

St. Paul's Church, 166 High Street, Newburyport, MA
Sunday, January 10, 2021 9:00 am
The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Liturgical Year B
Holy Eucharist Rite II

Organ Prelude: "The only Son from heaven"

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Hymn: "Thou, whose almighty word"

#371 *The Hymnal* 1982

1 Thou, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard,
2 Thou who didst come to bring on thy re - deem - ing wing
3 Spi - rit of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly Dove,
4 Ho - ly and bless - ed Three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,

and took their flight; hear us, we hum - bly pray, and, where the
heal - ing and sight, health to the sick in mind, sight to the
speed forth thy flight! Move on the wa - ters' face bear - ing the
wis - dom, love, might; bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in

Gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light!
in - ly blind, now to all hu - man - kind, let there be light!
gifts of grace, and, in earth's dark - est place, let there be light!
full - est pride, through the world, far and wide, let there be light!

Opening Acclamation

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

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

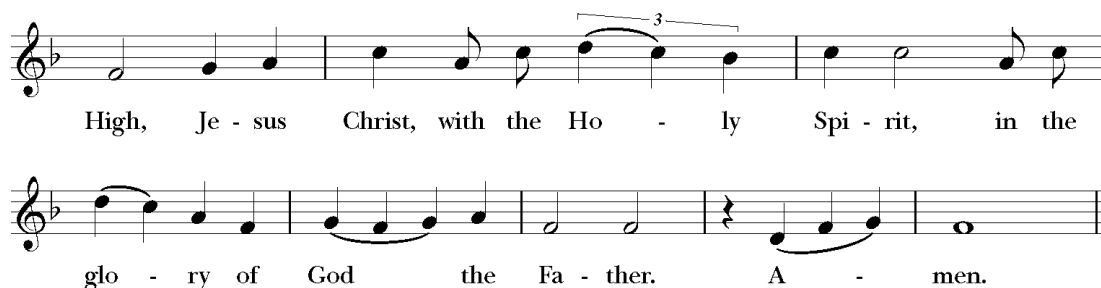
Collect for Purity

Celebrant & People: 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.

Gloria

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1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most



Collect of the Day

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant: 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.**

First Reading: 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: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: (sung by choir) “Let all the heavenly beings”

Paraphrase of Psalm 29 by Carl P Daw, Jr. (b. 1944)

Second Reading: 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—together there were about twelve of them.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation: "Alleluia"



Holy Gospel: Mark 1:4 – 11

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant: 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.***

Sermon

Fr. Jarred

Thanksgiving for Holy Baptism

Celebrant: God in Christ gives us water welling up for eternal life. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

People: ***Lord, give us this water and we shall thirst no more.***

Celebrant: Praise God who made heaven and earth,

People: ***who keeps his promise for ever.***

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

The Celebrant continues with the prayer over the water:

Father, we give you thanks and praise for your gift of water in creation; for your Spirit, sweeping over the waters, bringing light and life; for your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, baptized in the river Jordan.

We bless you for your new creation, brought to birth by water and the Spirit, and for your grace bestowed upon us your children, washing away our sins.

May your holy and life-giving Spirit move upon these waters. Restore through them the beauty of your creation, and bring those who are baptized to new birth in the family of your Church.

Drown sin in the waters of judgement, anoint your children with power from on high, and make them one with Christ in the freedom of your kingdom. For all might, majesty, dominion and power are yours, now and for ever.

*People: **Amen.***

The Prayer over the Water is followed by this act of penitence and dedication

God of truth, you are faithful to the covenant you have made with us; look in mercy on your people.

From all our sins, O Lord:

*People: **wash us, and we shall be clean.***

We have broken the pledges of our baptism, and failed to be your disciples.

From all our sins, O Lord:

*People: **wash us, and we shall be clean.***

Though we are saved by Christ and dead to sin through the deep waters of death, we have not witnessed to his grace by our manner of life.

From all our sins, O Lord:

*People: **wash us, and we shall be clean.***

We have shown indifference to those in need and have been afraid to stand up for justice and truth.

From all our sins, O Lord:

*People: **wash us, and we shall be clean.***

We have been slow to forgive, and have failed to remember your repeated forgiveness of our sins.

From all our sins, O Lord:

*People: **wash us, and we shall be clean.***

Today we rejoice and give thanks because your Son humbled himself to be baptized in the Jordan. Through the waters you have given us the mystery of baptism for the remission of our sins.

From all our sins, O Lord:

People: wash us, and we shall be clean.

Through water and Spirit you give us new life as the people of God, and pour out upon us the gifts of your new covenant.

From all our sins, O Lord:

All wash us, and we shall be clean.

Almighty God, in our baptism you have consecrated us to be temples of your Holy Spirit.

May we, whom you have counted worthy, nurture your indwelling Spirit with a lively faith, and worship you with upright lives; through Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

The “Asperges me” from Psalm 51 is sung while water is be sprinkled over the people, reminding us of our baptism:

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of nine staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words underlined to indicate syllable placement. The score is divided into sections for Priest, All, and Choir.

