HOLY EUCHARIST AND HOLY BAPTISM

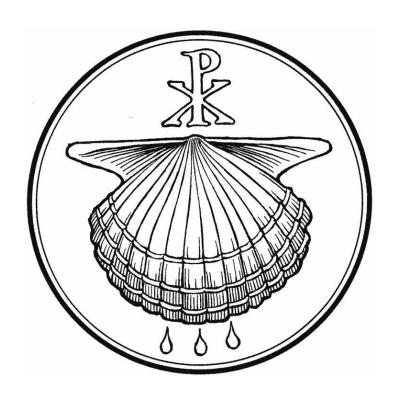
The First Sunday after Epiphany – The Baptism of our Lord

ST. PAUL'S ON THE GREEN | JANUARY 7, 2024 - 9:00 & 11:00AM

PRELUDE

Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern, P.501 - Johannes Pachelbel (1633-1706)

Please stand as the bell sounds.



HYMN IN PROCESSION



Words: Bianco da Siena (d. 1434?); tr. Richard Frederick Littledale (1833–1890), alt. Music: Down Ampney, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

The Celebrant intones

Blessed be God, who baptizes us into newness of life.

The People respond



Glory to God for - ev - er and ev - er.

SONG OF PRAISE



Words: Sts. 1–3, Christopher Wordsworth (1807–1885); st. 4, F. Bland Tucker (1895–1984) Music: Salzburg, melody Jakob Hintze (1622–1702); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

God of salvation, in the river Jordan you bathed your Son Jesus in glory and revealed him as your obedient servant. In spirit and in power rend the heavens and come down to us. Strengthen us to acknowledge your Christ, that we who are reborn in his likeness may walk with him the path of obedience. Grant this through Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, in the splendor of eternal light, God for ever and ever.

Amen.

THE LESSON seated 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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm is read reflectively, with a slight pause at the asterisk.

Ascribe to God, you heavenly beings, * ascribe to God glory and strength.

Ascribe due honor to God's holy Name; * worship the Most High in the beauty of holiness.

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

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

The voice of God breaks the cedar trees; * God breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

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

The voice of God splits the flames of fire; the voice of God shakes the wilderness; * God shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

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

And in the temple of the Holy One, * all are crying, "Glory!"

God sits enthroned above the flood, * enthroned as Sovereign for evermore.

God shall give strength to the people; * God shall give the people the blessing of peace.

Anglican Chant: William Crotch

THE EPISTLE Acts 19:1-7

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.

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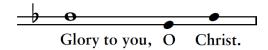
GOSPEL HYMN The People stand and turn toward the Deacon or Priest as the Gospel comes among the People.



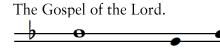
Words: G. B. Timms (b. 1910), alt.

Music: Solemnis haec festivitas, melody from Graduale, 1685; harm. Arthur Hutchings (b. 1906)

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



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."



Praise to you,

SERMON

The Rev. Canon Tim Hodapp Canon for Mission Advancement and Coaching The Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

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BAPTISMAL ACCLAMATION standing

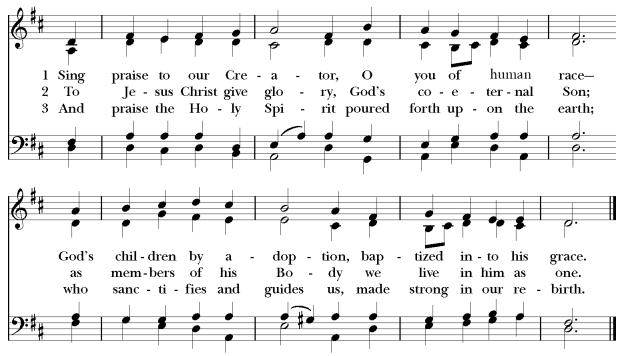
There is one body and one Spirit:

There is one hope in God's call to us;

One Lord, one Faith, One Baptism;

One God and Father of all.

HYMN IN PROCESSION TO THE FONT



Words: Mark Evans (b. 1916), alt.

Music: Christus, der ist mein Leben, melody Melchior Vulpius (1560?-1616)

THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

The sponsors present the baptismal candidate.

We present Atomica Anna-Boonsong Carneglia to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

We will, with God's help.

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ? We will, with God's help.

The Celebrant asks the following questions of the sponsors:

Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God? *I renounce them.*

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God? *I renounce them.*

Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God? *I renounce them.*

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior? *I do*.

Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

I do.

Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord? *I do*.

The Celebrant addresses the congregation.

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Atomica in her life in Christ? We will.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Let us join now [join with Atomica and] commit ourselves to Christ by renewing our own baptismal covenant.

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.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord? I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ? I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself? I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being? I will, with God's help.

Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect the beauty and integrity of all creation? I will, with God's help.

BAPTISMAL PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us now pray [for Atomica as she receives the Sacrament of new birth, and] for all of us as we are affirmed in our baptismal life:

After each petition, we sing/say:



Deliver us, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Open our hearts to your grace and truth.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Fill us with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Keep us in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Teach us to love others in the power of the Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Send us into the world in witness to your love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Bring us to the fullness of your peace and glory.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever.



