

January 10, 2021 – The Baptism of Our Lord

Celebrant & Preacher

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Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn: Morning Has Broken

Gathering of the Community

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.

And also with you.

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.**

Collect

God of the heavens,
whose holiness is unveiled
by one who is submerged
in all the pain and sin of the earth:
give us faith to follow him
who goes to the heart of darkness
bearing only the Spirit of gentle, insistent peace;
through Jesus Christ, the promised one. **Amen.**

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.

GENESIS 1:1-5

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church
Thanks be to God.

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark:
Glory to you Lord Jesus 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." MARK 1:4-11

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Silence

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Blessed are you, O God, Alpha and Omega,
the beginning and the end.

You are the One who makes all things new.

To the thirsty you give water from the spring of the water of life.

You make the wasteland glad,
the desert rejoice and blossom,

turning parched ground into a refreshing pool
and arid terrain into an overflowing fountain.

By the gift of water you nourish and renew all living things.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

In the beginning, when darkness covered the face of the deep,
you breathed your Spirit over the waters,
calling forth life in abundance.

At the Red Sea, you drove back the waters by the strong wind of your Spirit,
opening up a path to liberation.

You released the children of Israel from the shackles of slavery
to dance and sing on the shore of freedom and promise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

In the Jordan,
you revealed Jesus as the one in whom your soul delights.

You anointed him to open the eyes that are blind,
to rescue the prisoners from the dungeon,
to set free those who sit in darkness,
and to bring forth justice to the nations.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Breathe your Spirit, O God, upon this water
And upon your servants who are washed and anointed
That we may share with your Christ in his death and resurrection.
Let there be no distinction among those
whom one font, one Spirit, one faith make one people.
Together, may we stand as a sign and foretaste of your Kingdom,
a covenant to the people, a light to the nations.
We give you praise and honour and worship
through your Child, Jesus the Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.
Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Prompt: Lord in your mercy,

*Response: **Hear our prayer.***

As we celebrate the baptism of Lord Jesus Christ, let us affirm our common faith in Jesus Christ, and our promise to follow his way.

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ? **I do**

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in God the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers? **I will, with God's help.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord? **I will, with God's help.**

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ? **I will, with God's help.**

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself? **I will, with God's help.**

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being? **I will, with God's help.**

Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth? **I will, with God's help.**

We have been welcomed and washed in the name of the triune God and marked as Christ own forever. May the Spirit of God be in you, wisdom and understanding keep you, the power of God encircle you, and God's truth lead you into freedom. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Offertory Hymn:

Down Galilee's Slow Roadways

Eucharistic Prayer #3

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 our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth,
you have revealed your eternal plan of salvation,
and have shown your Son Jesus Christ
to be the light of all peoples.

Therefore with angels and archangels
we raise our voices in joyful praise
to proclaim the glory of your name.

**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.**

We give thanks to you, Lord our God,
for the goodness and love
you have made known to us in creation;
in calling 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 Saviour 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 he was handed over
to suffering and death,
a death he freely accepted,
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, Father, according to his command,
we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;

and we offer our sacrifice
of praise and thanksgiving
to you, 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, made acceptable in him,
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.
In the fullness of time,
reconcile all things in Christ,
and make them new,
and bring us to that city of light
where you dwell with all 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 whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,
now and for ever.

Amen.

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,
We are bold to say,
**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,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread #6

We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.

**God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

The gifts of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

The Communion

Communion Hymn: Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Glory to God,
**whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask
or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation in the
church and in Christ Jesus, forever and ever. Amen.**

Blessing and Dismissal

Congregational Hymn: **God, Whose Almighty Word**

**God, whose almighty Word
chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight:
hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the gospel-day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light!**

**Saviour, who came to bring
on your redeeming wing
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind:
now for all humankind
let there be light!**

**Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving, holy Dove,
speed on your flight!
move on the water's face
beating the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light!**

**Gracious and holy Three,
glorious Trinity,
wisdom, love, might,
boundless as ocean's tide
rolling in fullest pride:
through the world far and wide
let there be light!**