



St. Cross

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ January 10, 2021

Prelude

How bright appears the Morning Star
Johann Pachelbel

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Song of Praise

Hymn S 236

1. Glo - ry to you, _____ Lord
God of our fa - thers; _____ you are wor - thy of praise;
glo - ry to you. _____ 2. Glo - ry to you _____
_____ for the ra - di-ance of your ho - ly Name; _____ we will

praise you and high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

3. Glo - ry to you in the splen - dor of your

tem - ple; on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to

you. 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -

ween the Cher - u - bim; we will praise you and

high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

Descant

5. Glo - ry to you, be -

5. Glo - ry to you, be - hold - ing the

hold-ing the depths; in the high vault of

depths; in the high vault of hea-ven, glo - ry to

hea - ven, 6. Glo - ry to you, _____
 you. _____ 6. Glo - ry to you, _____ Fa - ther,
 — Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will
 Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; _____ we will praise you and
 high-ly ex - alt you Glo - ry to you! _____
 high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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 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.**

The Psalm

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 ever- / more.
The Lord shall give strength to his / people;
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of / peace.

The Gospel

Mark 1:4-11

Deacon 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."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

Sermon

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Celebrant

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism.

Celebrant Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People **I do.**

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

Leader Through Christ we are anointed with the Holy Spirit in baptism. May the same Spirit inspire us as we offer our prayers, responding, "Hear us, God of Glory."

For an overflowing gift of generosity, that we may reflect God's abundant care for all creation, lifting others out of poverty, increasing the mission work of our church, and reaping the joy of a philanthropic life; let us pray.

People **Hear us, God of Glory.**

Leader For the courage to walk through the tranquil and turbulent waters of life, knowing that in our baptism we died with Christ in darkness and joined him in the risen light; let us pray.

People **Hear us, God of Glory.**

Leader For federal, state, and local officials, and all who exercise authority in the nations of the world, that they will faithfully establish justice on earth, and carry the torch of freedom and peace into all their deliberations; let us pray.

People **Hear us, God of Glory.**

Leader For the Church, including John and Diane our Bishops and for all other ministers, that it may bear witness to Jesus' forgiveness and love, offering to those outside its walls the light that illumines all darkness and releases humanity from the grip of sin; let us pray.

People **Hear us, God of Glory.**

Leader We pray for all who have been affected by this pandemic: for all who are ill, that they may receive care, and for those who are dying, that they may find peace and comfort. We pray for all who tend to the sick and for their families, that they may find strength and support; let us pray.

People **Hear us, God of Glory.**

Leader In companionship with the Blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints whose constant intercession strengthens our faith, let us continue in our prayers. We pray for those who suffer from any grief or trouble, and for those who we hold in our hearts, especially those we name now..., let us pray.

People **Hear us, God of Glory.**

Leader In thanksgiving for the Body and Blood of Christ, a foretaste of that heavenly banquet upon which the faithful departed continually feast. We pray for those who have died, especially for those who we name now...; let us pray.

People **Hear us, God of Glory.**

Celebrant Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

The Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Great Thanksgiving

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.**

The Celebrant proceeds

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 in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:

**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.

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of 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 Savior 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 before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People together say

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, O 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 may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of 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.

Celebrant and People together say

**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

Celebrant

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

People and Celebrant

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

At St. Cross all who come in faith, seeking deeper knowledge and love of Jesus Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. The following prayer is how we receive the presence of Christ while we are physically distanced from one another. If you would like to receive in person, the Sacrament will be available from 11:00-12:30 pm immediately following the service.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

Celebrant Let us pray together

Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. *(St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)*

Blessing

The priest blesses the people

May the peace of the ocean wave be with you. The peace of the ocean breeze surround you. The peace of the quiet earth be in you. The peace of the night stars cover you. The deep peace of the Son of Peace be always with you. And the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be with you now and always. **Amen.**

1 "I come," the great Re - deem - er cries, "to do thy will, O Lord!"
 2 "Thus it be - comes us to ful - fill all right-eous-ness," he said.
 3 Hark, a glad voice! The Fa - ther speaks from heaven's ex - alt - ed height:
 4 The Sa - vior Je - sus, well - be - loved! His Name we will pro - fess,
 5 No more we'll count our - selves our own but his in bonds of love.

1 At Jor - dan's stream, be - hold! He seals the sure pro - phet - ic word.
 2 Then, faith - ful to the Lord's com - mands, through Jor - dan's flood was led.
 3 "This is my Son, my well - be - loved, in whom I take de - light."
 4 like him de - sir - ous to ful - fill God's will in right-eous - ness.
 5 Oh, may such bonds for ev - er draw our souls to things a - bove!

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ! Alleluia, Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude

"Angelic Songs"
 Mark Sedio

Today's Ministers

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