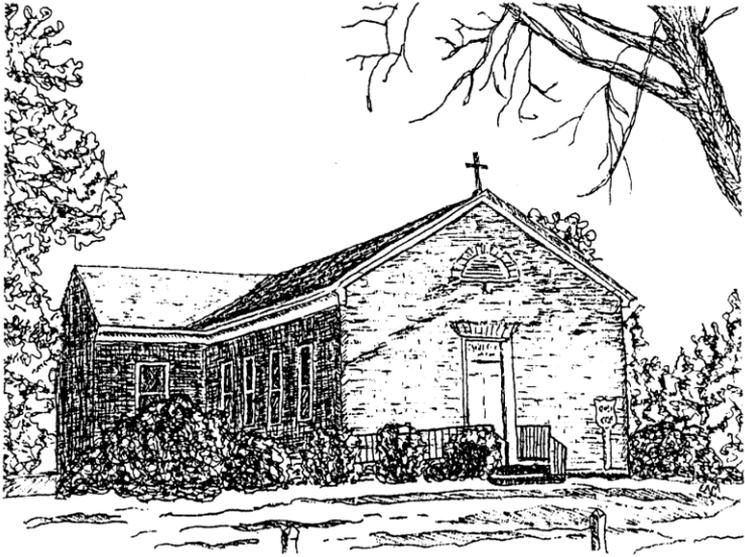


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First Sunday after the Epiphany
Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord
Holy Eucharist Rite II

January 10, 2021
10:30 a.m.

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude – Hymn 121 – Christ, When for Us You
Were Baptized

Opening Hymn – WLP 769 – I Believe in God
Almighty

The Opening Acclamation

The people standing, the Celebrant says

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

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

The Collect for Purity

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

A Song of Praise

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his 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.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray

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.*

A Reading from the Book of Genesis

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the 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. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and

there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. (1:1-5)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29

Afferte Domino

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, *
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his 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;

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

The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;
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 for
evermore.

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

A Reading from The Acts of the Apostles

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He 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." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul 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." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— altogether there were about twelve of them. (19:1-7)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

A Reading from the Holy Gospel

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And 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. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He 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. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And 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. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." (1:4-11)

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Fr. Daniel Johnson, OPA

Renewal of 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 the bread, and in the
prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

The Prayers of the People

*The People are asked to pray for the Church, the
nations and their leaders, those in need, and the
dead.*

*After each petition, a period of silence will be
observed.*

*The Officiant concludes with a collect, and the
People respond*

Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always
with you.

People And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

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 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.

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

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.

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 the Blessed Virgin Mary, St.
Joseph 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,

Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your Name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,
 and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread

A period of silence is kept

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is
 sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast.
 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.

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Spiritual Communion for those Unable to Receive

For those watching the service on Zoom or Facebook Live, the following prayer may be said during communion:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

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After Communion, the Celebrant says

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

Serving Today

<i>Celebrant</i>	Fr. Daniel Johnson, OPA
<i>Deacon</i>	The Rev. Deacon Margaret Haight
<i>Piano/Organ</i>	Hannah Massey
<i>Cantor</i>	Pat Gibbons
<i>Reader</i>	Linda Rooney

Online Services

Tuesday – Friday

- 8:30 am Morning Prayer (Zoom)
- 12:30 pm Noonday Prayer (Facebook Live)
- 5:00 pm Evening Prayer (Zoom)
- 8:30 pm Compline (Facebook Live)

Tuesday and Thursday

- 8:00 am Centering Prayer (Zoom)

Online Resources

Book of Common Prayer

<https://www.bcponline.org/>

Enriching our Worship 1

<https://www.churchpublishing.org/siteassets/pdf/enriching-our-worship-1/enrichingourworship1.pdf>

Christ Church Website

<http://www.christchurchspotsy.com/>

Episcopal Church Resources

<https://episcopalchurch.org/resource-library>