

MORNING PRAYER: RITE II

The First Sunday after the Epiphany: The Baptism of our Lord

January 10, 2021

The Prelude: Peace Descends
When Christ's Appearing Was Made Known
On Jordan's Stormy Banks
Wade in the Water

Lani Smith
German tune, arr. Hassler
C. F. Letson, arr. Tom Birchwood
African-American Spiritual, arr. Haywood

Words of Welcome

The Opening Hymn: 120 The Sinless One to Jordan Came

SOLEMNIS HAEC FESTIVITAS

The sinless one to Jordan came, and in the river shared our stain;
God's righteousness he thus fulfilled, and chose the path his Father willed.

Uprising from the waters there, the Father's voice did then declare
that Christ, the Son of God, had come to lead his scattered people home.

Above him see the heavenly Dove, the sign of God the Father's love,
now by the Holy Spirit shed upon the Son's anointed head.

How blest that mission then begun to heal and save a race undone!
Straight to the wilderness he goes to wrestle with his people's foes.

O Christ, may we baptized from sin, go forth with you a world to win:
grant us the Holy Spirit's power to shield us in temptation's hour.

On you may all your people feed, and know you are the Bread indeed,
who gives eternal life to those that with you died, and with you rose.

Words: George B. Timms (1910-1997) Music: *Graduale*, 1685; harmony Arthur Hutchings (1906-1989)

The Officiant begins the service with one or more sentences of Scripture.

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

All: **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

Jubilate *Psalm 100*

Officiant: The Lord has shown forth his glory:

People: **Come let us adore him.**

Officiant and People

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song. Know this: The Lord himself is God; he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; give thanks to him and call upon his Name. For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Officiant: The Lord has shown forth his glory:

People: **Come let us adore him.**

Psalm 29

Read in unison.

**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.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The First Lesson

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: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Canticle 17: The Song of Simeon *Nunc dimittis*

Officiant and People

Lord, you now have set your servant free to go in peace as you have promised; For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, whom you have prepared for all the world to see: A light to enlighten the nations, and the glory of your people Israel. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Second Lesson

Mark 1:4-11

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."

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

When Jesus came to Jordan to be baptized by John,
he did not come for pardon but as the sinless one.
He came to share repentance with all who mourn their sins,
to speak the vital sentence with which good news begins.

He came to share temptation, our utmost woe and loss,
for us and our salvation to die upon the cross.
So when the dove descended on him, the Son of Man,
the hidden years had ended, the age of grace began.

Come, Holy Spirit, aid us to keep the vows we make;
this very day invade us, and every bondage break.
Come, give our lives direction, the gift we covet most:
to share the resurrection that leads to Pentecost.

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The Homily

The Reverend Kevin Lloyd

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People

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

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray.

Officiant and People

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.

Suffrages B

Officiant: Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

People: Govern and uphold them, now and always.

Officiant: Day by day we bless you;

People: We praise your Name for ever.

Officiant: Lord, keep us from all sin today;

People: Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

Officiant: Lord, show us your love and mercy;

People: For we put our trust in you.

Officiant: In you, Lord, is our hope;

People: And we shall never hope in vain.

The Collect of the Day

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 Collects

The Officiant prays a series of Collects.

Parish Prayers and Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Please read together the names on our list, when prompted.

Together we pray for: *Alison, Anne, Bill, Bill, Caroline, Christopher, Courtney, Deanna, Faith, Florence, Hilary, Jean, Jerry, Jim, Joe, John, Lauren, Mason, Michael, Nick, Pat, Rock, Sandy, Stephanie, Tom.*

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

The Closing Hymn: 121 Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized

CAITHNESS

Christ, when for us you were baptized, God's Spirit on you came,
as peaceful as a dove and yet as urgent as a flame.

God called you his beloved Son, called you his servant true,
sent you his kingdom to proclaim, his holy will to do.

Straightway and steadfast until death you then obeyed his call
freely as Son of Man to serve and give your life for all.

Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord, your cross on us be signed,
that, likewise in God's service we may perfect freedom find.

Words: F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984), rev.

Music: *The Psalms of David in Prose and Meeter*, 1635; Harmony *The English Hymnal*, 1906

The Exchange of the Peace

The Postlude: Hail to the Lord's Anointed

German folk song, arr. H. W. Davies