

The First Sunday after the Epiphany

The Baptism of Our Lord

January 9, 2022

11:00 a.m.



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*Welcome to The Episcopal Church of the Ascension.
Here “we challenge ourselves and the world to love
like Jesus as we worship joyfully,
serve compassionately and grow spiritually.”*

Please remember to silence your cell phones.

The people may make the sign of the cross (optional) when this sign † appears throughout the order of the service.

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

The Word of God

The Organ Voluntary

Chant de Paix

Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

Please stand, as you are able, at the ringing of the bell.

The Hymn in Procession

Hymn 616

Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein

- 1 Hail to the Lord's Anointed,
great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free;
to take away transgression,
and rule in equity.
- 2 He comes with succor speedy
to those who suffer wrong,
to help the poor and needy,
and bid the weak be strong;
to give them songs for sighing,
their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying,
were precious in his sight.
- 3 He shall come down like showers
upon the fruitful earth,
and love, joy, hope, like flowers,
spring in his path to birth:
before him on the mountains
shall peace, the herald, go;
and righteousness in fountains
from hill to valley flow.
- 4 Kings shall bow before him,
and gold and incense bring;
all nations shall adore him,
his praise all people sing;
to him shall prayer unceasing
and daily vows ascend;

his kingdom still increasing,
a kingdom without end.

- 5 O'er every foe victorious,
he on his throne shall rest;
from age to age more glorious,
all-blessing and all-blest:
the tide of time shall never
his covenant remove;
his Name shall stand for ever,
his changeless Name of Love.

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 then continues

People There is one Body and one Spirit;
There is one hope in God's call to us;
Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People **One God and Father of all.**

Celebrant and People

WLP 900

Gloria in excelsis

John Rutter (b. 1945)

Glory to God in the highest
and peace to his people on earth

Lord God, heav'nly 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.

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 people sit.

The First Lesson

Isaiah 43:1-7

Thus says the LORD,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
For I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.
Because you are precious in my sight,
and honored, and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.
Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;
I will say to the north, "Give them up,"
and to the south, "Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth--
everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

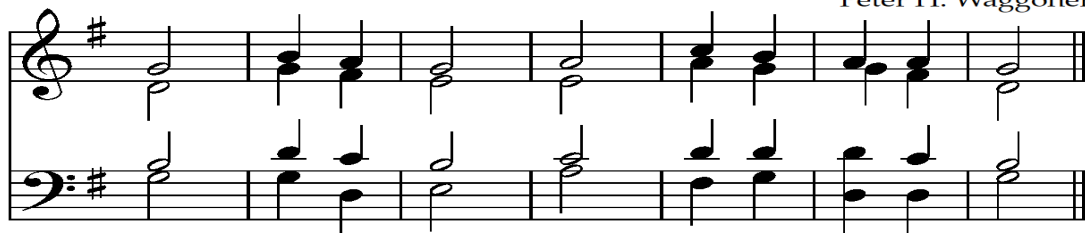
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response

Psalm 29

Afferte Domino

Peter H. Waggoner



- 1 Ascribe to the | LORD, you | gods, *
ascribe to the LORD | glö- | ry 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 up- | on the | mighty | waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a | power- • ful | 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 | wilder- • ness | of Ka- | desh.
- 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 a- | bove the | flood; *
the LORD sits enthroned as | King for | ever- | more.
- 11 The LORD shall give | strength • to his | people; *
the LORD shall give his people the | blëss- | ing of | peace.

The Second Lesson

Acts 8:14-17

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Sequence

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Carlisle

- 1 O God of gentle strength,
your love embraces me.
Within the sureness of your care
my heart rest willingly.
- 2 Your waters of rebirth
have claimed us as your own.
As members of one body,
we shall never be alone.
- 3 And when life's challenges
eclipse our minds with doubt,
let holy wisdom spark a flame
to drive the darkness out.
- 4 Where will the journey lead?
The path may be obscure.
But promised hope of things unseen
will keep our footing sure.

The Gospel

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. 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 Homily

The Rev. Terri Brice

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

The Celebrant may first address the people in these or similar words, all standing

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

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

People **I do.**

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 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.**

The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows

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.**

The Prayers of the People

Form IV, BCP

Deacon or other leader

Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

We remember all those who have asked for our prayers, especially Janet Whitner, Erle Newton, II, Josh Spearing, Denis Blanford, Howard, Sarah McLeod, Dan Bennett, Ken Garner, Kathy Vaughan, Anna Mae Braid, David Ronn, Del Ekendahl, Sam Hood, Shepard, Katie and Demi Jo Hatfield, Lindsey and Anthony, Paul and Rebecca Wilson, James Clark, and Chris Burns.

