



The First Sunday after the Epiphany: The Baptism of our Lord

January 10, 2021

Holy Eucharist, Rite One

8:00am

Masks, covering mouth and nose, must be worn at all times during this service.

The Word of God

Prelude

Opening Acclamation and the Collect for Purity

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

People And blessed be His kingdom, now and forever, Amen.

Celebrant 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.*

The Summary of the Law

Gloria to God in the Highest – *Gloria in Excelsis*

Glory be to God on high,

and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee,

we worship thee,

we glorify thee,

we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,

O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sins of the world,

have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,

receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,

have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy;

thou only art the Lord;

thou only, O Christ,

with the Holy Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

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 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.

The Word of the Lord/ *Thanks be to God.*

The Gradual Psalm 29 *Afferte Domino*

- 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.
- 7 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 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the Lord *
all are crying, "Glory!"
- 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.

The New Testament 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.

The Word of the Lord/ *Thanks be to God.*

The Gospel Mark 1.4-11

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Priest Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People I do.

Priest Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Priest 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.

Priest 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.

Priest 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.

Priest 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.

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

People I will, with God's help.

Priest Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Priest 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.

Priest May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayers of the People, Form I

Response: *Lord, have mercy.*

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant 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.*

The Peace

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer II

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Note on Communion: Please keep your mask on as you come forward to receive Communion. An usher will send worshipers forward by household. Remain at least six feet distant from those ahead of you. Receive the consecrated bread in your hands, stretched out as far as possible toward the priest, and hold it in your hands as you return to your seat by the side aisle. Once seated, briefly remove your mask, consume the consecrated bread, and replace your mask.

Postcommunion 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 & Dismissal**Postlude**



Welcome to St. John's! It is a blessing to be together in the worship of God, either online or in our outdoor service. If you would like to speak with someone about our church, please contact Holly Godwin with the Newcomer Committee at holly.harring@gmail.com. You can also contact the Rev. Nicholas Beasley at atnmb@stjohnscolumbia.org or the Rev. Scott Fleischer at srf@stjohnscolumbia.org.

Our Worship Today

Mark begins his gospel like no other writer. John begins with a retelling of the creation narrative, Matthew begins with a genealogy, and Luke begins by describing the historical context of Jesus' birth. But Mark begins with a quote from the great prophet Isaiah. These words foretell of the ministry of John the Baptist. Through his practice of baptism for the forgiveness of sins, combined with his message about the need for repentance, the people were prepared for the Messiah's ministry among them. Sunday's lesson culminates with the baptism of Jesus himself. John promises that Jesus' ministry will be even more powerful and significant than his has been.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the baptism of Blanche Anne Bryan by Les and Elizabeth Cotter.



St. John's Choral Scholar Katherine Kimbrough will be the cantor for the 9:30 and 10:30 services this week.

We welcome the Newly Baptized this Sunday!

We joyfully celebrated the baptism of Blanche Bryan, daughter of Bo & Frances Bryan, on Saturday January 9.

Those participating in today's worship:

Lectors: Bill Eccles (8:00), Benton Williamson (9:30), Michael Burkett (10:30)

Ushers: Jason Lockhart (9:30), Ben & Rebecca Mustian 10:30)

Greeters: Nicole Bell, Brock Dillard, Will Grice

Family Ministries

Feast of Lights

Feast of Lights is this afternoon at 4 pm! Participants, please arrive at 3:40, unless otherwise noted. Maggie is so thankful for all the help and patience she has received as we maintain this beloved St. John's tradition. Time to tell the story!

2021 in Family Ministries

Youth

- Bojangle's Tuesday 7 am. Begins January 5
- EYC in-person every second and fourth Sunday. Begins January 24
- EYC online every first and third Sunday. Begins February 7

Children

Backyard Bunch every first and third Sunday 9:30 am. Begins January 17

Keep an eye out for Lenten children's opportunities, beginning February 24.

