The First Sunday after The Epiphany: The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ

January 7, 2024



Trinity Church Jacksonville, Illinois

PRELUDE

Arise and Shine in Splendor Johannes Brahms

The Word of God

The Bell is rung; all stand for the Entrance Hymn.

Entrance Rite

ENTRANCE HYMN

We three kings of Orient are (Three Kings of Orient) (H 128)

OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 323)

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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.

Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY AND GREAT COMMANDMENTS (BCP p. 323)

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

OPENING ANTHEM OR SONG OF PRAISE S 202 Glory be to God (Canticle 6) (Willan) (BCP p. 324) 1. Glo - ry God on high, and earth be to on peace, good will towards men. 2. We praise thee, we bless thee, ship thee, we we wor glo ri - fy thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glo - ry, 3. O Lord God, heaven ly Fa-ther Al - might King, God____ the 4. O Lord, the on - ly be - got - ten Son, Je -Christ; 5. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, that of the way the sins have ta - kest world, mer - cy

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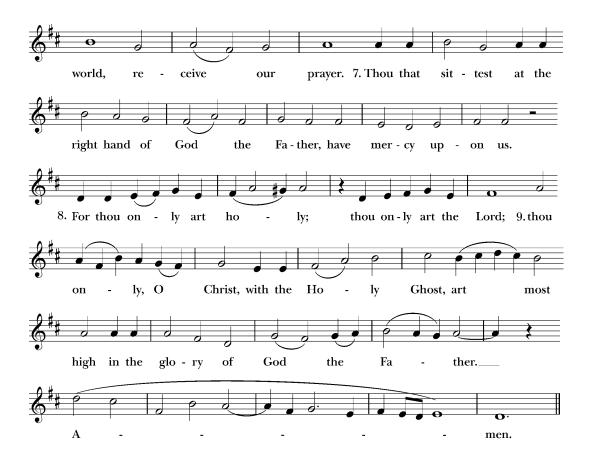
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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 325)

Celebrant The Lord be with you. People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan didst proclaim him thy beloved Son and anoint 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 thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen*.

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1-5

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of Genesis.

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

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

PSALM: Psalm 29

¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, * ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. ²Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; * worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness. ³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; * the LORD is upon the mighty waters. ⁴The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; * the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor. ⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; * the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon; ⁶He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, * and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox. ⁷The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire; the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; * the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

⁸The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe * and strips the forests bare.

⁹And in the temple of the LORD * all are crying, "Glory!"

¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; * the LORD sits enthroned as King forevermore.

¹¹The LORD shall give strength to his people; * the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

SECOND READING: Acts 19:1-7

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

¹While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ²He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." ³Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." ⁴Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." ⁵On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—
⁷altogether there were about twelve of them.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

All stand.

Cantor Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Cantor Arise and shine, O Jerusalem:

for the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

People Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Mark 1:4-11

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON (BCP p. 326)

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT (BCP p. 326)

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 the 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.

The Celebrant then sprinkles the People with Holy Water.

Celebrant I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean.

People And a new spirit I will put within you, says the Lord.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (BCP p. 328)

Celebrant: Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Lector: Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers especially Brian, Michael, Justin, and Zachary, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land especially Joseph our President, JB our Governor, Cail, Courtland, Levi, Rankin, and Thomas, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty, and we remember those celebrating anniversaries this week, especially, Anne, Abraham, and Fr. Kip.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor Charley, Sue, Yvonne, and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear especially Ruth and Tor, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. George, St. Andrew, St. Patrick, St. David, and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Celebrant: Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP p. 330)

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

Almighty God,

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

maker of all things, judge of all men:

We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins

and wickedness,

which we from time to time most grievously have committed,

by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty,

provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.

We do earnestly repent,

and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;

the remembrance of them is grievous unto us,

the burden of them is intolerable.

Have mercy upon us,

have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;

for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,

forgive us all that is past;

and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *I Timothy 1:15*

THE PEACE (BCP p. 332)

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with thy spirit.

