



MORNING PRAYER

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

10 JANUARY 2021

Saint Paul reminds us that “neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (*Romans 8:38-39*) For the time being, we are physically separated from one other; yet, our community will continue to strive to be loving, joyous and inclusive. All you need to participate in this time of prayer is found in this leaflet.

VOLUNTARY

In thee is gladness

J. S. Bach

INTROIT

You love righteousness and hate iniquity;
therefore God, your God, has anointed you
with the oil of gladness.

Psalms 45:7b-8

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Officiant O Lord open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

All **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

HYMN 51 (*str.* 1 & 3)

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| 1 We the Lord's people, heart and voice uniting,
praise him who called us out of sin and darkness
out of sin and darkness into his own light,
that he might anoint us a royal priesthood. | 3 This is the Lord's day, day of God's own making,
day of creation, day of resurrection,
day of the Spirit, sign of heaven's banquet,
day for rejoicing. |
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PSALM 29:1-6; 10-11

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

- 10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; *
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The LORD shall give strength to his / people; *
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of / peace.
- Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 1:1–5

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 The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 120 (*str.* 1, 2, 3, 6)

Solemnis haec festivitas

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| <p>1 The sinless one to Jordan came,
 and in the river shared our stain;
 God’s righteousness he thus fulfilled,
 and chose the path his Father willed.</p> <p>2 Uprising from the waters there,
 the Father’s voice did then declare
 that Christ, the Son of God, had come
 to lead his scattered people home.</p> | <p>3 Above him see the heavenly Dove,
 the sign of God the Father’s love,
 now by the Holy Spirit shed
 upon the Son’s anointed head.</p> <p>6 On you may all your people feed,
 and know you are the Bread indeed,
 who gives eternal life to those
 that with you died, and with you rose.</p> |
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THE SECOND LESSON

Mark 1:4–11

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.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SERMON

The Rev’d Sue Ouellette

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

Officiant I believe in God,

People **the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth;**

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.

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.

THE PRAYERS

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

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.**

SUFFRAGES

✓ Help us, O God our Savior;

R. **Deliver us and forgive us our sins.**

✓ Look upon your congregation;

R. **Give to your people the blessing of peace.**

✓ Declare your glory among the nations;

R. **And your wonders among all peoples.**

✓ Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;

R. **Never forget the lives of your poor.**

✓ Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;

R. **And your favor to those who are true of heart.**

✓ Satisfy your loving-kindness in the morning;

R. **So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.**

THE COLLECTS

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.**

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations unto your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

MEDITATION

Vidi aquam

David Hurd

Daniel Magee, soloist; Angie Jones, bells

Announcements may follow.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Prayers of intercession and thanksgiving are now offered and then the Officiant concludes with,

A PRAYER OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on us who have come to the waters of new birth; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you now and always. **Amen.**

BENEDICAMUS AND THE GRACE

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God!**

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**



*We thank Daniel Magee for serving as cantor and soloist this morning,
and Angie Jones for ringing bells.*

*The flowers at the High Altar are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Robert A.
Clark, Jane B. Clark, Shirley H. Tappan & David S. Tappan II*