Music Ministry

The Bell Choir will restart rehearsals this coming Wednesday, January 13th at 7:00pm in the Barr Center Gym. New members are welcome! Email Michael at mtb@stjohnscolumbia.org for details.

Rector's Bible Study

How can you know without any doubt that God is on your side—even in the darkest desert night? God spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. Deuteronomy captures Moses' final sermons to the Israelites. It tells us about God's promises and our choices. This 12-lesson in-depth study will encourage you with its reminders of God's faithfulness, love and grace. We will use a workbook from Community Bible Study called Engaging God's Word. If you are new to the group, sign up by emailing Fr. Beasley at nmb@stjohnscolumbia.org. We meet via Zoom on Wednesdays at 10:30 AM.

The Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study

The Men will be doing a ten week study of the book of Mark. "Mark's Gospel is a simple, succinct, unadorned, yet vivid account of Jesus' ministry, emphasizing more what Jesus did than what he said. Mark moves quickly from one episode in Jesus' life and ministry to another, often using the adverb 'immediately.' The book as a whole is characterized as 'The beginning of the gospel' (1:1)" (Kenneth Barker, The NIV Study Bible). If you're interested in participating in the study, you may pick up a workbook in the breakroom of Heyward Hall. This study meets via Zoom on Tuesdays at 7 am.

Join us on Zoom at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/77852888644>.

Prayer Requests

For Healing: Irene Barrineau, Edie Benson, Ann Bowman, Eric Branham, Margaret Buchanan, Evelyn Bull, Matthew Cooke, Landon Derrick, Barbara DeVillier, Nancy Dowling, Marty Dubber, Diana Edwards, Richard Follette, Elaine Folline, Melinda Franks, Parker Gibson, Joy Grimsley, Betty Gum, Fergie Horvath, Rod & Ginny Hungerford, Sawyer Jones, Alice King, Jim Knight, Jim Larkins, Frances Ligon, Stacy McClogrhy, Tim McConnell, Joey McCorkle, Steve Morris, Sarah Mustian, Alex Newcomer, Cese Newcomer, Landon Noblitt, Heidi Partain, Marsha Reid, Monica Rivera, Brandon and Randolph Shives, Katy Smith, Irene Smith, Mike Strong, Stephen Sutusky, Joanne Tate, Cilla Thomas, Kathy Thomas, John Tiller, Claire Trowbridge, Virginia Vincent, Faxie Watt, Brooks Wheeler, John & Pam Zemp.

For Expectant Parents: Davis & Catherine Bourne, Chris & Kelli Turnipseed, Adam & Lockey Plyler, Caleb & Zoe Wesman.

For Military Service Personnel: Hamilton Osborne III, Matthew Simmons, Camilo Morago, Byron Davison, Treb Courie, Brennen Fleischer.

Staff Changes

With the new year, St. John's welcomes a new member of the staff, Arthur Moseley, as part-time Facilities Assistant. Arthur is resident of Rosewood and has a contracting business. Arthur will make repairs and do maintenance for St. John's. You might notice his recent work pressure washing some of our exteriors and repairing sidewalk lighting and gutters.

We have also recently posted an opening for a part-time Parish Administrator, who will focus on managing St. John's facilities, technology, and office functions. While St. John's does not hire church members in administrative positions, your recommendation to Fr. Beasley would be much appreciated.

Parish Office Hours

We are expanding our weekday office hours starting January 11!

Monday-Thursday, 9-4:30; Friday, 9-12

Request for Furniture Donations:

A multi-generational family is moving from homeless into transitional house (St. Lawrence Place). If you would like to help provide the following items, please contact Anne Miller: annemiller@sc.rr.com

- a crib that converts to toddler bed
- twin beds = bunks or trundle with mattresses
- Medium sized dressers
- comfortable chairs for living area
- table lamps and floor lamps
- 8x10 Carpet
- side tables
- any appropriate "art work" or wall decorations

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