

Grace Church Brooklyn Heights

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

The First Sunday after the Epiphany:

The Baptism of our Lord

January 10th, 2020 11 a.m.

PRELUDE

When Jesus Went to Jordan's Stream

Dietrich Buxtehude

HYMN 295

Sing Praise To Our Creator

1 Sing praise to our Cre - a - tor, O you of Ad - am's race -
2 To Je - sus Christ give glo - ry, God's co - e - ter - nal Son;
3 And praise the Ho - ly Spi - rit poured forth up - on the earth;

God's chil - dren by a - dop - tion, bap - tized in - to his grace.
as mem - bers of his Bo - dy we live in him as one.
who sanc - ti - fies and guides us, made strong in our re - birth.

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Music: *Christus, der ist mein Leben*, melody Melchior Vulpius (1560?-1616); harm. after Melchior Vulpius (1560?-1616)

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

Celebrant 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.**

KYRIE ELEISON

Celebrant Lord have mercy.

People **Christ have mercy.**

Celebrant Lord have mercy.

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 FIRST LESSON *Genesis 1:1-5*

Reader A reading from the Book of Genesis.

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.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 29 *read responsively by half-verse*

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*

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

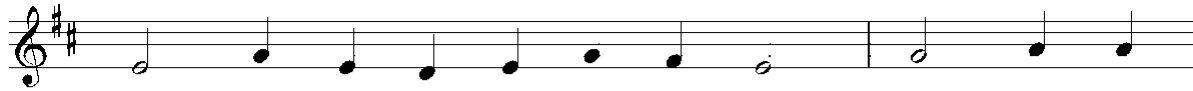
While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?” They replied, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” Then he said, “Into what then 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.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

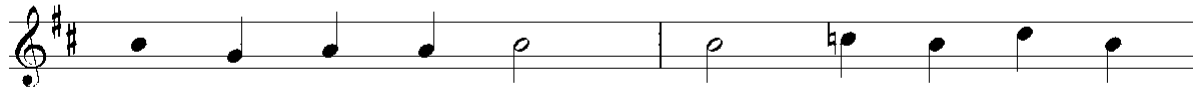
People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 132

When Christ's Appearing Was Made Known (stanzas 1,3,5)



1 When Christ's ap - pear - ing was made known, King He - rod
 2 The east - ern sa - ges saw from far and fol - lowed
 3 With - in the Jor - dan's sa - cred flood the heaven - ly
 4 Oh, what a mir - a - cle di - vine, when wa - ter
 5 All glo - ry, Je - sus, be to thee for this thy



1 trem - bled for his throne; but he who of - fers
 2 on his guid - ing star; by light their way to
 3 Lamb in meek - ness stood, that he, to whom no
 4 red - dened in - to wine! He spoke the word, and
 5 glad e - piph - a - ny: whom with the Fa - ther



1 heaven - ly birth sought not the king - doms of this earth.
 2 Light they trod, and by their gifts con - fessed their God.
 3 sin was known, might cleanse his peo - ple from their own.
 4 forth it flowed in streams that na - ture ne'er be - stowed.
 5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Ghost for ev - er - more.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 1:4-11*

Deacon 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."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON The Reverend Dr. Allen F. Robinson

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Celebrant and People

**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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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

Let us offer prayers for God's people in every place, saying: **Glory and praise to you.**

For the Church, and especially for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Lawrence, our bishop: that our lives may be empowered by the Spirit to follow where God leads us; Creator God, **Glory and praise to you.**

For Grace Church: that we may put our whole trust in Jesus' grace and love; and, even in these times when we cannot worship together in person, that our community may be ever more firmly committed to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, the breaking of the bread, and the prayers; Creator God, **Glory and praise to you.**

For God's blessing on the Annual Meeting of Grace Church today: that we may be graced with wisdom in our decisions; be good and humble stewards of this congregation and House of God; faithfully follow our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in all we do; and, finally, that we may grow in love and mutual respect for one another and all people; Creator God, **Glory and praise to you.**

For peace and order for our embattled nation: For repentance from enmity and violence by all Americans. For renewed trust, and restored respect for our precious democracy, our laws and government. For goodwill and humility among all our leaders, and healing and reconciliation for all our citizens; Creator God, **Glory and praise to you.**

For an end to the coronavirus pandemic: that God will free us from this dangerous virus; strengthen those who labor for our health; guide and strengthen government officials around the country who struggle to coordinate vaccine distribution; and give us all grace to strive for the common good; Creator God, **Glory and praise to you.**

For those who are suffering economically, especially as a result of the pandemic, that we, as well as our leaders and government officials, may respond compassionately to their need; Creator God, **Glory and praise to you.**

