



## Holy Eucharist Rite II

### The First Sunday after the Epiphany: The Baptism of Our Lord

January 9, 2022  
10 AM



#### **Welcome to Christ Church**

Welcome to worship this morning! Whether present in our brick-and-mortar worship space, or through the miracles of [FaceBook](#), [Zoom](#) or our [website](#), we are gathered as the one Body of Christ, seeking solace and strength, pardon and renewal.

In the Epiphany Season, we strive to embody Christ's love and light in all the world.

This worship bulletin and the hymns guide our participation in the service this morning. Let us sing and pray out loud with gusto wherever we are!

*Loving God and neighbor, as Jesus teaches*

**Prelude**

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen  
Trad. English/arr. Mychal Gendron (20<sup>th</sup> cent.)  
**Bruce Goody, flute and Jonathan Moretz, guitar**

*Please stand as able.*

**Hymn 135 ST 1-3**

Songs of thankfulness and praise      Tune: *Saltzburg*  
Words: sts. 1-3 Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885); st. 4, F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984)  
Melody: Jakob Hintze (1622-1702); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

**THE WORD OF GOD**

*Please remain standing as able.*

**Opening Acclamation**

***Celebrant***    Blessed be God, Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit.

***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 the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

***People***        **Amen.**

Gloria S-280

Glory to God in the highest

Robert Powell (b. 1932)

All

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## **The Collect of the Day**

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

**Celebrant** 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.**

*You may be seated.*

## **Welcome**

### **First Lesson**

**Isaiah 43:1-7**

**Lector** 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."

*At the end of the reading:*

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

**People** Thanks be to God.

### **Psalm 29**

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

1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, \*

ascribe to the LORD glory 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 upon the mighty waters.**
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful 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 wilderness of Kadesh.**
- 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 above the flood; \*  
**the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.**
- 11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; \*  
**the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.**

## **Second Lesson**

Acts 8:14-17

**Lector** 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.

*At the end of the reading:*

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

**People** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand as able.*

**Gradual Hymn 121**

Christ, when for us you were baptized

Tune: *Caithness*

Words: F. Bland Tucker, rev.

Melody from 'The Psalmes of David in Prose and Meeter, 1635; harm. The English Hymnal, 1906

*Please remain standing as able.*

**The Gospel**

**Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

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

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

**Celebrant** 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.

*At the conclusion of the Gospel reading.*

**Celebrant** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon**

**The Reverend Nick Morris-Kliment**

*A moment of silence is observed after the sermon.*

**Musical Meditation**

In the Bleak Midwinter

Trad. English/arr. M. Gendron

**Bruce Goody, flute and Jonathan Moretz, guitar**

*Please stand as able.*

**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.

*Please stand or kneel as able.*

**Prayers of the People**

adopted from *The Church of England, Times and Seasons*

**Intercessor** The wise men knelt before our Savior. Let us also worship him with great joy and make our prayer to his heavenly father. Holy One, the wise men came from the east to worship your Son: grant to Christians everywhere a true spirit of adoration. Lord of light

**All** Hear our prayer.

**Intercessor** Holy One, the wise men presented to your Son gold, incense and myrrh: accept the gifts we bring, and the offering of our hearts at the beginning of this new year. Lord of light

**All** Hear our prayer.

**Intercessor** Holy One, your Son is the King of kings and Lord of lords: grant us abundance of peace to your world. Lord of light

**All** Hear our prayer.

**Intercessor** Holy One, the Holy Family shared the life of the people of Nazareth: protect in your mercy our neighbors and families, together with the communities of which we are part. Lord of light

**All** Hear our prayer.

**Intercessor** Holy One, your Son was rich, yet for our sakes he became poor: help us to show your love for the poor and powerless, and to share strength with those who suffer. Lord of light

**All** Hear our prayer.

**Intercessor** Holy One, you are the King of heaven, the hope of all who trust in you: give to the faithful departed the wonders of your salvations. Lord of light

**All** Hear our prayer.

**Celebrant** Rejoicing in the fellowship of wise ones, shepherds and angels, Mary and Joseph, we commend ourselves and all people to your unfailing love. **Amen.**

**Confession of Sin**

*Book of Common Prayer, p. 360*

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

*Please kneel, as able. A brief pause is observed.*

**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.

### **Absolution**

**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.

*Please stand as able.*

### **The Peace**

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

**All** And also with you.

*The people exchange a brief sign of Christ's peace, with one another in the building, and with those participating online.*

*Please be seated.*

### **Announcements**

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

### **Offering of the Gifts of Bread and Wine**

#### **Offertory Anthem**

Christmas Joy

Mark Schweizer (1956-2019)

From a poem by Howard Thurman, alt, MS

Arranged by David M. Janower (20<sup>th</sup> cent.)

