The First Sunday After the Epiphany: The Baptism of Our Lord



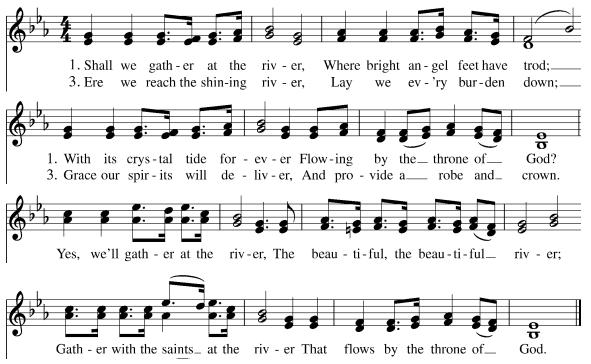
January 7, 2024 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Before the service, speak to the Lord; During the service, let the Lord speak to you; After the service, speak to one another.

Prelude "I Wonder As I Wander" arr. Nicole Chamberlain

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The complete text begins on page 355 of The Book of Common Prayer.

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

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

Collect for Purity

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.**

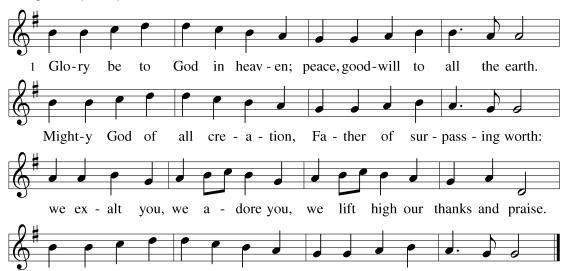
All say this Hymn of Praise (9 a.m.)

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.

All sing this Hymn of Praise (11 a.m.)



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.

Text: Martin A. Seltz, b. 1951, based on "Gloria in excelsis Deo" Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

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The Collect of the Day

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Let us pray.

Priest 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

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Psalm 29

¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, * ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

²Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; * worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; * the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

⁴The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; * the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; * the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

⁶He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, * and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

⁷The 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.

9And in the temple of the LORD * all are crying, "Glory!"

¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; * the LORD sits enthroned as King forevermore.

11The LORD shall give strength to his people; * the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Sequence L134 "Take me to the water"



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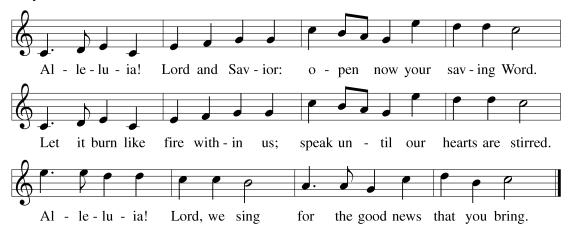
Acts 19:1-7

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



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Priest The holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Mark 1:4-11

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." only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon The Rev. Mark Rutenbar

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

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

People I do.

Priest Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

People 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.

Priest 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.

Priest 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.

Priest 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.

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

People I will, with God's help.

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

People I will, with God's help.

Priest 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.

The Priest concludes the Renewal of Vows with a Collect.

The Prayers of the People

The Leader and People pray responsively

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble; For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Skip, our Assisting Bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We pray especially for Audrey, Lotte, Patti, Debbie, Carol, Betty, Lee, Ginny, Bruce, Maggie, Matthew, Bob, Daryl, Jim, Mike, Andrew, Joyce, Carol, Phil, Jim, Jane, and Bishop Curry.

Silence

needy.

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.

The Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The People may then greet one another with a sign of peace.

Offertory

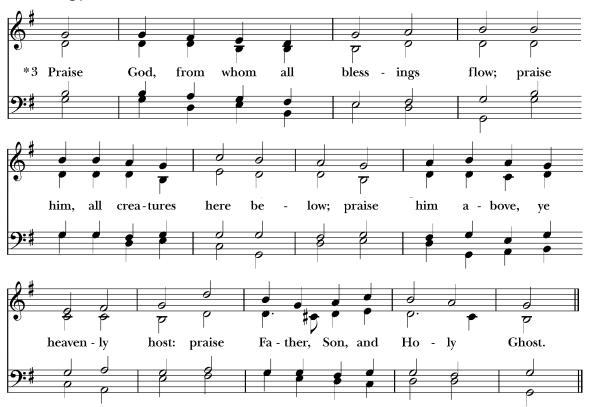
Special Music "There's a Song in the Air"

MaryAnn Hubbard & Cheryl Bates, Flutes Josiah G. Holland, Karl P. Harrington/arr. Stan Pethel

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The Great Thanksgiving

The complete text begins on p. 361, BCP

Eucharistic Prayer A

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Priest It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing



Then the Priest continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Priest is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Priest continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

The Priest continues through the Invocation, then says

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.**

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

Priest 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

The Bread is broken and silence is kept. Then may be said

Priest Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Invitation to Communion

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

Optional Prayer for those who cannot receive

Beloved Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you. Let me never be separated from you in this life or in the life to come. Amen.

