of glory dwell in you richly,
name you beloved,
and shine brightly on your path;
and the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN**

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

ELW 310

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



SERVING IN THE LITURGY

PRESIDING AND PREACHING MINISTER

Dennis Lauritsen, pastor

ASSISTING MINISTER

Carrie Watkiss

PARISH MUSICIAN

David Richards

LECTORS

Tom and Lavinia Myers

COMMUNION MINISTER

John Broussard

ACOLYTE

Ben Myers

GREETERS

Greeters needed.

USHERS

Janet Broussard and Gregg Valek

ALTAR CARE AND SACRISTAN

Fred Kuzel

UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

Martin Luther King Jr., renewer of society, martyr, died 1968

Wednesday, January 15

An American prophet of justice among races and nations, King was an eloquent preacher, a leader of the nonviolent resistance to race-segregated society, and recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. Born on this date, he was assassinated on April 4, 1968.

Antony of Egypt, renewer of the church, died around 356

Friday, January 17

One of the earliest of the Egyptian desert fathers, Antony gave away his sizeable inheritance and became a hermit. Later he became leader of a group of monks who devoted themselves to prayer, worship, and labor.

Pachomius, renewer of the church, died 346

Friday, January 17

Born in Egypt, Pachomius became a Christian while a soldier. He became a hermit (a solitary monk) and organized others into a religious community. His rule for monasteries influenced later ones in both the Eastern and Western churches.

Confession of Peter

Saturday, January 18

Today the church remembers the apostle Peter's great acknowledgment of Jesus as "the Christ, the Son of the living God." This festival serves as a fitting beginning to the week in which we particularly pray that all Christians might be united in faith and witness.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m., M-F.

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD, JANUARY 12

9:15 AM	Confirmation Class
9:30 AM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
10:15 AM	Liturgy of Holy Communion
11:30 AM	Youth Choir Rehearsal

MONDAY, JANUARY 13

6:30 PM	“Legends of the Game” Volleyball until 9:45 p.m.
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TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

7:00 PM	Overeaters Anonymous Meeting
7:00 PM	Windsome Quintet Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

6:30 PM	Co-Dependents Anonymous Meeting
7:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

7:30 PM	Congregation Council Meeting
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SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

11:00 AM	AA Big Book Study Group Meeting
7:00 PM	AA Group Meeting

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY, JANUARY 19

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9:30 AM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
10:15 AM	Liturgy of Holy Communion
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MONDAY, JANUARY 20

6:30 PM	“Legends of the Game” Volleyball until 9:45 p.m.
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Please Remember in Prayer . . .

Sheryl Hallmann, Dot Myers, Anne Gavac, Jerry Gaydusek, Helen Gaydusek, Karole Gaydusek, Mildred Mendel, Mary Sasuta, Mary Sordel, Bob Skudrna, Wally Kessler, and Steve Podzamsky.

Carol Zitko (*church secretary at Concordia Lutheran Church, Berwyn*), **Danny Orozco** (*co-worker of Tom Michaels*), **Jacob Kavicky** (*great-grandson of the late Betty Kavicky*), **Jessica Babiar** (*niece of Vera Borysek*), **Barbara Kessler** (*sister-in-law of Wally Kessler*), **Beverly Bartlett** (*aunt of Ann Head*), **Delores Linden** (*aunt of Martin and Ann Pennino*), **Donald Neal** (*brother of Barbara Kessler*), **Marguerite Boike** (*mother-in-law of Kristine Boike*), **Pat Pileggi** (*Helen Gaydusek's co-worker*), **Joe Caruso** (*friend of Wally Kessler*), **Eric Dennison** (*friend of Wally Kessler*), **Rev. James Kuemmerle** (*Pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church, Chicago*), **Nicole Kisiel** (*friend of Fred Kuzel*), **Ramona Daus** (*relative of Beverly Tarbox*), **Mary Costello** (*mother of Debbie Boor*), **Damon Cooke** (*relative of Wally Kessler*), **Dr. Craig Reckard** (*friend of Milan Oklepek*), **Gertrude Tarbox** (*mother of J.T.*), **Jim and Janie Tarbox** (*brother and sister-in-law of J.T.*), **Ralph Thompson** (*friend of Lois Mika*), **Dale Renville** (*son-in-law of Bev and Steve Podzamsky*), **Kelly Alvey** (*granddaughter of Bev and Steve Podzamsky*), **Alice Puglise** (*relative of Steve and Bev Podzamsky*), **Cpt. Kristopher Mabrigo** (*relative of Wally Kessler*), **Celia Martinez** (*mother of Rafael*), and **Mark Van Scharrel** (*former pastor at St. Peter and St. Paul, Blue Island*).