For the many who are hospitalized, and for healthcare workers who are exhausted and overwhelmed. For those who are fearful, and those who are discouraged or bitter. For those for whom prayers have been requested, especially, Max; the Watson family; Lenore; Jane P.; Kathy; Jane S.; Lally; Shaily; Chris; Jesse; Beth; all who are sick with COVID 19, and all who care for sick or aging loved ones: that that they may find light, hope and peace; Creator God, **Glory and praise to you.**

At this time, you may offer to God any petitions, or any thanksgivings for His many blessings ...; Creator God, **Glory and praise to you.**

For all who have died, especially Roy Everett Woodard, brother of Patricia Woodard: that they may rest in God's loving arms. We also pray God's care and consolation for those who mourn; Creator God, **Glory and praise to you.**

In thanksgiving for the sacrament of baptism in Jesus Christ, and for the daily gift of the Holy Spirit, our guide, comforter and living presence of God; Creator God, **Glory and praise to you.**

For all who worship with us from their homes today: that, by God's grace, we may whole-heartedly embrace our baptismal vows: resisting evil; proclaiming in word and example the Good News of God in Christ; loving and serving others as ourselves; striving for justice and peace among all people; and respecting the dignity of every human being; Creator God, **Glory and praise to you.**

THE PEACE

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

AT THE OFFERTORY, AN ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Meditation on the Baptism of Our Lord

Gerald Near

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer B*

Celebrant 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 God thanks and praise.**

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 AND BENEDICTUS S-129 (*The Hymnal 1982*)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
 might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.

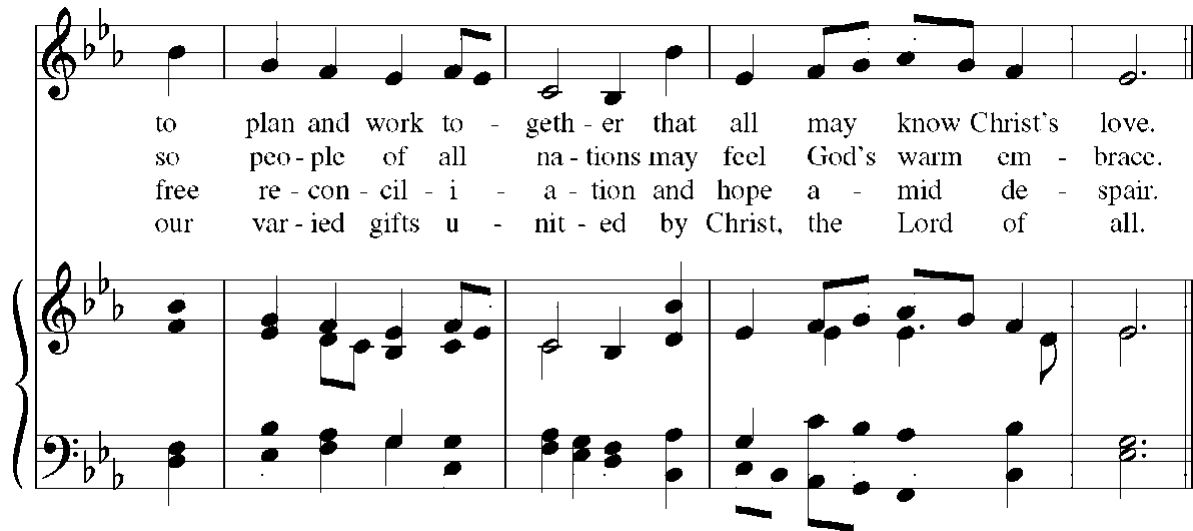
THE BLESSING

HYMN 778 (Wonder Love and Praise) *We All Are One In Mission*

1. We all are one in mis-sion, we all are one in call.
2. We all are called for ser-vice to wit-ness in God's name.
3. We all be-hold one vi-sion, a stark re-al-i-ty;
4. Now let us be u-nit-ed and let our song be heard.

our var-ied gifts u-nit-ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
Our min-is-tries are dif-f'rent, our pur-pose is the same:
the stew-ard of sal-va-tion was nailed up-on a tree.
Now let us be a ves-sel for God's re-deem-ing Word.

A sin-gle, great com-mis-sion com-pels us from a-bove
to touch the lives of oth-ers by God's sur-pris-ing grace.
Yet res-ur-rect-ed Jus-tice gives rise that we may share
We all are one in mis-sion, we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
 so peo - ple of all na - tions may feel God's warm em - brace.
 free re - con - cil - i - a - tion and hope a - mid de - spair.
 our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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