

# THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

## The Baptism of our Lord

January 10, 2021

Prelude "How brightly shines the morning star" Egil Hovland

Hymn #135 "Songs of thankfulness and praise" *Salzburg*  
*Verses 1 and 2 only*

1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Jes - us, Lord, to thee we raise,  
2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro-phet, Priest, and King su - preme;  
3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;  
4 Man - i - fest on moun - tain height, shin - ing in re - splen - dent light,

man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;  
and at Ca - na, wed - ding - guest, in thy God - head man - i - fest;  
man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;  
where dis - ci - ples filled with awe thy trans - fi - gured glo - ry saw.

branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;  
man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill;  
When from there thou led - dest them stead - fast to Je - ru - sa - lem,

an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
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cross and Eas - ter Day at - test God in man made man - i - fest.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### Gathering

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

*People* ***And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.***

### Collect of the Day

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*All* ***And also with you.***

*Presider* Let us pray.

*All* 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.***

### The Word of God

#### First Reading: Genesis 1:1-5

A Reading from Genesis.

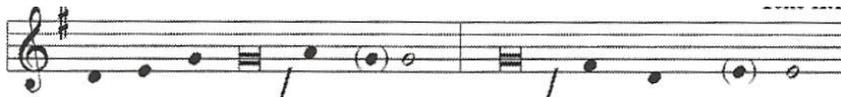
In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated 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.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People* ***Thanks be to God.***

#### Psalm 29

#### Tone II.1



*Please sing only one pitch on underlined syllables.*

#### 1 Cantor

Ascribe to the LORD, you /gods, \*  
ascribe to the LORD glo/ry and strength.

#### 2 All

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his /Name; \*  
worship the LORD in the beauty of / holiness.

### 3 Cantor

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

### 4 All

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

### 5 Cantor

The voice of the LORD breaks the / cedar trees; \*  
the LORD breaks the cedars of / Lebanon;

### 6 All

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

### 7 Cantor

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.

### 8 All

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

### 9 Cantor

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

### 10 All

The LORD sits enthroned above the / flood; \*  
the LORD sits enthroned as King for / evermore.

### 11 Cantor

The 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 Acts.

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.

*Reader* Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation



### Gospel Reading: Mark 1:4-11

*Presider* 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."

*Presider* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon** The Rev. Eric Biddy

*Presider:* Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in the holy Catholic Church.

*Presider* Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ:

*People* **I do!**

## The Baptismal Covenant

- Presider* Do you believe in God the Father?  
*People* *I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.*
- Presider* 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.*
- Presider* 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.*
- Presider* 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.*
- Presider* 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.*
- Presider* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?  
*People* *I will, with God's help.*
- Presider* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People*      ***I will, with God's help.***

*Presider*    Will you proclaim by word and example the Good  
News of God in Christ?

*People*      ***I will, with God's help.***

*Presider*    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 of the People**

*Presider*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Leader*

For all people in their daily life and work;

***For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.***

For this community, the nation, and the world;

***For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.***

For the just and proper use of your creation;

***For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.***

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

***For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.***

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

***For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.***

For Paula, Julio, and Joseph; for Kendall and Mary Kay, and for all bishops and other  
ministers;

***For all who serve God in the Church.***

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation including the **Biddy family, Sylvia, Nancy, Jeremy, Nick and Sherry, Kevin, David, Liam, Richard** (Martin), **Eunice** (Lewis), **Laura** (Rabb, Carla Bukalski's sister-in-law), **Richard** (Rabb, Carla Bukalski's father), **Kelly, Anna, Edward and Vaughn**; and for others we now name . . .

Hear us, Lord;

***For your mercy is great.***

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life including the birthdays this week of **Lauren** Walters (1/11), **Abraham** Harrison (1/13/), **Marty** Dunlavy (1/16); the anniversary of **Greg & Katie** Dunlavy (1/11); and other blessings we now name . . . . .