We pray for those who are currently serving our country in the Armed Forces including (names are in writing alternating weeks with those who have asked for our prayers) Kevin Jones, Charles Patterson, Lewis Patterson, Gabriel Thorn, Lee West, Bill Sanders, Christopher Briasco, Aaron Partlow, Rob Force, Joel Askins, Caleb, Jason, Stewart Baker, Cindy, Jake Jackson, Stovall Knight, Richard, Reese, Ryan Holman, Paige Blok, Greg Blok, Nate, Mike, Davis Smith, Chandler Celluzzi, Alli Padgette, Zachary Wallace, Stephen Moore, Taylor Tekesky, Will Rand, William Karpie, Samuel Spencer, Jason Lyons, Andrew McCoy, Robbie Grieder, Andrew Gaylor, Aubri Gaylor, and Brandon Titterington.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Peace

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

Parish Notices

The Offertory Anthem

Tantum Ergo

Michael Sitton (b. 1952)

The Presentation

Hymn 513

Bridegroom

- 1 Like the murmur of the dove's song,
like the challenge of her flight,
like the vigor of the wind's rush,
like the new flame's eager might:
come, Holy Spirit, come.
- 2 To the members of Christ's Body,
to the branches of the Vine,
to the Church in faith assembled,
to her midst as gift and sign:
come, Holy Spirit, come.
- 3 With the healing of division,
with the ceaseless voice of prayer,
with the power to love and witness,
with the peace beyond compare:
come, Holy Spirit, come.

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

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.**

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 in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow - er and might, — hea - ven 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. —

Setting: Calvin Hampton (1938-1984)

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 all your 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.**

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

Our Fa-ther in hea-ven, hal lowed be your
Name, your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth — as in hea - ven.
Give us to-day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we for-give
those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial, and de -
li-ver us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are
yours, now and for ev - er. A - - men. A - men.

Setting: Barry McLeod, from *Mass for the Church of the Ascension*, © 2007 Barry McLeod

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefor let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant and People

Fraction Anthem

WLP 875

Be known to us

Gary James (b. 1957)

Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.

or

The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

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

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Hymns during Communion

Hymn 134

Jesu dulcis memoria

- 1 O Light of Light, Love given birth;
Jesus, Redeemer of the earth:
more bright than day your face did show,
your raiment whiter than the snow.
- 2 Two prophets, who had faith to see,
with your elect found company;
the heavens above your glory named,
your Father's voice his Son proclaimed.
- 3 May all who seek to praise aright
through purer lives show forth your light.
To you, the King of glory, now
all faithful hearts adoring bow.

- 1 O thou who camest from above
the fire celestial to impart,
kindle a flame of sacred love
upon the altar of my heart.
- 2 There let it for thy glory burn
with ever-bright, undying blaze,
and trembling to its source return
in humble prayer and fervent praise.
- 3 Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
to work, and speak, and think for thee;
still let me guard the holy fire
and still stir up the gift in me.
- 4 Still let me prove thy perfect will,
my acts of faith and love repeat,
till death thy endless mercies seal,
and make the sacrifice complete.

If you are worshipping with us virtually, please pray the Prayer for Spiritual Communion.

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, and remembering particularly my own parish and those worshipping at home, I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. And particularly for the blessings given me... I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart.

†I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the people.

The Hymn in Procession

Hymn 116

This Endris Nyght

- 1 “I come,” the great Redeemer cries,
 “to do thy will, O Lord!”
 At Jordan’s stream, behold! He seals
 the sure prophetic word.
- 2 “Thus it becomes us to fulfill
 all righteousness,” he said.
 Then, faithful to the Lord’s commands,
 through Jordan’s flood was led.
- 3 Hark, a glad voice! The Father speaks
 from heaven’s exalted height:
 “This is my Son, my well-beloved,
 in whom I take delight.”
- 4 The Savior Jesus, well-beloved!
 His Name we will profess,
 like him desirous to fulfill
 God’s will in righteousness.
- 5 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!

The Dismissal

The Closing Voluntary

Prelude from “Suite Médiévale”

Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

The order of service from the Book of Common Prayer, 1979
according to the use of the Episcopal Church.

Calendar of Events

January 16, 2022 – The Second Sunday after Epiphany

- 9:00am Family Service with Holy Eucharist
- 10:00am Christian Formation for all ages
- 11:00am Holy Eucharist with Choir
- 12:15pm Fellowship in the Parish Hall

January 23, 2022 – The Third Sunday after Epiphany

- 9:00am Family Service with Holy Eucharist
- 10:00am Christian Formation for all ages
- 11:00am Holy Eucharist with Choir
- 12:15pm Fellowship in the Parish Hall

January 30, 2022 – The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

- 9:00am Family Service with Holy Eucharist
- 10:00am Annual Parish Meeting
- 11:00am Holy Eucharist with Choir
- 12:15pm Fellowship in the Parish Hall

February 6, 2022 – The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

- 9:00am Family Service with Holy Eucharist
- 10:00am Christian Formation for all ages
- 11:00am Holy Eucharist with Choir
- 12:15pm Fellowship in the Parish Hall
- 5:00pm Epiphany Lessons and Carols