



January 10, 2021 at 10 a.m.

Liturgy of the Word for the

First Sunday after the Epiphany:

The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Welcome to Christ Church!

Thank you for joining us. You can worship with us on [Facebook](#).

We invite and encourage your full participation in our worship this morning. This service bulletin is the only document you'll need to participate in this morning's liturgy.

We are blessed because of your presence here, and we want to do everything possible to make you feel at home. You are welcome here!



Loving God and neighbor, as Jesus teaches

Welcome and Announcements

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Prelude for Organ

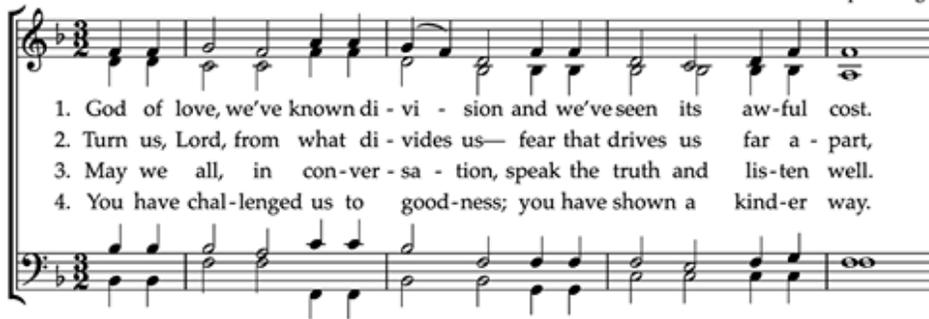
Hymn Prelude on "Forest Green"

Paul Manz (1919-2009)

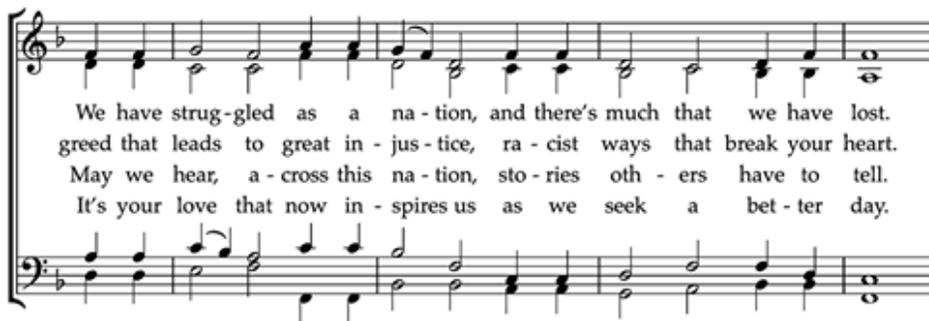
God of Love, We've Known Division

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2020

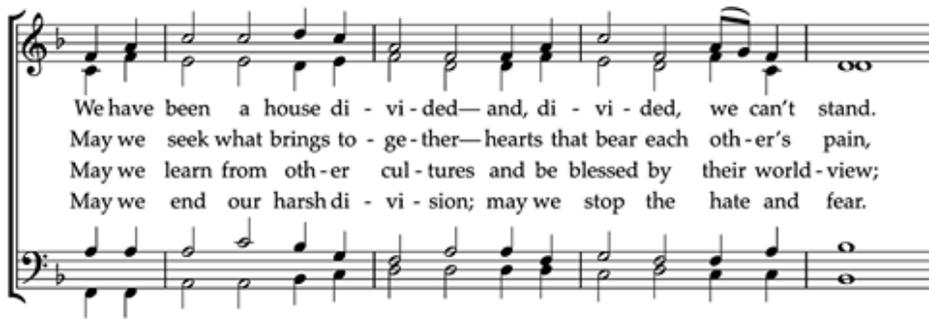
Beach Spring, attr. B. F. White;
harm. Christopher Gage



1. God of love, we've known di - vi - sion and we've seen its aw-ful cost.
2. Turn us, Lord, from what di - vides us— fear that drives us far a - part,
3. May we all, in con-ver - sa - tion, speak the truth and lis-ten well.
4. You have chal-lenged us to good-ness; you have shown a kind-er way.



We have strug-gled as a na - tion, and there's much that we have lost.
greed that leads to great in - jus - tice, ra - cist ways that break your heart.
May we hear, a - cross this na - tion, sto - ries oth - ers have to tell.
It's your love that now in - spires us as we seek a bet - ter day.



We have been a house di - vi - ded— and, di - vi - ded, we can't stand.
May we seek what brings to - ge - ther— hearts that bear each oth - er's pain,
May we learn from oth - er cul - tures and be blessed by their world - view;
May we end our harsh di - vi - sion; may we stop the hate and fear.



May our na - tion be u - ni - ted; give us peace through - out this land.
care and mer - cy toward our neigh - bors, love that wel - comes stran - gers in.
May we serve with one a - noth - er— lov - ing oth - ers, lov - ing you.
Make us one, Lord, as a na - tion; may we be u - ni - ted here.

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The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be the One, Holy, and Living God.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. 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 inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A moment of silence is kept.

All 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.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

All 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 LESSONS

The First Lesson

Genesis 1:1-5

Lector 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.

At the conclusion of the reading:

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29

Psalter for the Christian People, pp. 41-42

The psalm is read responsively, breaking at the asterisk ().*

Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, *

ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory that is due the holy 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;

The LORD 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 Sovereign for evermore.

