



St. Paul's Episcopal Church Brookline



The First Sunday After the Epiphany and Holy Baptism

January 13, 2019

Welcome to St. Paul's!

We invite and encourage your full participation in our worship this morning. This service bulletin is the only document you'll need to participate in this morning's liturgy. Any hymns not printed here may be found in the red *Hymnal 1982*, found next to your seat.

When the community stands, please join us as you are able.

We are blessed because of your presence here this morning, and we want to do everything possible to make you feel at home. In our celebration of Holy Communion we believe that God welcomes all to Christ's Altar. You are welcome here! You are invited to fill out an information card found next to your seat and place it in the offering plate, or hand it to an usher so that we may welcome you more fully into this vibrant community of faith.

Nursery/Childcare Available

Children of all ages are welcome in church. Squirming and the noise of the youngest among us is welcome. For those who would prefer it, a nursery with trained child-care workers is available for infants and toddlers on the lower level. A changing table is located in each restroom. Please speak to an usher if you need assistance.

Accessibility

If you would like assistance with a wheelchair or walker, or if you would like Communion brought to you at your seat, please see an usher for assistance. Large print versions of hymns not found in this bulletin are available on the ushers table in the back of the sanctuary.

Prelude *Coventry Carol*

W. S. Lloyd Webber, arr.

The Prelude helps us transition into our shared sacred space. During the Prelude, some greet one another, some listen to the music, some pray, and some read through the bulletin and announcements.

All stand to sing the

Hymn *Blessed Jesus, at thy word*

Hymnal #440

GATHER

Presider Blessed be God: Eternal Majesty, Incarnate Word, and Abiding Spirit.

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

Presider There is one Body and one Spirit;

People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Presider One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People **One God and Creator of all.**

All remain standing for the

Collect of the Day

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Together let us pray.

Loving God, 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.

WORD

All are seated for the

First Reading

Isaiah 43:1-7

Thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north,

"Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth--everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All pause for a moment of silent reflection.

Psalm 29

Ascribe to God, you heavenly beings, *
ascribe to God glory and strength.

Ascribe due honor to God's holy Name; *
worship the Most High in the beauty of holiness.

The voice of God is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; *
God is upon the mighty waters.

The voice of God is a powerful voice; *
the voice of God is a voice of splendor.

The voice of God breaks the cedar trees; *
God breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

God makes Lebanon skip like a calf *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

The voice of God splits the flames of fire; the voice of God shakes the wilderness; *
God shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of God makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.

And in the temple of the Holy One, *
all are crying, "Glory!"

God sits enthroned above the flood, *
enthroned for evermore.

God shall give strength to the people; *
God shall give the people the blessing of peace.

Second Reading

Acts 8:14-17

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand to sing the

Hymn *Baptized in water*

Hymnal #294

We remain standing and turn to face the reader for the proclamation of the

Holy Gospel

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Deacon or Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Deacon or Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

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

After a brief prayer, all are seated for the

Sermon

The Rev. Jeffrey W. Mello

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

Presider The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Sponsors **I present Annalise Emily Koczela to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

Presider Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Parents and Godparents **I renounce them.**

Presider Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Parents and Godparents **I renounce them.**

Presider Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Parents and Godparents **I renounce them.**

Presider Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Parents and Godparents **I do.**

Presider Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Parents and Godparents **I do.**

Presider Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Parents and Godparents **I do.**

Presider Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in her life in Christ?

People **We will.**

Prayers for the Candidate

Let us now pray for this person who will receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open her heart to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send her into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, God, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Profession of Faith

Presider Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Presider Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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.**

Presider 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.**

The Baptism

Annalise Emily, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Annalise Emily, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

Loving God, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.

Amen.

Presider Now, empowered by the Grace of God received in baptism, let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Presider 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.**

Presider 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.**

Presider Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider 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.**

Presider Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect the beauty and integrity of all creation?

People **I will with God's help.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

A Presider bids the

Peace

Presider The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

All are seated for the

Welcome and Ministry Announcements

TABLE

All remain seated for the

Offertory Anthem *Walk in the light*

André Thomas

Refrain: We'll walk in the light, beautiful light,
Come where the dew-drops of mercy shine bright,
Shine all around us by day and by night,
Jesus, the Light of the world.

Hark! the herald angels sing,
Jesus, the Light of the world;
Glory to the newborn King!
Jesus, the Light of the world. *Refrain.*

Hail the heaven born Prince of Peace!
Jesus, the Light of the world;
Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Jesus, the Light of the world. *Refrain.*

All stand to sing the

Presentation of the Gifts

Hymnal #380, verse 3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.

Presider We remember that this is God's table, and not our own. We invite everyone to come forward to receive the bread and the wine, or a blessing. Wherever you are on your journey with or toward God, from any tradition or none at all, you are welcome and invited at this table.

All remain standing for the

Eucharistic Prayer B

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Hymnal #S 125

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav'n and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless'd is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Presider 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 God,

Presider and People **We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Presider And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O God 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.

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

The people respond, saying

AMEN.

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

Presider 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.**

Breaking of the Bread

The consecrated bread is broken. A period of silence is kept.

Chalice bearers and healing ministers come forward.

