



**Saint John's**

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



January 10, 2021  
First Sunday after the Epiphany  
Liturgy of the Word

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**10:30AM LITURGY OF THE WORD**  
**THE WORD OF GOD**

**Hymn 135: Songs of thankfulness and praise**Tune: *Salzburg*

Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise,  
manifested by the star to the sages from a-far;  
branch of royal David's stem in thy birth at Bethlehem;  
anthems be to thee addressed, God in man made manifest.

**Opening Acclamation**

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

**Gloria****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 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.

**Psalm 29**

<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>
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**The Second Lesson**

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.

**Sequence Hymn 121: Christ, when for us you were baptized**Tune: *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.

Officiant: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.  
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Holy Gospel**

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."

Officiant: The Gospel of the Lord.  
People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sermon**

The Rev. James P. Biedenharn III

*(All stand.)***Nicene Creed** *(In unison)*

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and  
the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and  
glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of  
sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**Prayers of the People, Form III** *The Leader and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly  
and humbly serve you;  
*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and  
Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the  
nations of the world;  
*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any  
 grief or trouble;  
*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest.  
*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into  
 joy;  
*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.  
*Silence*

**Blessing and Dismissal**

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

**Closing Hymn 119: As with gladness men of old**

Tune: *Dix*

As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold;  
 as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright;  
 so, most, gracious Lord, may we evermore be led to thee.

**PRAYER LIST**

Please pray for the those on our prayer list, supplications and thanksgivings.

**Those Who Have Died:** Martha Lynch, Jeff Phillips

**Parishioners:** Lela Canter, Alan Catmur, Frances Catmur, Young Trow Gillespie, James Gordon, Jenny Grehan, Flo Hays, Charlotte Hodges, Barbara Mills, Irene Orgill, Margaret Smith, Anne Speer, Chip Tayloe, Dot Work

**Family and Friends:** Chuck Alexander, John Ayer, Allison Coates, Jade and Regina Cole, Maryanne Chandler, Joyce Crockett, Scott Edge, Damon Graff, Tom Horton, Evelyn Hudson, Stacy Loftis, Michael Lombardo, Ty Legge, Tom Moore, John Morrison, Kay Phillips, Kathy Miller Wells, Pam Willis

**STAFF**

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**Birthdays Week of January 10—16**

(10) Ben Benton, Ruthie Bowlin, Linda Woodmansee  
 (11) Brad Trammell  
 (12) Walton Griffin, Peyton Ellis  
 (13) Carter Rice

(15) Elizabeth Gillespie, Mike Jones, Sr., Taylor Mays,  
 Lindsay Benton, Stewart Gordon, Jack Erb  
 (16) Cindi Marshall