The LORD shall give strength to the chosen people; *

the LORD shall give the people the blessing of peace.

The Epistle

Acts 19:1-7

Lector 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.

At the conclusion of the reading:

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

People Thanks be to God.

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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The Gospel

Mark 1:4-11

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Celebrant 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."

At the conclusion of the reading:

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Nicholas Morris-Kliment

A moment of silent reflection follows the sermon.

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 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.

Prayers of the People

adapted from Times and Seasons, The Church of England

Please stand or kneel or sit, as able and comfortable.

Intercessor Jesus calls us out of despair into his marvelous light. Washed clean by the waters of baptism, let us pray that we may live the life to which he has called us. Lord Jesus, eternal Word, proclaimed as the Christ by John the forerunner, hear us as we pray for all who proclaim your word ... Lord of truth,

People hear our prayer.

Intercessor Lord Jesus, baptizing with the Spirit and with fire, strengthen us to withstand all the trials of our faith ... Lord of truth,

People hear our prayer.

Intercessor Lord Jesus, bringing forgiveness to all who repent, teach your Church dependence on your grace ... Lord of truth,

People hear our prayer.

Intercessor Lord Jesus, fulfilment of the promises of old, give hope to all who suffer or are ignored ... Lord of truth,

People hear our prayer.

Intercessor Lord Jesus, beloved Son of the Father, anoint us with the gifts of your Holy Spirit ... Lord of truth,

People hear our prayer.

Intercessor Lord Jesus, bringer of hope, share with all the faithful the riches of eternal life ... Lord of truth,

People hear our prayer.

Celebrant Lord Jesus Christ, in you the Father makes us and all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, make known your heavenly glory. **Amen.**

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

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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.

Offertory Sentence

Officiant O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power; because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being. *Revelation 4:11*

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Offertory Anthem

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day arr. Richard Shephard (b.1949)

The Christ Church Quartet

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day, I would my true love did so chance to see the legend of my play, to call my true love to my dance; (Refrain) Sing O my love, This have I done for my true love. Then was I born of a virgin pure, Of her I took fleshly substance. Thus was I knit to a man's nature, to call my true love to the dance. In a manger laid and wrapped I was, So very poor; this was my chance, Betwixt an ox and a silly poor ass, to call my true love to my dance. Then afterwards baptized I was; The Holy Ghost on me did glance, My Father's voice heard from, above, to call my true love to my dance.

A General Thanksgiving

Book of Common Prayer, p. 836

All Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. Amen.

Hymn 398

I sing the almighty power of God

Tune: *Forest Green*

1 I sing the al-might - y power of God, that made the moun-tains rise,
 2 I sing the good - ness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food;
 3 There's not a plant or flower be - low, but makes thy glo - ries known;

that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the lof - ty skies.
 he formed the crea-tures with his Word, and then pro-nounced them good.
 and clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, by or - der from thy throne;

I sing the wis - dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day;
 Lord, how thy won - ders are dis - played, wher - e'er I turn my eye,
 while all that bor - rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,

the moon shines full at his com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.
 if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!
 and ev - ery - where that I could be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

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Concluding Blessing

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May Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of the Divine glory and gladden your hearts with the good news of God's kingdom; and the blessing God almighty—Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit—be with you now and always. **Amen.**

Organ Postlude

Hymn Prelude on "Christ, when for us you were baptized"

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Prayers of the People

This week in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia. Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Alan and Gayle, our Bishops; Amy, Dean of our Cathedral; Carol, our Regional Canon; and Nick, our priest. Also, our companion parish at St. Luc's, Lazil, Haiti and our siblings at the MANNA Community in Boston.

This week in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray the Parishes of the Boston Harbor Deanery: Emmanuel Church, Boston; St. Augustine's & St. Martin's Church, Boston; Deans; Deanery Coconveners; and Greater Boston Interfaith Organization.

In the Needham Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the First Baptist Church and Needham Firefighters.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:
Edward Mentzer, Helen B. Hurtgen, Augustus & Elsie Smith from Jane Mentzer
Skilky Eaton from Tedi Eaton

Your prayers are requested for Ingrid H., Margaret B. and family, Sharon, Tom C., Bob P., Marian G., Jeff M., Martin W., Richard, Leo, Sommer, Meghan, Jim, Linda, Sara Y., Carol M., Jenny, Geoff C., Kathryn M., Robert B., Jennifer P., Linda B., Kara J., Sarah, Michael, Gail, Thomas, Linda F., and Betsey. And prayer for all serving our country – especially, remembering Tom Z., Emmy, Jack, Sean, Ian, Colin, Tim and Andrew.

Please email your prayers to the [office](mailto:office@ccneedham.org) (office@ccneedham.org).

Thank you to those who assisted in the service today!

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And others to be named on air!

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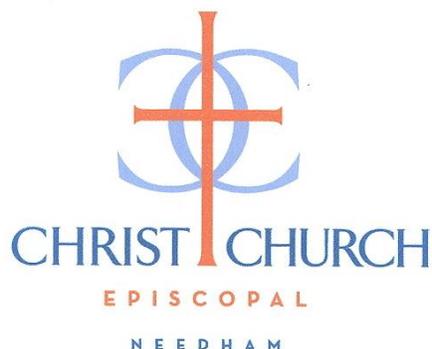
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