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
*And praise your Name for ever and ever.*

We pray for all who have died, including **Betsy** (*Briere*) and others we now name . . . that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
*Who put their trust in you.*

*Presider* O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **Confession and Absolution**

*Presider* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

*Presider* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

### **The Peace**

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

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

*All greet one another in the name of Christ.*

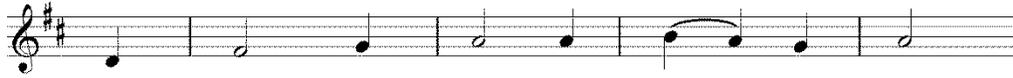
### **Welcome and Announcements**

Hymn #120

“The sinless one to Jordan came”

*Solemnis haec festivitas*

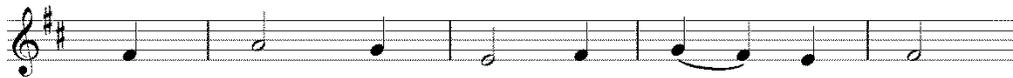
*Verses 1 and 2 only*



1 The sin - less one to Jor - dan came,  
 2 Up - ris - ing from the wat - ers there,  
 3 A - bove him see the heaven - ly Dove,  
 4 How blest that mis - sion then be - gun  
 5 O Christ, may we bap - tized from sin,  
 6 On you may all your peo - ple feed,



1 and in the riv - er shared our stain;  
 2 the Fa - ther's voice did then de - clare  
 3 the sign of God the Fa - ther's love,  
 4 to heal and save a race un - done!  
 5 go forth with you a world to win:  
 6 and know you are the Bread in - deed,



1 God's right - eous - ness he thus ful - filled,  
 2 that Christ, the Son of God, had come  
 3 now by the Ho - ly Spi - rit shed  
 4 Straight to the wil - der - ness he goes  
 5 grant us the Ho - ly Spi - rit's power  
 6 who gives e - ter - nal life to those



1 and chose the path his Fa - ther willed.  
 2 to lead his scat - tered peo - ple home.  
 3 up - on the Son's a - noint - ed head.  
 4 to wres - tle with his peo - ple's foes.  
 5 to shield us in temp - ta - tion's hour.  
 6 that with you died, and with you rose.

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**THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

**Eucharistic Prayer A**

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

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

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* ***It is right to give God thanks and praise.***

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth through Jesus Christ our Lord; 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:

***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. The Presider continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Presider and People*

***Christ has died.***

***Christ is risen.***

***Christ will come again.***

*The Presider continues*

Remembering his death and resurrection, we long for the day when we can again share the bread and wine together. Until that day, remind us that every meal is holy and that your Son awaits an invitation to our table. Though we cannot receive the body of Christ, send your Holy Spirit upon us that we might be the Body of Christ in our homes and in the world.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.**

*Presider*

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

*All*

*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.*

*Silence*

**An Act of Spiritual Communion**

*The People pray together the following*

*God of infinite mercy,  
We thank you for Jesus our Savior, our true Mother  
Who feeds us and gives us eternal life.  
Though we cannot consume the gifts of bread and wine,  
We thank you that we have received the sacrament of Christ's presence,  
The forgiveness of sins, and all other benefits of Christ's passion.  
Grant that we may continue for ever in the Risen Life of our Savior,  
Who with you and the Holy Spirit,  
Lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

*Silence, and then the People join in this prayer:*

*Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with your Word and living presence among us.  
and for assuring us*

*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 for ever. Amen.*

### **The Blessing**

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

### **Hymn #121**

“Christ, when for us you were baptized”

*Caithness*

*Verses 1, 2 and 3 only*

1 Christ, when for us you were bap-tized, God's Spi-rit on you came,  
2 God called you his be-lov-ed Son, called you his ser-vant true,  
3 Straight-way and stead-fast un-til death you then o-beyed his call  
4 Bap-tize us with your Spi-rit, Lord, your cross on us be signed,  
as peace-ful as a dove and yet as ur-gent as a flame.  
sent you his king-dom to pro-claim, his ho-ly will to do.  
free-ly as Son-of Man to serve and give your life for all.  
that, like-wise in God's ser-vice we may per-fect free-dom find.

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### **Dismissal**

*Presider* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## **Serving Today**

<b>Readings</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Genesis 1:1-5 Psalm: Psalm 29 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Acts 19:1-7 Gospel: Mark 1:4-11
<b>8AM Lectors</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Marilyn Huebel Psalm: John Ramsey 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Marilyn Huebel
<b>Prayers of the People</b>	John Ramsey
<b>Voice of the People</b>	Bob Jones
<b>11 AM Lectors</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Alex Bukalski Psalm: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Don Gillies
<b>Prayers of the People</b>	Kelly Clissold
<b>Voice of the People</b>	Eddie Pearson
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Katie Kearns

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