

# The First Sunday after the Epiphany

## *The Baptism of Our Lord*

### January 10, 2020



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Welcome to all who are watching online services. The Episcopal Church of the Annunciation is here "to bear witness to God's love and invite, encourage, and prepare God's people to share that grace with others". You may notice rubrics in place throughout the service for kneeling or standing, as well as singing along to hymns.  
You are invited to participate however you wish.

## Daily Morning Prayer/Communion: Rite Two

### Prelude

#### Processional Hymn 76 (vs. 1&5)

**1** On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry  
announces that the Lord is nigh;  
awake and hearken, for he brings  
glad tidings of the King of kings.

#### *On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry*

**5** All praise, eternal Son, to thee,  
whose advent doth thy people free;  
whom with the Father we adore  
and Holy Spirit evermore.

#### The Opening Acclamation

BCP 78

*Presider* † Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
- Philippians 1:2

#### Confession of Sin

BCP 79

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

*Presider and People together*

**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.**

*Presider* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all our 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 Invitatory and Psalter

BCP 80

*Presider* Lord, open our lips.

*People* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*Presider and People*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

*Presider* Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.

*Presider and People*

**Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his also.**

**The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have molded the dry land. Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our Maker. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

## 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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God**

## The Response

*Afferte Domino*

Psalm 29

- 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.

## 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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### Sequence Hymn 339 (Vs. 1&3)

**1** Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness,  
leave the gloomy haunts of sadness, come into  
the daylight’s splendor, there with joy thy  
praises render unto him whose grace  
unbounded hath this wondrous banquet  
founded- high o’er all the heavens he reigneth,  
yet to dwell with thee he deigneth.

### *Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness*

**3** Jesus, Bread of Life, I pray thee,  
let me gladly here obey thee; never to my hurt  
invited, be thy love with love requited;  
from this banquet let me measure,  
Lord, how vast and deep its treasure;  
through the gifts thou here dost give me,  
as thy guest in heaven receive me.

## The Holy Gospel

ark 1:4-11

*Priest* † 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.”

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

*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 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.

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

## Suffrage B

BCP 96

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

**R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.**

V. Day by day we bless you;

**R. We praise your name for ever.**

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

**R. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.**

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

**R. For we put our trust in you.**

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

**R. And we shall never hope in vain.**

## Prayers of the People

*Intercessor*

### The 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.**

### Collect for Peace

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Collect for Mission

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## Administration of the Holy Communion

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

BCP 96

*Presider* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Presider*

**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.**

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

*Communion is given to the communicants with these words:*

The Body & Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. [*Amen.*]

## The Post Communion Prayer

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **Gracious Father, we give you praise and thanks for this Holy Communion of the Body and Blood of your beloved Son Jesus Christ, the pledge of our redemption; and we pray that it may bring us forgiveness of our sins, strength in our weakness, and everlasting salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## The General Thanksgiving

BCP 101

*Presider and People*

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

## A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

## Recessional Hymn 616 (v. 1,2&3)

**1** Hail to the Lord's Anointed,  
great David's greater Son!  
Hail, in the time appointed,  
his reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression,  
to set the captive free;  
to take away transgression,  
and rule in equity.

**2** He comes with succor speedy  
to those who suffer wrong,  
to help the poor and needy,  
and bid the weak be strong;  
to give them songs for sighing,  
their darkness turn to light,  
whose souls, condemned and  
dying, were precious in his  
sight.

## *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

**5** O'er every foe victorious,  
he on his throne shall rest;  
from age to age more glorious,  
all-blessing and all-blest:  
the tide of time shall never  
his covenant remove;  
his Name shall stand for ever,  
his changeless Name of Love.