Priest *All*
Thou shalt_ purge me, O_____ Lord, with hys - sop, and_ I shall be_ clean:
Thou shalt_ wash me, and_____ I_ shall be whi - ter_____ than_ snow.

Choir *All*
Have_ mer-cy up-on_ me O_ God: af - ter_ thy_ great good - ness.
Glo - ry_ be to the Father and to the Son, and to_ the Ho-ly_ Ghost:
as_ it_ was in the beginning, is now, and ev - er shall be:_ world with-out_ end.

All
A - men_ Thou shalt_ purge me, O_____ Lord,
with hys - sop, and_____ I shall be_ clean: Thou shalt_ wash_ me,
and_____ I_ shall be whi - ter_____ than_ snow.

The Celebrant pronounces absolution:

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life

*People: **Amen.***

The Peace

All stand.

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

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

*All share signs of Christ's peace with one another,
especially seeking to amend any hurts or conflicts.*

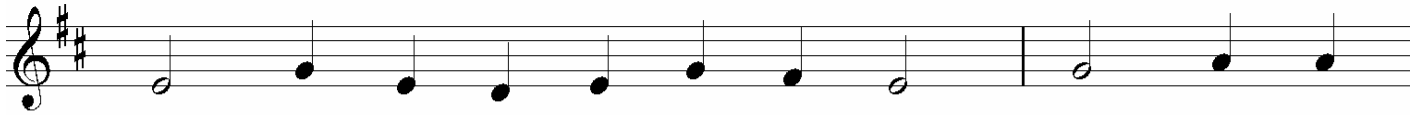
MINISTRY OF THE TABLE

The offering is taken and the altar is set for the Eucharist.

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his name, bring offerings and come into his courts.

Offertory Hymn: “When Christ’s appearing was made known”

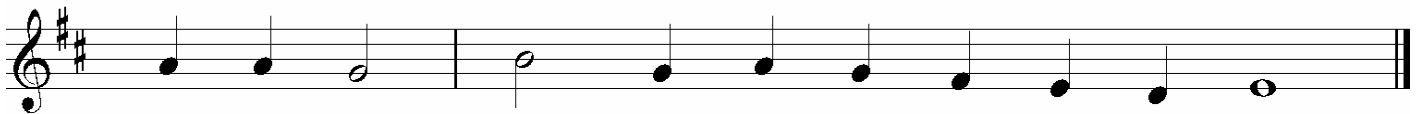
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1 When Christ's ap - pear - ing was made known, King He - rod
2 The east - ern sa - ges saw from far and fol - lowed
3 With - in the Jor - dan's sa - cred flood the heaven - ly
4 Oh, what a mir - a - cle di - vine, when wa - ter
5 All glo - ry, Je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

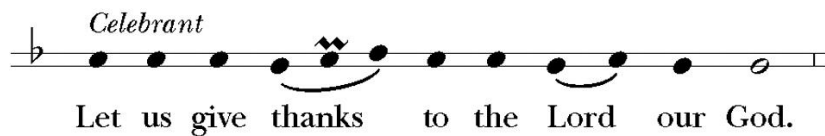
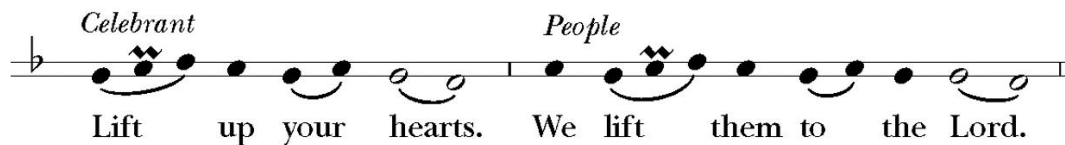
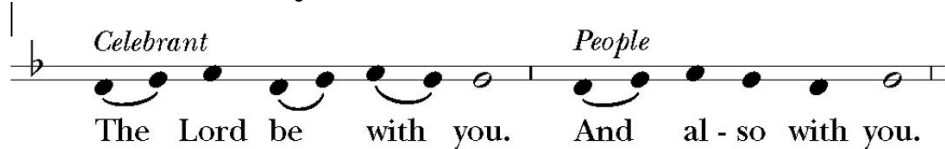


1 trem - bled for his throne; but he who of - fers
2 on his guid - ing star; by light their way to
3 Lamb in meek - ness stood, that he, to whom no
4 red - dened in - to wine! He spoke the word, and
5 glad e - piph - a - ny: whom with the Fa - ther



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.

Eucharistic Prayer



The Celebrant continues with the Preface to the Eucharistic Prayer

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, 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. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with Blessed Mary, Joseph, Paul, and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

The Celebrant continues with the Doxology, to which all respond with the “great Amen.”



Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the



u - ni - ty of the Ho - ly Spi - rit, to you be hon - or,



glo - ry, and praise, for ev - er and ev - er. A - MEN.

The Celebrant then continues

Trusting in the promises of God,
as our Savior taught us, so we pray

Celebrant & People

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.

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ

People: ***We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.***

Agnus Dei: “Jesus, Lamb of God”

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Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

The first line of the musical score is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves, treble and bass. The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with the bass staff providing harmonic support. The lyrics are written below the staves.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

The second line continues the melody and harmony. The lyrics are written below the staves.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

The third line continues the melody and harmony. The lyrics are written below the staves.

give us your peace, give us your peace.