The 9:00 am service continues with the Peace.

THE THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever.

Amen.

THE BAPTISM

Atomica, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The forehead of the newly baptized is anointed with oil.

Atomica, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever.

Amen.

The Celebrant concludes:

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.

Amen.

Let us welcome the newly baptized:

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Please share a sign of peace with those around you.

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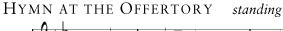
Thank You!

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY sung by the Choir at 11am

You are sealed with the spirit

Kaye Saunders (b. 1963)

You are sealed with the Spirit. You have put on Christ. Sing alleluia, sing!

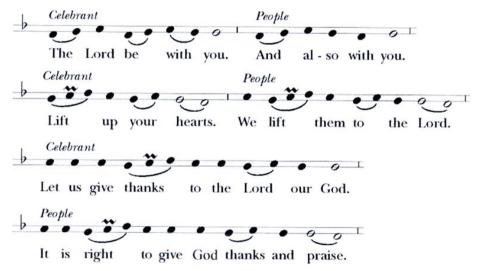




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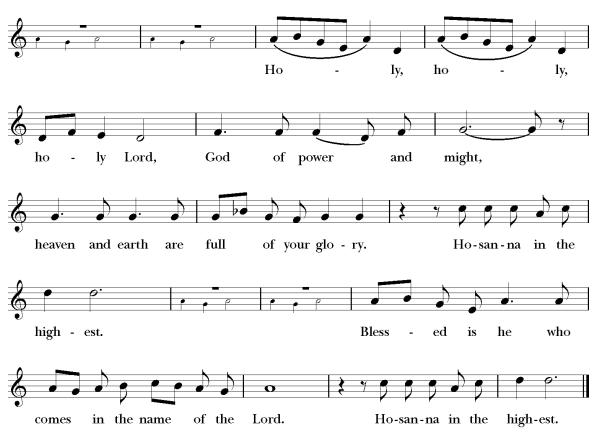
Music: Hereford, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



We praise you and we bless you, gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, fire, and water, and every living thing. You made us creators in your image and taught us to walk in your love. But we rebelled against you and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in your light and the fullness of your love. So this day we join with Saints and Angels in a chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS



Setting: William Mathias (1934-1992)

The Celebrant continues

All glory be to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor on Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus, the holy child of God. Living among us Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world into the heart of God, but we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

When the time came to complete the offering of his life, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take and eat; this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out 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:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Now gathered at your table, remembering that we are one with you and all creation, we offer to you from your own hand these gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your children from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory and praise, forever and ever.

People

A-men

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:



Setting: Nicolai Rimsky-Korsakov (1844-1908); adapted.

THE COMMUNION

The Celebrant breaks the bread and invites the People to Communion, saying

Bread of Life, nourish our souls.

Light of the world, shine in our hearts.

Everyone is welcome to receive the bread and wine of Communion. Please follow the direction of the ushers. Gluten-free bread is available upon request; grape juice is available in the blue-dot cups at the side altars. (For the health of all, we are no longer dipping the bread into the chalice wine by hand.)

Healing prayer is available in the side aisles for those wishing to pray with someone for any need in their lives.

All sing as the distribution of Communion begins:



Setting: William Mathias (1934-1992)

MUSIC AT COMMUNION sung by the Choir at 11am

Hymn: Spirit Divine, attend our prayers

Words: Andrew Reid (1787-1862) Music: Johann Cruger (1598-1662)

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The Light of Christ be in your hearts:

The small light that becomes a burning flame;

The warm light that grows into a great love;

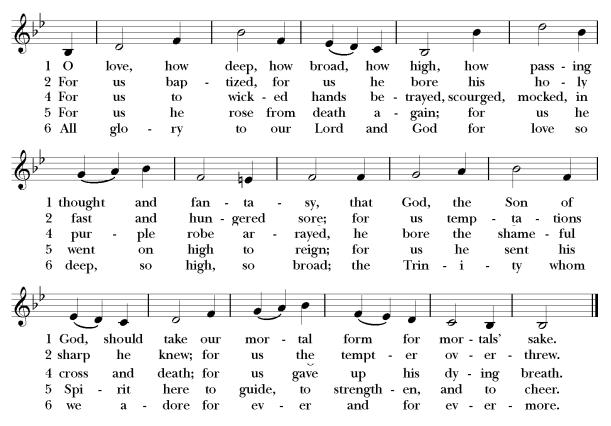
The bright light that leads us on our way.

And the blessing of God: Eternal Majesty, Incarnate Word, and Abiding Presence,

Be upon you now and remain with you always.

Amen.

HYMN IN PROCESSION



Words: Latin, 15th cent.; tr. Benjamin Webb (1819-1885), alt.

Music: Deus tuorum militum, from Antiphoner, 1753; adapt. The English Hymnal, 1906, alt.; harm. after Basil Harwood (1859-1949)

THE DISMISSAL

Let us go and tell the world that we have seen the glory of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Fugue in G Major, BWV 541 - J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

THE WORSHIP IS OVER - THE SERVICE BEGINS

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