

ST. DAVID'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The First Sunday after Epiphany: The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ ☩ January 10, 2021

We greet you in the Name of the Risen Lord and welcome you to this Holy Place on this Holy Sabbath. We invite you into the silence as you prepare for your worship of Jesus Christ. May you have a blessed experience of worship. Please note that Hymn numbers refer to The Hymnal 1982. Service music (preceded by an S) is located in the front of the hymnal. Page numbers refer to The Book of Common Prayer.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

10:30 A.M.

Prelude: Jesus Christ to Jordan Came)

Martin Luther/J.S. Bach

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn: Songs of thankfulness and praise

Hymnal 135

Opening Acclamation

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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.

Amen

The 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 Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

Gloria in excelsis (sung)

Hymnal page S-280

Gory to God in the highest,

and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,

almighty God and Father,

we worship, we give you thanks,

we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ,

only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father:

receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect for First Sunday After the Epiphany: The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ

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: A Reading from 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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29

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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 evermore.
The LORD shall give strength to his people; *
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

The Second Lesson: A Reading from 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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn: Baptized in water

Hymnal 294

The Gospel: Mark 1:4-11

The Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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."

Lector The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon: The Rev. C. Dean Taylor

The Nicene Creed

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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 VI)

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In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For our Presiding Bishop, all bishops, and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.
Silence

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.
Silence

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

Prayer for Our Nation

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence

Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says

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

The Celebrant says to the people:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Installation of New Vestry

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory: Loveliest Immanuel

John Antes (Moravian Archives)

Jeanee' Brown, soprano

The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer B)

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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 him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, 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:

Sanctus (sung)

Hymnal S 125

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Then 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 many 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

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 David and 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.

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.

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

The Lord's Prayer (sung)

Hymnal S 119

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Agnus Dei (sung)

Hymnal S 166

Jesus, Lamb of God: Have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins: Have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world:

Give us your peace.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following invitation:

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Blessing for those participating at home

Gracious God, bless everyone gathered in their homes as they join us by participating in the breaking of the bread and in their prayers.

The Postcommunion Prayer

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Celebrant and People

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.

Blessing

Closing Hymn: Christ, when for us you were baptized

Hymnal 121

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

People Thanks be to God!

Closing Voluntary: In Thee Is Gladness

Gastoldi/J.S. Bach

The altar flowers this week are given by Toby and Kaye Davis in memory of Keith, Tracy, Harold, and Myrtle and by Karen Wright in thanksgiving for the Clergy and Staff of St. David's.

Prayer List for Week of January 10

New Prayer Requests this Week

Ron Douglas, Andy Tomaras, Elizabeth Ann and Allen Passmann, Jean, Jen, Den, New Member Taylor McClure, Carmen, the family of Butch, Betty Shaw, Dr. Thomas Guffin, Vicki Ballard, Helen Alston, Emmy Lou Faber, and her son Chris, and Butch and his family.

Please Pray for

Connie, Great Britain, David Freeman, Amy Jo Clark, Audrey Hafar, Jackie Elam, Michael, Kathy Fernandez, Paula Corwin, Irene, Brickmont Assisted Living Facility, and Nathan Jones, Madeline Nix, Ron Barden, Philip Stadter and Betty Shaw.

Long Term Prayers Asked For *(this list may only be printed once or twice a month, but will be on the church website each week at www.stdavidchurch.org.)*

Mike Lord, Michael, Patrick Chase, Nancy Milam, Grace Deaton, Laura Harrison Salsich, Patty Briguglio, Jimmy Walker, Gabrielle Felder, Amy Jo Clark, Theo, Anise Bailey, Caroline Howard, Amy Eliza Springer, Becky Beal, Mary Koenig, 1st Lt. James E. Butler, U.S. Army, Clint Butler, Jack Wagner, Emmy Lou Faber, Joyce & Brian Heyer, Bill Thomas, and Sue Farner.

A note about the prayer list: normal prayers requests will be listed for three weeks. If you have prayer request that is ongoing, please contact the Parish Admin, Rebecca Cline, to have them included in our long-term Prayer list.

Announcements

Drive Through Eucharist – Sunday, January 10th, 12:00 – 12:30 p.m. following the Online Service. The Drive Through Eucharist will take place in the front parking lot of St. David's.

Outdoor Worship in January – January is our coldest month! We will be taking the month of January "off" from Outdoor Worship, though, of course, we will still be offering our Online Worship Service each Sunday.

Nominating Committee Update – Greetings from the Nominating Committee! We are full speed ahead on finding our next rector. We are accepting applications through next Friday, and already have interviews lined up with some stellar candidates in the coming weeks. The Committee is working hard and with great urgency in hopes of providing its nominations for the rector position to the Vestry this Spring. We ask for your continued prayers for our Committee, each of our candidates, and the entire St. David's family. May God's hand be upon this process!

Children's and Youth Sunday resumes today via Zoom. If you have questions about Children's Sunday School, please contact Judy Hine at Children@stdavidchurch.org and if you have questions about Youth Sunday School, please contact Wallace Benton at Youth@stdavidchurch.org.

People of St. David's – At times like these, fear often overshadows our faith much like it did for the disciples as they weathered a storm while Jesus slept in the boat. After the disciples woke Jesus with their fearful cries, Jesus calmed the storm and then said to his disciples, “Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?” Today, our St. David's community is facing significant uncertainties including the pandemic's relentless grip on worship and activities in the church and an unexpected delay in our rector search. These and other factors are impacting this year's stewardship campaign with the number of pledges received to date lagging significantly behind last year. But as Jesus said to the disciples, we must not be afraid and we must have faith. As we continue to work on the 2021 campaign, we ask for your prayers. Please pray for guidance for your vestry and stewardship committee members and pray that Jesus will open people's hearts and minds to visions of a brighter tomorrow. And finally, pray for our parish.

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for a common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Your vestry and stewardship committee ask you to support St. David's by completing a pledge card. If you did not receive a pledge card, please contact Rebecca Cline at ParishAdmin@stdavidchurch.org or make your pledge online through the St. David's app or website.

Common Purpose: Common Purpose Returns via Zoom on Tuesday, January 12 at 6:30 pm focusing on "Our Invisible Neighbors: Financial Vulnerability in North Fulton." Did you know that a family of four needs an income of about \$80,000 to cover the cost of living expenses in our area, or that about 60,000 families in North Fulton are financially vulnerable? Jack Murphy of the North Fulton Improvement Network will address this widespread but little-known financial vulnerability as well as offer information on best practices, long-term solutions and how we at St. David's can make an impact. Contact Lee Hunter at leehunter@kw.com for more info. Look for the Zoom link in the Illumination.

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