The fourth line concludes the hymn. The lyrics are written below the staves.

Celebrant: Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

*People: Lord I am not worthy to receive you,
But only say the word, and I shall be healed*

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

Celebrant: As we are not all gathered to receive the sacrament together, we pray this prayer of spiritual communion:

All: Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

(St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

Post Communion Anthem: “I’m going on a journey”

Words: Kenneth D. Larkin (1929-2011) Music: Edward V. Bonnemere (1921-1996)

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Celebrant & People

Almighty and everliving God,
*we thank you for feeding us
with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

Blessing and Dismissal

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

*The celebrant pronounces a blessing, after which all respond
Amen.*

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

Closing Hymn: “Christ, when for us you were baptized”

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1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spi - rit on you came,
2 God called you his be - lov - ed Son, called you his ser - vant true,
3 Straight - way and stead - fast un - til death you then o - beyed his call
4 Bap - tize us with your Spi - rit, Lord, your cross on us be signed,

as peace - ful as a dove and yet as ur - gent as a flame.
sent you his king - dom to pro - claim, his ho - ly will to do.
free - ly as Son of Man to serve and give your life for all.
that, like - wise in God's ser - vice we may per - fect free - dom find.

Postlude: “The only Son from heaven” (from Orgelbuchlein)

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Choir: Richard Blumenscheid, Elaine Bucher, Joyce Cejka, Virginia Meyer, Jane Niebling

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Prayer List

Person to Pray for and Relationship

Allison Flynn – Niece of Sue Olson & Nancy Jukins

Les Johnson – Friend of Sue Olson & Nancy Jukins

Eve Steinberg – Friend of Sue Olson & Nancy Jukins

Judy Abby – Parishioner

Frances Calkins – Mother of Anne Tuthill

Debby Demopoulos – Sister of Pat Maslen

Marya Toffey – Niece of Ann Winslow

Keetah Life – Parishioner

Stephen Mathis – Friend of Priscilla Bellairs

Talia Duff—Niece of Lorrie and Jeff Jones

Stephen Jones—Nephew of Lorrie and Jeff Jones

Betty Moberger – Sister-in-law of Ingrid Sanborn
Marilyn Diehl – Friend of Ingrid Sanborn
Jill Davila – Niece of Carole Bishop
Tony Broer - Brother of Carole Bishop
Joanne Norris – Friend of Sheila & Jack Butler
Karen – Friend of the Budzyna family
Theresa Winslow – Mother of Ed Winslow
Olin Braids – Brother of Priscilla Bellairs
Karen & Richard Greene – Family of Wendy Colby
Betty Trowbridge – Friend of Donna Northam
Marie Buckman – Mother of Linda Davis Siess
Walter Blumenscheid – Father of Richard Blumenscheid
Lois Schofield – Parishioner
Mary Snowdon – Parishioner
Ken Leistler – Friend of Susan Flint
David Sanborn – Brother of Wayne Sanborn
Laura Hobbs – Friend of Susan Flint
Jeanne Rainoldi – Friend of Ann Staffeld
Vikas Chandhoke – Friend of Alison & Peter Novello
Richelle Stephens – Friend of Susan Flint
Paul Lucas – Parishioner
John Coliano – Friend of Cathleen Williamson
Noel – Friend of Cathleen Williamson
Ann Davis – Friend of Cathleen Williamson
Donna & Bob Northam – Parishioners
Larry Blondin – Parishioner
Bethany Albritton – Grandniece of Judy Jester
Kristin Corning – Parishioner
Ron Trieff – Husband of Sheila Trieff
Nancy Burkholder – Sister-in-law of Pat Maslen
Jori Guldenstern
Susan Smith – Sister of Anne Tuthill
Jessi Nickerson – Friend of Fr. Jarred
Donald Peck – Brother of Doug Peck
Rev. Connie Reinhardt – Friend of St. Paul's Church
Elaine Richardson – Friend of Frank Condella
Alan White – Friend of Susan Flint
Tim Coco – Friend of Susan Flint
Barbara Barnes – Cousin of Joyce Thayer
Jessica, Owen & Family – Friends of Gail Bishop-Davis
Alexander Schumann – Cousin of John Neale
Corey – Friend of Alison & Peter Novello

Statement of Call - St. Paul's Church

St. Paul's is a Christian community where people are met and accepted without judgment for who they are and are adopted into a loving and caring family. Our faith provides a framework within which we explore, honor and celebrate the presence of God in daily experiences, especially in the crises, conflicts and transitions of life, and are thereby equipped to live fully in an increasingly complex and changing world.

We believe we are called to center our life in Jesus Christ through a regular discipline of Eucharistic worship, scripture study and prayer.

We believe our faith leads us to fulfill our mission, which is to share ourselves and our resources with each other, our community and the world.

We believe we are called to discover and affirm our spiritual gifts and be responsible and committed ministers of these gifts in the name of Jesus Christ.

St. Paul's 2020 Vestry

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