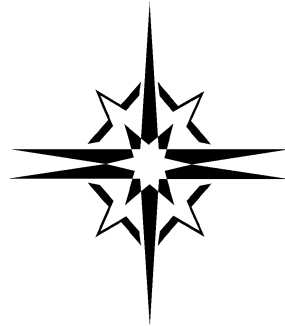
*Please let us know when people may be removed
from the prayer list and we will offer a prayer of thanksgiving for their healing!*

The flowers at the Lord's Table today are given in memory of dear husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather +**Alfred Kovalsky**+ on the seventh anniversary of his passing by loving wife Ludmilla and family. Flowers for the Lord's Table may be ordered by calling the church office. The price is \$20 per vase. Please make checks payable to Sts. Peter and Paul Lutheran Church. The final day for ordering flowers is Tuesday.

Chairpersons of all committees and organizations of the congregation as well as officers of the Congregation Council are reminded that their **annual reports are now due** in the church office. Printed packets, including these reports, will be available to the congregation next Sunday, January 19th—one week prior to the Annual Meeting of the Congregation on Sunday, January 26th.

They have arrived! **Offering envelopes for 2020** are now available for pick-up in the lower hallway adjacent to the dining hall. Please pick up envelopes for friends or relatives who are unable to do so. Karen in the office will be glad to mail envelopes to those who cannot make arrangements for their envelope pick-up.

Mission and Meal Sunday, January 26th



Epiphany International Potluck Luncheon
on the Third Sunday after the Epiphany of Our Lord
beginning at 12:30 p.m. in the dining hall following the

Annual Meeting of the Congregation
which will begin promptly at 11:30 a.m. also in the dining hall.

You are invited to bring your favorite ethnic dishes
(reflecting your various heritages if you like)
to share at the meal,
including main courses, side dishes, salads,
appetizers and desserts.
Email or phone in your selection(s) to a council member
or to the church office before January 22nd
or use the sign-up pages at the entrances to the church.

*Epiphany is the season when the Light of Christ
shines forth to all nations.*

*Come, celebrate this wondrous Season of Light
around our vibrant mission,
warm fellowship and friendship,
and international culinary delights!*

Current, Benevolence and Freewill Offering
January 5th, 2020

<i>Weekly Budgeted Offering for 2019:</i>	\$2,597.00
<i>Offering Received for the Above Categories:</i>	\$1,003.00
<i>Shortage:</i>	\$1,594.00



Baptism of Jesus, Castera Bazile, Portau Prince Mural

At our baptism, a hand is laid on us, invoking and inviting the Holy Spirit through benediction. Over our cleansed and blessed bodies willingly descends from the Father that Holiest Spirit. Over the waters of baptism reposes the Spirit, who glided down on the Lord in the shape of the dove. The very nature of the Holy Spirit was declared by means of this symbol of simplicity and innocence: accordingly Jesus says, “Be innocent as doves.” After the waters of the deluge, by which the old iniquity was purged—after the baptism, so to say, of the world—a dove was the herald that announced to the earth the placating of celestial wrath. The dove had been sent from the ark and had returned with the olive branch, which even among the nations is a sign of peace. In the same way, the dove of the Holy Spirit flies to the earth—that is, to our flesh—as we emerge from the font, bringing us the peace of God. —Tertullian (155-240 AD)