## The Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor everyone; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; And the blessing of God Almighty, † the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

## The Dismissal

BCP 102

*Priest* Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen.* -- Ephesians 3:20, 21

## Postlude

## **Prayer List**

Susan, John, Elizabeth, Tom, Milton, Lauren, Liz, Foster, Kevin, Jennifer, Ed, Sherrie, Connie, Irene, Tom, Dick, Nick, Chris & AJ, Lynda, Elizabeth, Christine, Jess, Joan, Scott, Pam, Bill, Dianne, Todd, Michael, Nick Ramsey, Lethia, Paula, Sarah, Noel, Jessie, John, Dolly, Craig, Jackie, Parker, Mark & Chrissie, Bill, Sadie David & Elizabeth Still, Greg, the Halls, the Stinchcombs, The Meeks Family; For all those affected by COVID-19, For our country and the division, for our Vestry; for those in the armed forces especially: Donnie, Geoff, Bob, Lawrence, Matt, Tod, Nathan, Ryan, Mark, and Daniel, and for any unspoken prayers.

### **Birthdays**

1/10 Jeff Whittingham

1/12 Chris Crookless

1/14 Ryan Doyle

### **Anniversaries**

1/10 Pete & Terri Hogan

### **End of Year Statements to be Mailed this Week**

Thank you to all who gave to ECA in 2020! End of year statements will be mailed this week. Feel free to contact the office at [ecaparish@gmail.com](mailto:ecaparish@gmail.com) with any questions.

### **Thanks ECA - You're Helping to Make a Big Impact in Our Community!**

In addition to literal tons of food, school and baby supplies, etc. that you donated in 2020; here are a couple of highlights: During our 'Cathy's Closet' food drive in October, you donated 2,000 food items and \$450 in Kroger gift certificates. Thanks for making it a huge success! We also gave two local families a total of \$2,000 during the holidays. Thanks to donations and a grant that Fr. Paul secured, Reach now has \$20,000 to help local residents. Additionally, right before Christmas in 2019, we helped shelter a family that had lost everything in a fire. They contacted us recently to let us know that they have a new house, and that ECA's help "made all the difference and we couldn't have done it without you." Thanks to everyone who tithes, donates, volunteers, lets Fr. Paul know about needs, or supports Reach in any way. Together, we make a difference!

### **Vestry Volunteers and Nominations at Critical Status**

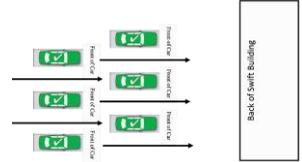
We have not yet met our requirements for nominations to Vestry. We have one member who has volunteered and another individual who is considering serving. We now have 4 (FOUR) positions we need to fill. If you have ever thought about serving at ECA, now is the time! We need you. We have never been in this position before and COVID may have something to do with it. Vestry members are a VITAL role in the life of the parish and we cannot operate without a functioning VESTRY. Please contact Fr. Paul [pcm09@bellsouth.net](mailto:pcm09@bellsouth.net) or Wanda Ziembinski [ziemby@hotmail.com](mailto:ziemby@hotmail.com) to learn more about serving on Vestry. Stay tuned for details on the upcoming Annual Meeting.

**Volunteers being Sought for Sunday Service including Readers!**

We need YOU! If you are interested with helping during the service, please contact Fr. Paul at [pcm09@bellsouth.net](mailto:pcm09@bellsouth.net). There are several minor tasks we need help with in order to make sure we are able to live stream and record for parish members. I look forward to hearing from those who may be interested. Volunteers are especially needed to read the Sunday lessons.

**Drive-In Service Instructions**

While we are still not allowed to gather for large crowds for in person worship inside, providing opportunities for worship is still our top priority: Currently, we are offering a Drive -In Service to allow parishioners to stay in their warm vehicle for services. See parking diagram to the right (please park straight and not diagonal). Notice the parking pattern to allow every car the opportunity to see directly in front of them.



Join Us! *All in-person activity and group meetings at ECA must still go through Fr. Paul to ensure accountability measures. Here is the latest information we have. Click on the links below to review:*

- Gathering Guidelines for Phase I limited outside Sunday Service as of 9/10: [Click Here](#)
- Click here for [Guidelines for Activities at ECA during COVID -19](#)
- Latest bishop's directive as of August 19, 2020. Please click on the link [HERE](#)

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**ECA Finances to Date**

<b>(YTD) Through Nov. 2020</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>+/-</b>
Revenues	\$199,764	\$217,232	(\$17,468)
Expenses	\$190,264	\$210,025	\$19,761
Net Year to date	\$9,500	\$7,207	\$2,293

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