

*Sunday January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021-1<sup>st</sup> Sunday After Epiphany*

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
***And blessed be His kingdom, now and forever***  
***Amen***

*The Celebrant says*

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.***

***Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.***

***Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, 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.

***And also with you.***

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 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!

***Thanks be to God***

## 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.

### *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.

The Word of the Lord!

***Thanks be to God!***

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

***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.” (*Mark 1:4-11*)

The Gospel of the Lord

***Praise to You, Lord Christ***

### **The Sermon**

## The Nicene Creed

*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.*

## **The Prayers of the People**

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world;  
for our Bishop Megan; 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 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.

Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation  
in whom Christ has been honored.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence*

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

***Amen.***

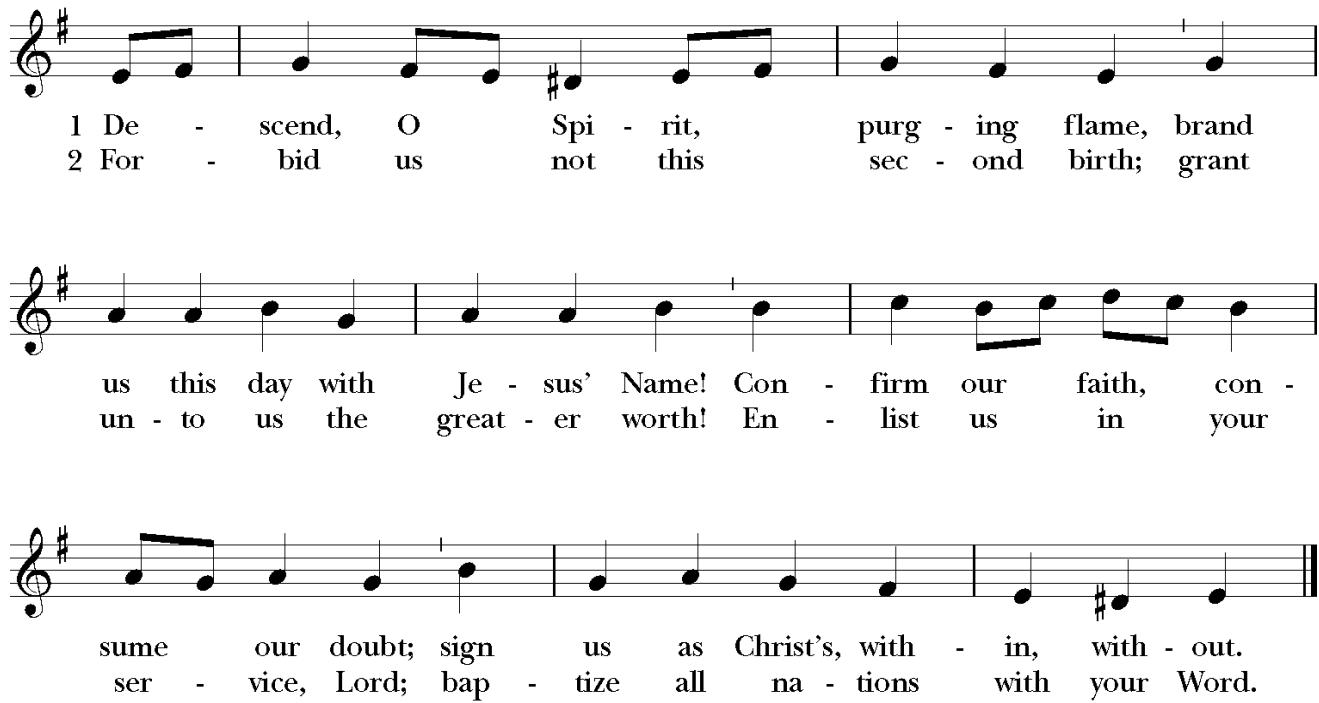
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*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.*

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.

And the +blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son  
and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.  
*Amen.*

## Hymn-279



1 De - - scend, O Spi - rit, purg - ing flame, brand  
2 For - - bid us not this sec - ond birth; grant

us this day with Je - sus' Name! Con - firm our faith, con -  
un - to us the great - er worth! En - list us in your

sume our doubt; sign us as Christ's, with - in, with - out.  
ser - vice, Lord; bap - tize all na - tions with your Word.

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