



**The First Sunday after the Epiphany:  
The Baptism of our Lord  
January 10, 2021**

**Holy Eucharist  
at ten o'clock**

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Voluntary

When Jesus went to Jordan's stream

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Hymn 135, verses 1 & 2

Songs of thankfulness and praise

Salzburg

1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Jes - us, Lord, to thee we raise,  
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro-phet, Priest, and King su - preme;  
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;  
 4 Man - i - fest on moun - tain height, shin - ing in re - splen - dent light,  
 man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;  
 and at Ca - na, wed - ding - guest, in thy God - head man - i - fest;  
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;  
 where dis - ci - ples filled with awe thy trans - fi - gured glo - ry saw.  
 branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;  
 man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill;  
 When from there thou led - dest them stead - fast to Je - ru - sa - lem,  
 an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
 an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
 an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
 cross and Eas - ter Day at - test God in man made man - i - fest.

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 Music: Salzburg, melody Jakob Hintze (1622-1702); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Welcome

Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant*  
*People*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
**And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen**

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.**

Glo - ry to God in the high - est,

and peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heav - en - ly King,

al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you

thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

*a little slower*

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,

Senza Ped. Ped.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have

Senza Ped.

mer-cy on us; — you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther:

Ped.

re - ceive our prayer. For you a -

Senza Ped. *a tempo* Ped.

lone are the Ho-ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a -

lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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### Collect for The First Sunday after the Epiphany: The Baptism of our Lord

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** 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.**

### A reading from Genesis (1:1-5, NRSV)

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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 29

- 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.

**A reading from Acts of the Apostles (19:1-7, NRSV)**

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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn 121**

Christ, when for us you were baptized

*Caithness*

1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spi - rit on you came,  
 2 God called you his be - lov - ed Son, called you his ser - vant true,  
 3 Straight - way and stead - fast un - til death you then o - beyed his call  
 4 Bap - tize us with your Spi - rit, Lord, your cross on us be signed,

as peace - ful as a dove and yet as ur - gent as a flame.  
 sent you his king - dom to pro - claim, his ho - ly will to do.  
 free - ly as Son of Man to serve and give your life for all.  
 that, like - wise in God's ser - vice we may per - fect free - dom find.

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 Music: *Cathness*, melody from *The Psalms of David in Prose and Meeter*; 1635; harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

## The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (1:4-11, NRSV)

*At the Announcement, all say* **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."

*Gospeler* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sermon** The Rev. Jen Vath

## Renewal of Baptismal Covenant

Let us join with he who is committing himself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?

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

*Celebrant* 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.**

*Celebrant* 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.**

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

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* 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.**

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

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

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

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* 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.**

*Celebrant* Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect the beauty and integrity of all creation?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

## **The Prayers of the People**

*based on Form II*

*In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.*

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Alan and Gayle, our bishops, for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, especially for Rita, Anne, Zab, Richard and Lucy, Debbie, Kathy, Randy, Jimmy, and those family and friends of parishioners who have been commended to our prayers, for the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God.

Pray that they may find and be found by God.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed, especially Kristen Barbaro, Andrew Parthum, and Carol Loring. Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

I invite your prayers and thanksgivings either silently or aloud.

*Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

*Celebrant*

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.**

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**

The Peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

## **Offertory Solo**

At the River      *Words & Music by Robert Lowry (1826-1899)*  
*Adapted by Aaron Copland (1900-1990)*

*Michael Barrett, tenor*

*Shall we gather by the river, Where bright angels feet have trod, With its crystal tide forever Flowing by the throne of God.*

*Yes, we'll gather by the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river,*

*Gather with the saints by the river That flows by the throne of God.*

*Soon we'll reach the shining river, Soon our pilgrimage will cease, Soon our happy hearts will quiver With the melody of peace.*

*Yes, we'll gather by the river...*

**The Great Thanksgiving** – Eucharistic Prayer A

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*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.

*Here a Proper Preface is said.*

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:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord #858 [WL&P] Sanctus**

*American Folk Melody (Land of Rest)*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. \* Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

\*Optional text:

Bless - ed is the one

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*The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father

of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.**

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

### **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.**

**Fraction Anthem #875 [WL&P] Be known to us**

*Gary James (Born 1957)*

*Refrain (see next page)*

The bread which we break, alleluia,  
Is the communion of the body of Christ. *Refrain*

One body are we, alleluia,  
for though many we share one bread. *Refrain*

*Refrain:*

*Cantor or Choir*

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, } in the  
The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus }

1. Congregation | 2. Cantor or Choir

break - ing of the bread. Be bread. The  
The dis -

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### Prayer of Spiritual Communion

**In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. Since I cannot receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.**

**Communion Hymn 139, verses 1 & 2** When Jesus went to Jordan's stream

*Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam*

1 When Je - sus went to Jor - dan's stream his Fa - ther's will o -  
 2 The Ho - ly Spi - rit then was shown, a dove on him de -  
 3 He came by wa - ter and by blood to heal our lost con -

bey - ing, and was bap - tized by John, there came  
 scend - ing; the Tri - une God is thus made known  
 di - tion; he cleans - es, rec - on - ciles to God,

a voice from hea - ven say - ing, "This is my dear be -  
 in Christ as love un - end - ing. He taught, he healed, he  
 and gives the Great Com - mis - sion. Then let us not heed

lov - ed Son up - on whom rests my fa - vor."  
 raised the dead, yet, in his great en - deav - or  
 world - ly lies nor rest up - on our mer - it,

And till God's will is ful - ly done he will not bend or  
 to save us, his own blood was shed; but death could hold him  
 but trust in Christ who will bap - tize with wa - ter and the

wa - ver, for he is Christ the Sa - vior.  
 nev - er. He rose, and lives for ev - er.  
 Spi - rit that we may life in - he - rit.

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### Postcommunion Prayer

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

Hymn 449, verses 1, 2 & 6 O love, how deep, how broad, how high

*Deo Gracias*



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing  
 2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly  
 3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his  
 4 For us to wick - ed hands be - trayed, scourged, mocked, in  
 5 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he  
 6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so



1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of  
 2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions  
 3 dai - ly works he wrought; by words and signs and  
 4 pur - ple robe ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful  
 5 went on high to reign; for us he sent his  
 6 deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom



1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.  
 2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er ov - er - threw.  
 3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.  
 4 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.  
 5 Spi - rit here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.  
 6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

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**Announcements**

**Dismissal**

*The People respond*      **Thanks be to God.**

**Voluntary**

Agincourt Hymn

*John Dunstable (circa 1370-1453)*

**Everyone is Welcome at God's Table ~ Christ Church Andover**

**Serving at Today's Service**

- The Rev. Michael J. Hodges, celebrant
- The Rev. Jennifer M. Vath, preacher
- Barbara A. Bruns, organist
- Michael Barrett, soloist
- Frances J. Dodson, lector
- Jeff Aalto, videographer
- Rita DeLollis, flowers

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