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE (BCP p. 343)

The Celebrant says

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

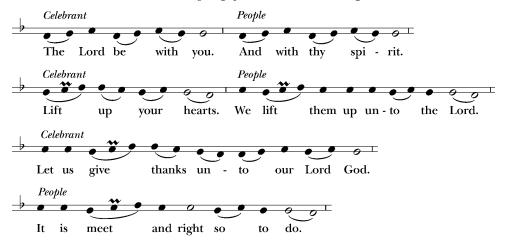
Is it Far to Bethlehem? L. McGlohon

OFFERTORY HYMN

What star is this, with beams so bright (Puer nobis) (H 124), vss. 1-3

The Great Thanksgiving

SURSUM CORDA S 112 Lift up your hearts (BCP p. 333)



PROPER PREFACE (BCP p. 333)

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

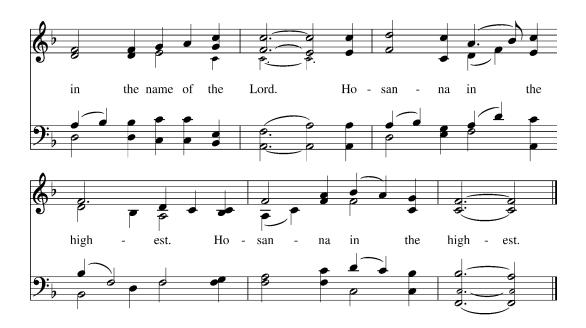
Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS

WLP 858 Holy, holy, holy (Folk/Pruner) (American folk melody) (WLP 858)





WORDS OF INSTITUTION (BCP p. 334)

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake 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, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee,

the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

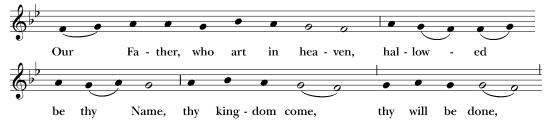
And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

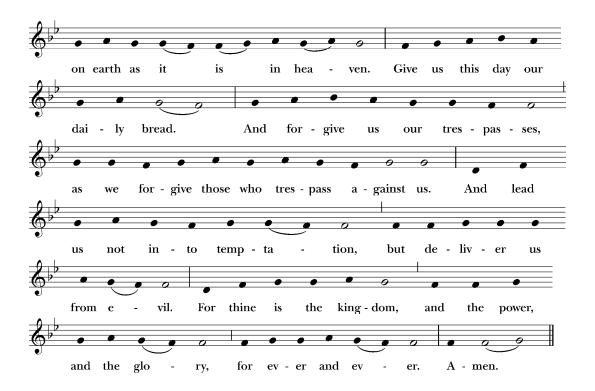
By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN*.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

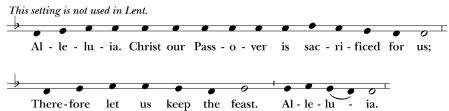
S 119 The Lord's Prayer (Traditional) (Plainsong/Douglas) (BCP p. 336)





The Breaking of the Bread

S 152 Christ our Passover (Chant/Martens) (BCP p. 337)



This setting may be sung full by all, or by the choir, or as a versicle and response.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS (BCP p. 337)

The following prayer may be said. The People may join in saying this prayer

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen*.

INVITATION (BCP p. 338)

The Celebrant says

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

What child is this, who, laid to rest (Greensleeves) (H 115)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 339)

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The People may join in saying this prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen*.

BLESSING (BCP p. 339)

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen*.

DISMISSAL (BCP p. 340)

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

As with gladness men of old (Dix) (H 119)

POSTLUDE

The Star Proclaims the King Is Here Johann Pachelbel

INTENTIONS AT THE PRAYERS

The Church

The Diocese of Springfield Brian, Bishop

The Episcopal Church Michael, Presiding Bishop

The Church of England Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury

The Region of Arequipa (Peru) Carlos, Vicar

Birthday

Baptism

Anne Logsdon (1/10)

Abraham Brooks (1/11)

Ordination

Fr. Kip Ashmore (1/7)

For those who suffer from any sickness or distress

Charley Sue Yvonne

Those on active military duty and in law enforcement

Levi Haley Thomas Ramsay Courtland Woodruff

Cail Lang Samuel Rankin Weller

The Departed

Ruth Tor

MINISTRY AND CALENDAR

The Very Reverend Zachary D. Brooks, Celebrant

Organist: Mary Wilson Lector: Alice Tracey

Acolytes: Bruce Evans & Clayton Robb Altar Guild: Lisa Haley, Helen Keaton

Jo Ann Nelson, Abby Radcliffe

Ushers: Chuck Crim & Volunteer
Coffee Hour: Liz Aldridge & Janet Mitchell

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The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:

Ruth Stafford Kovacs and Tor Kovacs

"May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace, and rise in glory."

Wednesday, January 10: 10:00 am Holy Eucharist

Sunday, January 14:

THE 2nd SUNDAY after the Epiphany (Feast of our Lord)

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8:00 am The Holy Eucharist 8:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am The Holy Eucharist

Church School

Morning Prayer is said at 10 am on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

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