The musical score is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music. The first staff is for the Cantor, with lyrics: "Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the". The second staff has two parts: the first part is for the Congregation with lyrics "bread. The bread." and the second part is for the Cantor with lyrics "The bread which we break, al - le -". The third staff is for the Congregation with lyrics "lu - ia, is the com - mun - ion of the bo - dy of Christ. Be". The fourth staff is for the Cantor with lyrics "known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread. One". The fifth staff is for the Congregation with lyrics "bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia, for though man - y we share one bread. Be". The sixth staff is for the Cantor with lyrics "known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread."

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God. Holy Food for Holy People.

All are welcome to receive Communion. If you've not received in the Episcopal Church before, simply place one hand over the other to receive the bread, and then help guide the chalice of wine to your lips. **Gluten-free** wafers are also available. Please let the clergy know of your desire for the gluten-free wafer. **Blessings** are available for those who desire one. Place your arms across your chest in an "x" and the clergy will know to offer a blessing instead of the bread and the wine. If you would like prayers for **healing** for yourself or someone you love, please remain in place after receiving communion or a blessing, and members of the healing ministry team will come to you to offer prayers and anointing.

Communion Anthem *Down in the river to pray*

As I went down in the river to pray,
Studying about that good old way
And who shall wear a starry (robe and) crown,
Good Lord show me the way.

O Sisters (Brothers, Fathers, Mothers, Sinners), let's go down,
Let's go down, come on down,
O Sisters (Brothers, Fathers, Mothers, Sinners), let's go down,
Down in the river to pray.

A member of the Lay Eucharistic Visitor Team comes forward to receive a communion kit to bring to members of the community unable to be with us this morning.

After a moment of silent reflection, all stand to say the

Postcommunion Prayer

Presider Together, let us pray.

People **God of abundance,
you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us
with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth
in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue forever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Hymn *Immortal invisible*

Hymnal #423

Epiphany Blessing

Presider May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord.

People **Amen.**

Presider May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth.

People **Amen.**

Presider May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts.

People **Amen.**

Presider And the blessing of God Almighty; Eternal Majesty, Incarnate Word, and Abiding Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

People **Amen.**

Dismissal

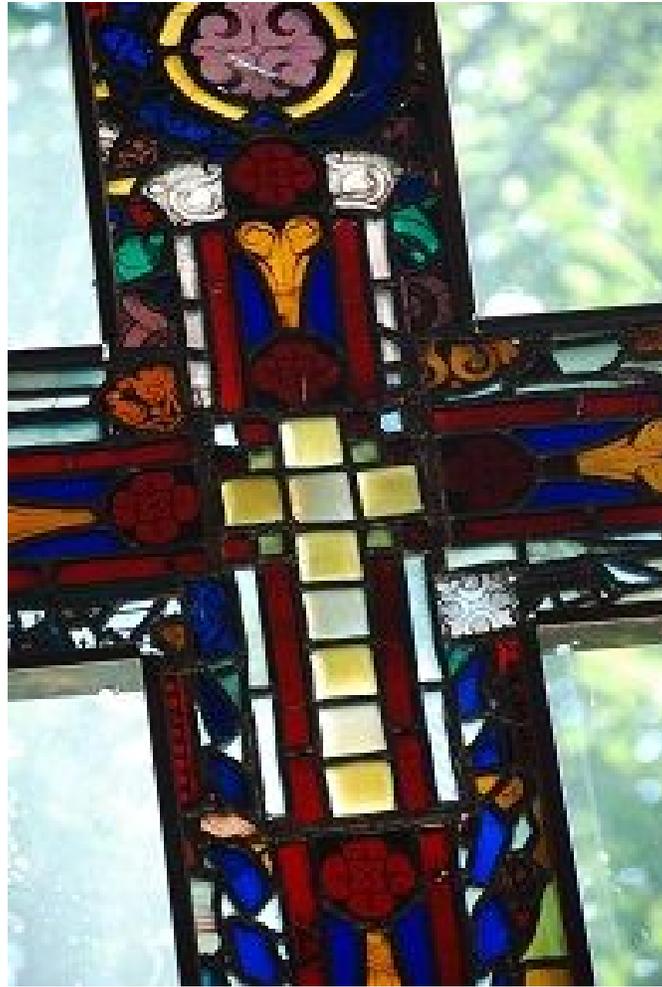
Deacon or Presider Go in Peace, bearing the Light of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Joseph est bien marié* Alexandre Guilmant

Like the Prelude, the Postlude is transitional music. During the Postlude, some leave the space to head out into the world or to coffee hour for fellowship and conversation, while others use this time to sit quietly in some final moments of prayer or meditation, savoring the beauty of the music.

References: All worship materials come from the *Book of Common Prayer* unless otherwise noted. The order of Baptismal Rite is modeled on the Liturgy of Initiation from *Common Worship* (the Church of England). Hymns are from *The Hymnal 1982* unless noted. The Psalm is from the *Saint Helena Psalter*. The Fraction Anthem is from *Wonder, Love and Praise*. The Post Communion Prayer is from *Enriching Our Worship 1*. The Blessing is from the *Book of Occasional Services*.



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