



**First Sunday after the Epiphany:
The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ**
January 10, 2021

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

PRELUDE

ENTRANCE HYMN *Thou, whose almighty word* Hymnal 371

The Word of God

OPENING ACCLAMATION BCP p. 355

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly
love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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The following is sung, all standing

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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

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 Lessons

FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1-5

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of 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 The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.
Silence may follow.

PSALM: Psalm 29

Remain seated.

- ¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, *
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- ²Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; *
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
- ³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; *
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- ⁴The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
- ⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; *
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- ⁶He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- ⁷The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire; the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; *
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

- ⁸The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.
- ⁹And in the temple of the LORD *
all are crying, “Glory!”
- ¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; *
the LORD sits enthroned as King forevermore.
- ¹¹The LORD shall give strength to his people; *
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

SECOND READING: Acts 19:1-7

The people sit.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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 The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

GRADUAL HYMN

Christ, when for us you were baptized

Hymnal 121

All stand.

GOSPEL: Mark 1:4-11

All stand.

Celebrant 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.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Bill Ericson

Brief moment of silence to follow.

THE CREED

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All stand.

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant: Let us pray to our God whose Spirit breathes life into being, that through baptism we may be empowered as God's beloved children to share in the healing and reconciling work of Christ, saying: God shall give strength to the people; God shall give us the blessing of peace.

Celebrant: Fill your Church with the power of your Holy Spirit, O Gracious One, that we may bring the light of your blessing to the whole world. We pray especially for Justin, Archbishop of

Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Russell, our Bishop; Will, our Rector; and all other clergy and ministers of your church

God shall give strength to the people;

God shall give us the blessing of peace.

Let your gentle spirit be upon this nation and upon all in authority, that we may share in your work to bring forth justice upon the earth. We pray especially for Donald, our President; Joe, our President-elect; Kay, our Governor; Robert, our Mayor and Tony, Mayor of Orange Beach.

God shall give strength to the people;

God shall give us the blessing of peace.

Let your prophets to speak powerful words of repentance and transformation to the ends of the earth, that the breath of your creative love and the sound of your blessing may go forth throughout the world.

God shall give strength to the people;

God shall give us the blessing of peace.

Let your grace descend and dwell among the people of this community, that we may be united in love, abounding in compassion, and proactive in peace. We pray for all First Responders, Law Enforcement and Members of the Armed Forces, both at home and abroad, especially our parishioners Chris and John.

God shall give strength to the people.

God shall give us the blessing of peace.

Let the heavens open and your Spirit descend upon us, bringing your comfort and healing to all for whom we pray, especially for our parishioners Cal, Carol, Mike, Norma, Biff, Rose, Rick, Ellie, Betty, Doris, Ann, Al, Fred, the Waggoner Family, Dawn, Peter, Ann, Joy, Paul, Diane and all on our prayer list.

Hear our grateful thanks and praise for your manifestation of presence and grace in our lives and in the lives of others.

Welcome with your divine pleasure all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal domains.

God shall give strength to the people;

God shall give us the blessing of peace.

O God of heavenly powers, by the might of your command you drive away from our bodies all sickness and all infirmity: Be present in your goodness with your servants that their weakness may be banished and their strength restored; and that, their health being renewed, they may bless your holy Name.

God shall give strength to the people;

God shall give us the blessing of peace.

Sanctify, O Lord, those whom you have called to the study and practice of the arts of healing, and to the prevention of disease and pain. Strengthen them by your life-giving Spirit, that by their ministries the health of the community may be promoted and your creation glorified.

God shall give strength to the people;

God shall give us the blessing of peace.

Celebrant: Gracious and loving God, you have anointed your people with the waters of Baptism, and you have made us your beloved children: Let your Spirit spread mightily among us, that we may share in the work of your Son, bringing blessing and light to all the world in the power of the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

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The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

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.

The Priest stands and says

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

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All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another
in the name of the Lord staying in their places.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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The Celebrant says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5:2

OFFERTORY HYMN

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

LEVAS 120

Celebrant All things come of thee O Lord
People And of thine own have we given thee.

The Great Thanksgiving

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B

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The People remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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:

Celebrant and People

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 Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

People and Celebrant

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION

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Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

INVITATION

The Celebrant says

This is the table, not of the Church but of Jesus Christ. It is made ready for those who love God and who want to love God more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time or ever before, you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, not because the Church invites you; It is Christ who invites you to be known and fed here.

DISTRIBUTION

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The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people in their places.

The Bread is given to the communicants with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.]

COMMUNION HYMN

Like the murmur of the dove's song

Hymnal 513

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

The Priest blesses the people

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Songs of thankfulness and praise

Hymnal 135

DISMISSAL

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Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Please remain in your seats until an usher instructs you to exit.

Thank you for your patience.

POSTLUDE

WELCOME TO HOLY SPIRIT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

All who seek to know God in a deeper and more meaningful way are welcome to receive Communion. If you do not wish to receive the Sacraments, just cross your arms and a blessing will be given instead. Gluten free communion wafers are available. Please ask the priest as communion is distributed.

Those for whom we pray: Cal & Carol Hanson, Mike & Norma Minchew, Biff & Rose Johnson, Rick & Ellie Brandon, Katherine Stribling (Jan Waggoner), Laura Hermecz (Lillian Bemis), Billy Hermecz (Lillian Bemis), Kevin Hermecz (Lillian Bemis), Roy Hermecz (Lillian Bemis), **Betty Huechtker**, Betty Thomas (Lillian Bemis), **Doris Bryant**, Melody Taylor (Lillian Bemis), Marilyn Lewis (Lillian Bemis), Sam Gilfillan (Christine Ashley), Chris Hermecz (Lillian Bemis), Allie Marcoccia (Kathy Bowers), Nancy Wells (Kay Bradley), Carrietta Nelson (Lillian Bemis), **Ann Gurney, Al Vondrasek, Fred Waggoner**, Karen Foster (Ashby Jones), Martha Cole (Courtney Gibb), Bernice Waddell (Marilyn Quinn), Ross Ashley (Wiley & Christine Ashley), Pat Richeson (Kathy Bowers), Beverly & David Rivers (Evie Loftin), Daniel Kilgore (Barbara Smith), Clint, Easton & Brooklyn Jaeger (Alan Jaeger), **Waggoner Family**, Gayle Pierce (John Butterick), **Dawn Johnson**, Steve Burger (Cyndi & Jim Hill), George Caruso (Stillman Knight), Merle Walters (Cyndi & Jim Hill), Katerina Stepankova (Tim Hurst), **Peter Sanchez, Ann Marsengill**, Brooke Butterick (John Butterick), Mary Bourke Milligan (Dick & Lee Reid), **Joy Howell, Paul Smith**, Kurt Porter (Barbara & Paul Smith), Joann Parrish (Rick & Ellie Brandon), **Diane Livengood**

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For all First Responders, Law Enforcement and Members of the Armed Forces: Phil Gurney (USN), Scott Forrester (USAF), Joshua Goldsmith (USA), Blake Buskens (USA), Dillon Johnson (USA), Charlie Conner (USA), **Chris Miller (GSPD)**, Joseph Callaway (USN), Vincent Lau (USN), Jonathan Arthur (USA), Savannah Kichler (USAF), Jacob Wetzler (USN), Luc Lau (USM), Jack Taylor (USN), Snap Nelson (USM), Callaway Williamson (USN), **John Butterick (FMVFD)**

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In Thanksgiving for Anniversaries: Rose & Biff Johnson (10th)

In Thanksgiving for Expectant Mothers: Shauna Howell

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