

# FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

## THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
At Ten O'clock in the Morning



*The Celebrant says*

## Opening Acclamation

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

## Collect for Purity

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. ***Amen.***

## The 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.*

## The Lessons

## A Reading from the Book of 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.

## The Word of the Lord

*People* Thanks be to God

## Psalm 29

*All join in praying the Psalm.*

- 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.

**A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

**9:1-7**

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.

The Word of the Lord

*People* Thanks be to God

**The Holy Gospel**

*Priest* The ✠ Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

**1:4-11**

*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."

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**The 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.**

**The Prayers of the People****Form II**

*In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People may offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.*

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; on the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia. On the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Clergy and People of St. John's Chula Vista. We pray for our Bishop Susan; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.  
Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for victims of violence, the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.  
Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed [especially \_\_\_\_\_],  
Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

*Members of the congregation may ask the prayers or the thanksgivings of those present*

I ask your prayers for those for whom our prayers have been requested this past week especially, Roger, Victoria, Ken, Herlinda, Felipe \_\_\_\_\_, and all whose needs are known to God.

*The Celebrant adds the following Collect.*

O Most mighty and merciful God, in this time of great sickness, we flee to you for relief and comfort. Deliver us, we beseech you, from our peril; give strength and skill to all those who minister to the sick; prosper the means made use for their cure; comfort those who mourn or who are in great financial distress; endue our leaders with wisdom and courage; and grant that, perceiving how frail and uncertain our life is, we may apply our hearts to that heavenly wisdom which leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

– “*In Time of Great Sickness and Mortality*,” 1928 Book of Common Prayer, 45,  
revised for the Covid-19 pandemic

### **Confession of Sin**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Leader and People*

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

*The Celebrant continues*

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

### **The Peace**

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

*We invite anyone celebrating a birthday or anniversary to wave so we can acknowledge you.*

### **Birthday & Anniversary Prayer**

Watch over thy servants, O Lord, as *their* days increase, bless and guide *them* wherever *they* may be. Strengthen *them* when *they* stand; comfort *them* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *them* up if *they* fall; and in *their* hearts may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of *their* lives; through **¶** Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Offertory**

*Thank you to all our parishioners who are making their pledge donations online or who are mailing in their checks to Grace Episcopal Church.*

*The celebrant says an offertory sentence.*

**Offertory Hymn**

*Martha Schattman*

*Celebrant*      All things come of thee, O Lord,  
*People*        ***and of thine own have we given thee***

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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

*Celebrant 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.

## **Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our soul. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

*The Prayer Book for the Armed Services*

## **Closing Prayer from the Church of England *Common Worship*:**

*Officiant and people*

Come, Lord Jesus, do not delay; give new courage to your people, who trust in your love. By your coming, raise us to share in the joy of your kingdom on earth as in heaven, where you live and reign with the Father and the Spirit, one God for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

## **Christmas Blessing**

*The priest blesses the people*

## **Announcements of the Parish**

### **Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People*      Thanks be to God.



Thank you for joining us in worship. We invite you to return and to worship with us again.

We look forward to seeing you in person as circumstances permit.

### **Prayer Requests**

*To have names added to the bulletin Prayer Requests, contact Pam Wheatland at*  
[\*pamwheatland@gmail.com\*](mailto:pamwheatland@gmail.com)

Church Office  
760-744-7667

Office hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 8:30 am to Noon.

Clergy

The Rev. Dr. Frank P. Munoz 858-395-0203      [Fr.FrankMunoz@outlook.com](mailto:Fr.FrankMunoz@outlook.com)  
Staff

Administrative Assistant: Judy Prestin      [gracesmsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:gracesmsecretary@gmail.com)  
Music Director: Martha Schattman      [music.gracesm@gmail.com](mailto:music.gracesm@gmail.com)  
<https://www.facebook.com/GraceEpiscopalSanMarcos/>