



Holy Cross Episcopal Church / Carlsbad, California  
**The Baptism of Christ – the First Sunday after  
Epiphany**

**January 10th, 2021**

**9:00 AM**

**Welcome to Holy Cross Episcopal Church.** We are happy that you are here to celebrate with us. Wherever you find yourself on your journey of faith, know that you are welcomed here. Holy Cross is a welcoming, inclusive, open and affirming congregation. We are comprised of and reach out to the young and the old, established members and newcomers, those who are married, divorced, partnered or single individuals, widows and widowers, those who identify as straight and those who identify as LGBTQ, the wealthy and those with limited resources, and families and individuals from any ethnic, cultural or faith background. Whatever your faith tradition, please participate in worship as fully as you like.

**Diocesan Statement of Unity**

*As part of the Jesus Movement and the Episcopal Diocese of San Diego, we pledge to love our neighbors and protect the most vulnerable among us, remembering our baptismal vows to “strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being.” We live these pledges out by actively engaging in dismantling racism. For many of us, this will mean learning more about our racial identity, listening to those who have experienced racial prejudice, speaking out against racism, and showing up alongside those in our community working to change unjust systems in our society. We also live out this pledge at worship during this pandemic, by wearing face-coverings, respecting distancing guidelines, foregoing the common cup and refraining from congregational responses and singing unless safely inside our cars or home.*

**The Liturgy of the Word**

*Responses and unison parts are indicated in **bold**.*

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**Hail to the Lord's Anointed – Hymnal 1982 #616**

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.

3 He shall come down like showers  
upon the fruitful earth,  
and love, joy, hope, like flowers,  
spring in his path to birth;  
before him on the mountains  
shall peace, the herald, to;  
and righteousness in fountains  
from hill to valley flow.

4 Kings shall bow down before him,  
and gold and incense bring;  
all nations shall adore him,  
his praise all people sing;  
to him shall prayer unceasing  
and daily vows ascend;  
his kingdom still increasing,  
a kingdom without end.

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.

### **Opening Acclamation**

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

**Glory to God for ever and ever.**

### **Gloria in Excelsis**

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 Collect of the Day**

*Officiant*      The Lord be with you.

*People*          **And also with you.**

*Officiant*      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**

**The First Reading – read by George Fern**

**Genesis 1:1-5**

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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 29**

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 Gospel**

**Mark 1:4-11**

The Holy Gospel of our Savior 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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon – Rev. Richard Hogue Jr.**

**The Renewal of Baptismal Vows**

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

**I do.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread,  
and in the prayers?

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

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and  
return to the Lord?

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

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

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

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

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

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of  
every human being?

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

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

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

## **The Prayers of the People**

### **Form IV**

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your  
truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and  
peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; especially Fr. Atwood, Randy, Tom & Wayne, Arlene, Ann, Paul, Bob, Michael, Art, Grant, Jerry, the Sohigian family, all who have been affected by the COVID-19 virus, and those who have no one to pray for them.

Are there others? (pause)

Give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died; especially Mary Sohigian, and those who have lost their lives to COVID-19,

Are there others? (pause)

We pray your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

## **Prayers for Birthdays & Anniversaries** (Jan 10 to Jan 15)

**For a Birthday** Watch over your children, O Lord, especially Fr. Edelman, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their heart may the peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**For an Anniversary** Eternal God, look with favor upon the world you have made and especially upon these couples. Give them wisdom and devotion in the ordering of their lives together, that each may be to the other a strength in need, a counselor in perplexity, a comfort in sorrow, and a companion in joy. Grant that their wills may be so knit together in your will, and their spirits in your Spirit, that they may grow in love and peace with you and one another all the days of their life. **Amen.**

## **The Holy Communion – Liturgy of the Table**

### **Offertory Sentence**

Presider     I appeal to you, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

## Virtual Offertory

While the office is closed, contributions and pledge payments can be mailed to the office. Alternatively, you may use Zelle from your banking app, send your pledge/donation to: [holycross@holycrosscarlsbad.org](mailto:holycross@holycrosscarlsbad.org). Or, use the Give Now button on our website, <https://holycrosscarlsbad.org/>, or consider texting 646.832.4848 with the amount you want to donate via our secure Faithstreet platform (click the link you receive and enter the Holy Cross quickcode, **hcec**). Faithstreet offers the option for donors to pay the fee which is treated as a donation to Holy Cross and is tax deductible.

## What star is this, with beams so bright – Hymnal 1982 #124

1. What star is this, with beams so bright,  
more beautiful than the noonday light?  
It shines to herald forth the King,  
and Gentiles to his crib to bring.
2. True spake the prophet from afar  
who told the rise of Jacob's star;  
and eastern sages with amaze  
upon the wondrous token gaze.
3. The guiding star above is bright;  
within them shines a clearer light,  
and leads them on with power benign  
to seek the Giver of the sign.
4. O Jesus, while the star of grace  
impels us on to seek thy face,  
let not our slothful hearts refuse  
the guidance of thy light to use.
5. To God the Father, heavenly Light,  
to Christ, revealed in earthly night,  
to God the Holy Ghost we raise  
our equal and unceasing praise.

## Spiritual Communion

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

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of**

**trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Consecrated bread and wine are displayed.*

Presider Lord Christ, we believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since we cannot at this time receive communion, we pray you to come into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all our heart, our soul, and our mind. Let nothing separate us from you; let us serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

### **Blessing**

Presider The blessing of God Almighty, the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

### **The Dismissal**

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

### **Sung Dismissal – Go Now in Peace**

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Go now in peace, never be afraid  
God will go with you each hour of every day  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true  
Know He will guide you in all you do  
Go now in love and show you believe  
Reach out to others so all the world can see  
God will be there watching from above  
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love  
A - men. A-men. A - men.

Presider Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

## Liturgical Leaders

<b>Presider</b>	<i>The Rev. Richard Hogue, Jr.</i>
<b>Reader</b>	<i>George Fern; Judy Cater; and volunteers</i>
<b>Music</b>	<i>Virginia Sublett – Music Director of St. Andrew’s, Encinitas; Jack Deane; the Tinney Family</i>

*Thank you to all for your service.  
May you know the love of God and be filled with new life.*

### **A Prayer for Peace**

*Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.***

### **A Prayer for the Human Family**

*O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.***

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