*A perfect piece for the First Sunday after the Epiphany (The Baptism of Christ).*

*Based on Howard Thurman's wonderful poem, and arranged for SATB choir by David Janower, this is a beautiful and effective anthem incorporating the Epiphany tune *Wie Schön Leuchtet der Morgenstern* in the accompaniment.*

When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky has withdrawn, when the kings see their prophecy rightly fulfilled, when the princes and shepherds have gone; then the true work of Christmas begins. To find the lost, to heal the broken hearts, to feed the hungry, to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among all people, to make music in the heart.

**The Great Thanksgiving - Prayer A**

*Book of Common Prayer, p. 361*

**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 God 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 by the leading of a star, you have revealed your Son to the world, that in following him we are led from darkness into his marvelous light. 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:

**Sanctus S-129**

Holy, holy, holy Lord

R. Powell

**All**

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.

**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 all 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.**

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

**All** 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

*A period of silence is kept.*

### Fraction Anthem 877

**All**

*Wonder, Love, and Praise*

Music: Mark Sedio (b. 1954)  
 adapted: Charles Raines

*1st Cantor/repeat ALL* *Cantor*



The dis - ci-ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break-ing of the bread. The



bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia, is the com mun-ion of the bo - dy of

*ALL* *Cantor*



Christ. The dis - ci-ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break-ing of the bread. One

*ALL*



bo-dy are we, al - le lu - ia, though ma - ny we share one bread. The dis -



ci-ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break-ing of the bread. \_\_\_\_\_

### **The Invitation**

**Celebrant** The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died and lives for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

### **The Communion**

*All are invited to come forward to the Lord's Table. The Congregation receives Communion in one kind (the bread only) at the foot of the steps up to the free-standing altar. If you prefer a blessing rather than the bread, please cross your hands over your chest.*

### **Music During Communion**

#### Down to the River

Robert E. Lee (b. 1951)

*As I went down to the river to pray,  
Studyin' about that good old way,  
And who shall wear the starry crown,  
Good Lord, show me the way,  
O sisters, let's go down,  
Let's go down, come on down,  
O sisters, let's go down,  
Down to the river to pray.  
As I went down to the river to pray,  
Studyin' about that good old way,  
And who shall wear the robe and crown,  
Good Lord, show me the way,  
O brothers, let's go down,  
Let's go down, come on down,  
O brothers, let's go down,  
Down to the river to pray.  
As I went down to the river to pray,  
Studyin' about that good old way,  
And who shall wear the robe and crown,  
Good Lord, show me the way,  
O fathers, let's go down,  
Let's go down, come on down,  
O fathers, let's go down,  
Down to the river to pray.  
As I went down to the river to pray,*

Studyin' about that good old way,  
And who shall wear the robe and crown,  
Good Lord, show me the way,  
O mothers, let's go down,  
Let's go down, come on down,  
O mothers, let's go down,  
Down to the river to pray.  
As I went down to the river to pray,  
Studyin' about that good old way,  
And who shall wear the starry crown,  
Good Lord, show me the way,  
O sinners, let's go down,  
Let's go down, come on down,  
O sinners, let's go down,  
Down to the river to pray.

*Please kneel, as able.*

**Post-Communion Prayer**

*Book of Common Prayer, p. 365*

**Celebrant** Let us pray.

**All** Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**The Blessing**

*Book of Occasional Services 2018*

**Celebrant** May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*Please stand as able.*

**Closing Hymn 448** ST 1, 2, 3, 6 O love, how deep, how broad, how high

Words: Latin, 15<sup>th</sup> cent.; tr. Benjamin Webb (1819-1885), alt.

Tune: Deus tuorum militum

*After the Closing Hymn, the Celebrant and Crucifer process to the back. Please sit to enjoy the postlude before the dismissal.*

**Organ Postlude** Chorale Fantasia on “How bright appears the morning star”  
Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

*Please stand as able.*

### **The Dismissal**

**Celebrant** Our Savior has come! Go in peace in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

**People** Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

*Join us after service on [Zoom](#) after service for a coffee-less coffee hour to celebrate Pam Goody, Director of Music, as she retires from CCN and steps into a new chapter.*

### **Prayers of the People**

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:*

*Edward Mentzer, Helen B. Hurtgen, and Augustus & Elsie Smith by Jane Mentzer  
Skilky Eaton by Tedi Eaton*

*Your prayers are requested for Marie, Jennifer P., Linda B., Ping W., The Pouliot Family, Bryan, Steve, Michael, Kelly, Mary S., Nancy, Maya, Alex, Penny, Sara Y., Linda F., Kate, Baby Raven N., Kalin N., Pat H., Pam J., Julia and Family, John, James, Judi, David E., Sonia P., Janet, Billy C., Thomas, Gail, and Sarah. And prayers for all serving our country – especially, remembering Brian, Timmy, Tom Z., Emmy, Jack, Sean, Ian, Tim, and Andrew.*

*This week in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Iglesia Anglicana de Chile. 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, our siblings at B-Safe, and the MANNA Community in Boston. This week in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for 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 First Baptist Church and Needham Firefighters.*



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