

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER



THE EPIPHANY

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

JANUARY 10, 2021 - 10:30 AM

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

→ SLIDELL, LOUISIANA ←

— Prelude —

Thou Shalt Bring Them In | George Handel
(congregational singing is not allowed within the church at this time)

— Opening —

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

Celebrant 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.

— Gloria —

S280 | Robert Powell
Cantor: Cecile Torbergsen & Jim Epperson
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— the Collect of the Day —

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

Celebrant 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.***

— First Reading: Genesis 1:1-5 —

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
People*

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

— Psalm 29 —

*Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, *
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.*

*Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; *
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.*

*The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.*

*The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.*

*The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; *
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;*

*He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.*

*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.*

*The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.*

*And in the temple of the Lord *
all are crying, "Glory!"*

*The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; *
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.*

*The Lord shall give strength to his people; *
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.*

— **Second Reading: Acts 19:1-7** —

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***

— **Sequence Hymn** —

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise | Hymnal #135
Cantor: Cecile Torbergsen & Jim Epperson
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— **the Gospel: Mark 1:4-11** —

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***

— **Sermon** —

The Rev’d Harry Jenkins

— the Baptismal Covenant —
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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.

— Prayers of the People —

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Reader 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. Lord, in your mercy

All **Hear our prayer.**

Reader 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. Lord, in your mercy

All **Hear our prayer.**

Reader 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. Lord, in your mercy

All **Hear our prayer.**

Reader 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. Lord, in your mercy

All **Hear our prayer.**

Reader 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. Today we especially prayer for Heather, Gus III, Pat, Emily, the Page Family, Gloria, Karen, Randy, DJ, the Carlson Family, Melissa , Lea, Brad and Michelle, Maria, Terry, Linda, Lynda, Mike and Kristen, Fred, Jeff, Debbie, Kit, Ed, Bill, Ozzie, Danette, and Jas. Lord, in your mercy

All **Hear our prayer.**

Reader We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Erin, those with addictions, and the victims of COVID-19, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy

All **Hear our prayer.**

— Closing Collect —

Celebrant Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

— the Peace —

Socially distant/virtual exchange of the peace

— Announcements —

— the Offertory —

The Sinless One to Jordan Came | Hymnal #120

Cantor: Cecile Torbergsen & Jim Epperson

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— the Great Thanksgiving —

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Celebrant
People
Celebrant
People
Celebrant
People

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

Celebrant

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:

Soloist

***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.***

Celebrant

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,

All

***Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.***

Celebrant

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.

— **the Lord's Prayer** —

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Celebrant And now, as our Savior 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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

— **the Breaking of the Bread** —

Soloist sings Agnus Dei

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

The body of Christ, the bread of Heaven. The blood of Christ the cup of salvation.

(The ministers and the people receive communion)

— **Communion Hymn** —

Christ Our Lord to Jordan Came | J S Bach/Marcel Dupre

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— a Prayer for Spiritual Communion —

written by Teresa Berger

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the bread of life and the one true vine. I believe that you are truly present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist. I seek you. I worship and adore you. Since I cannot receive you in the eucharistic bread and wine, I pray that you will come into my heart and soul, that I may be united to you, by your all-powerful and ever-present Holy Spirit. Let me receive you, and be nourished by you. Become for me the manna in my wilderness, the bread of angels for my very human journey through time, a foretaste of the heavenly banquet, and solace in the hour of my death. I pray all this, trusting that you yourself are our Life, our Peace, and our everlasting Joy. Amen.

— Post Communion Prayer —

Celebrant Let us pray.

All ***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.***

— Blessing and Dismissal —

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

— Recessional Hymn —

O Love, How Deep, How Broad | Hymnal #448
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— Postlude —

Rondeau | *Joseph Mouret*
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