

**THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD (1 EPIPHANY)**

Morning Prayer

10:30 am EST Sunday, January 10, 2021

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**PRELUDE**

Shall we gather at the river?--American Spiritual, arr. Sam B. Owens

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

*"I come," the great Redeemer cries (This Endris Nyght)*

( H 116)

"I come," the great Redeemer cries,  
"to do thy will, O Lord!"  
At Jordan's stream, behold! He seals  
the sure prophetic word.

"Thus it becomes us to fulfill  
all righteousness," he said.  
Then, faithful to the Lord's commands,  
through Jordan's flood was led.

Hark, a glad voice! The Father speaks  
from heaven's exalted height:  
"This is my Son, my well-beloved,  
in whom I take delight."

The Savior Jesus, well-beloved!  
His Name we will profess,  
like him desirous to fulfill  
God's will in righteousness.

No more we'll count ourselves our own  
but his in bonds of love.  
Oh, may such bonds for ever draw  
our souls to things above!

**OPENING SENTENCE**

(BCP p. 75)

In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway  
for our God. *Isaiah 40:3*

**CONFESSION OF SIN**

**(BCP p. 79)**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

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

The Invitatory and Psalter

**VERSICLE**

**(BCP p. 80)**

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.  
*People* And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*Officiant and People*

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.

**ANTIPHON**

**(BCP p. 80)**

The Lord has shown forth his glory: Come let us adore him.

**INVITATORY**  
**(responses by half verse)**

**(BCP p. 80)**

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
    serve the Lord with gladness  
    and come before his presence with a song.  
Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*  
    he himself has made us, and we are his;  
    we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.  
Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise; \*  
    give thanks to him and call upon his Name.  
For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
    and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

**PSALM: Psalm 29**  
**(responses by whole verse)**

- <sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, \*  
    ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- <sup>2</sup>Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; \*  
    worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
- <sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders; \*  
    the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- <sup>4</sup>The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; \*  
    the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
- <sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; \*  
    the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- <sup>6</sup>He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*  
    and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- <sup>7</sup>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.
- <sup>8</sup>The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe \*  
    and strips the forests bare.
- <sup>9</sup>And in the temple of the LORD \*

all are crying, “Glory!”

<sup>10</sup>The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
the LORD sits enthroned as King forevermore.

<sup>11</sup>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 Lessons

**FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1-5**

A Reading from the book of Genesis.

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>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.

**FIRST CANTICLE *Blessed be the God of Israel (Thornbury)***

**(H 444)**

Blessed be the God of Israel,  
who comes to set us free;  
he visits and redeems us,  
he grants us liberty.  
The prophets spoke of mercy,  
of freedom and release;  
God shall fulfill his promise  
and bring his people peace.

He from the house of David  
a child of grace has given;  
a Savior comes among us  
to raise us up to heaven.

Before him goes his herald,  
forerunner in the way,  
the prophet of salvation,  
the harbinger of Day.

On prisoners of darkness  
the sun begins to rise,  
the dawning of forgiveness  
upon the sinner's eyes.  
He guides the feet of pilgrims  
along the paths of peace.  
O bless our God and Savior,  
with songs that never cease.

**SECOND READING: Acts 19:1-7**

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

<sup>1</sup>While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. <sup>2</sup>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.” <sup>3</sup>Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.” <sup>4</sup>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.” <sup>5</sup>On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup>When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—<sup>7</sup>altogether there were about twelve of them.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        Thanks be to God.

**SECOND CANTICLE**

***Glory to God (Canticle 20) (Powell)***

**(H S280)**

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.

### **THIRD READING: Mark 1:4-11**

A Reading from Mark.

<sup>4</sup>John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>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.

**HOMILY**            "You are My Beloved"

The Rev. Sarah A. Shirley

## **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**(BCP p. 96)**

I believe in God, 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

## **SALUTATION**

**(BCP p. 97)**

*Officiant*      The Lord be with you.  
*People*          And also with you.  
*Officiant*      Let us pray.

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**(BCP p. 97)**

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,  
forever and ever. Amen.

## **SUFFRAGES**

**(BCP p. 97)**

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
R. And grant us your salvation.  
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
R. Let your people sing with joy.  
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
R. For only in you can we live in safety.  
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.  
V. Let your way be known upon earth;  
R. Your saving health among all nations.  
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.  
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

## **FIRST COLLECT**

**(BCP p. 98)**

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.*

## **FOR RECOVERY FROM SICKNESS**

**(BCP p. 458)**

Everlasting God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers: mercifully accept our prayers, and grant to your servants who suffer ill health the help of your power, that their sickness may be turned into health, and our sorrow into joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **PRAYER FOR THE DEPARTED**

**(BCP p. 503)**

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our brothers Harry Upson and Robert Worrell, and our sister Katherine Kramer. We thank you for giving them to us, their family and friends, to know and to love as companions on our earthly pilgrimage. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life, so that in quiet confidence we may continue our course on earth, until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **A PRAYER FOR THE PARISH**

**(BCP p. 817)**

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **FOR THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS**

**(BCP p. 830)**

Watch over your children, Lord, especially Rick Thomas and Will Moore as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **PRAYER FOR MISSION**

**(BCP p. 100)**

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. *Amen.*

## **THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING**

**(BCP p. 101)**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,

and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

**A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM**

**(BCP p. 102)**

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.*

**CONCLUDING VERSICLE**

**(BCP p. 102)**

Let us bless the Lord.  
*Thanks be to God.*

**CONCLUDING SENTENCE**

**(BCP p. 102)**

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. 2 Corinthians 13:14*

## **RECESSIONAL HYMN**

*O love, how deep, how broad, how high (Deus tuorum militum)(v. 1, 2, 6) (H 448)*

O love, how deep, how broad, how high,  
how passing thought and fantasy,  
that God, the Son of God, should take  
our mortal form for mortals' sake.

For us baptized, for us he bore  
his holy fast and hungered sore;  
for us temptations sharp he knew;  
for us the tempter overthrew.

All glory to our Lord and God  
for love so deep, so high, so broad;  
the Trinity whom we adore  
for ever and for evermore.

## **POSTLUDE**

When Jesus came to Jordan--"Complainer" from Southern Harmony

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