Hymns During Communion

Hymn "You have come down to the lakeshore"



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Hymn "What a friend we have in Jesus"



- 1 What a friend we have in Je sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
- 2 Have we tri als and temp ta tions? Is there trou-ble an y where?
- 3 Are we weak and heav-y lad en, cum bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer! We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged—take it to the Lord in prayer. Pre - cious Sav-ior, still our ref - uge—take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need-less pain we bear—Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor-rows share? Do your friends de-spise, for-sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be-cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!

Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness—take it to the Lord in prayer.

In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so-lace there.

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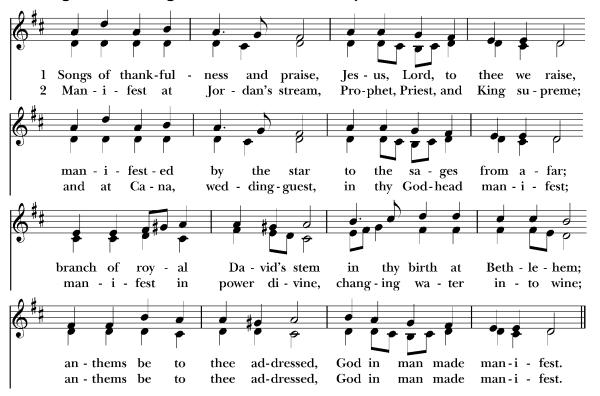
After Communion, all say

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 Priest bestows the blessing

The Peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing 135 "Songs of thankfulness and praise"



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The Deacon (or if no Deacon, the Priest) dismisses the People.

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

In Our Prayers

LARCC: Children's Worship Center at Trinity Episcopal Church

For Healing & Convalescing: Audrey Himes, Lotte Rosenberg, Patti Rockwell, Debbie Sanborn, Carol Hart, Betty Bartley, Lee Harris, Ginny French, Bruce Connon, Maggie Lamb, Matthew Van Zetten, Bob Hanna, Daryl Hebert, Jim Tanner, Mike Tanner, Andrew, Joyce, Carol Putkamer, Phil, Jim Gilmet, Jane McClain and The Most Rev. Michael Curry.

Birthdays: Ethan Himes (9), Kat Tomaszewski (10), Bill Powell (11), Ron Lemke (12)

Military: Ashley Alexander, Tyler Ferrier, Joshua Gapske, Isaac Graham, John Hartman

Cycles of Prayer: Diocesan: Holy Family, Midland and St. Paul's, St. Joseph; Anglican: the Diocese of Abyei (South Sudan)

Announcements

THANK YOU

In record time and with merry hearts, the people of Trinity came together on Dec. 20th to polish the brass and hang the boughs to honor Christ's birth. A special BIG thank you goes out to Jim and Betty Masters, Merrill Downs, Jan Lemonds, Glenda Aasland, Marg Lakin, Sue Jackowiak, Hazel Farnum, Eric and Shelly Cornish, Rebecca and Don Stockdale, Pam and Leo Woida, Betty and Steve Westrope, Gerry Cawthra, Cheryl Bates, Ellen Eagan, Lisa Rhea and Carole Cadarette.

WORSHIP LEADER TRAINING OFFERED

The Diocese is providing training for those interested in becoming worship leaders, the first training occurring via Zoom on Saturday, January 13, from 10 am - 2 pm. Anyone who is interested or wants more information can contact Ellen Eagan.

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN MEET JANUARY 13

Trinity Episcopal Church Women will be meeting at 10 a.m., Jan. 13, in The Parish House. The meeting will begin with an in-house spiritual retreat led by Maggie Michaud. There will be a short business meeting to conclude the day. Everyone is welcome!

MONTHLY POTLUCK

The monthly potluck will be held on Thursday, January 11, at 5 p.m. Please bring a dish to pass and join us. All are welcome!

The Flowers On The Altar Given to the Glory of God and In Memory of Hazel & Herbert Fox Ethel & Shepton Fox Clarence Fox Irving Fox William L. Fox Connie & Sam Shaw by Bea Fox

This Week's Calendar		
Today		Holy Eucharist Sunday Supper
Tuesday	1:30 PM 7 PM	,
Wednesday	1:05 PM	Holy Eucharist The Good Book (Bible) Study Choir Practice AA
Thursday	5 PM	Monthly Potluck
Friday	5:30 PM	AA
Saturday	10 AM	Trinity Episcopal Church Women

Next Week's Readings
1 Samuel 3:1-10[11-20]
Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17
1 Corinthians 6:12-20
John 1:43-51



Future Worship Schedule

Sunday, January 14

9 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. LaRae Rutenbar 11 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. LaRae Rutenbar

Sunday, January 21

9 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Mark Rutenbar 11 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Mark Rutenbar

Sunday, January 28 (Only 1 service today)

9 am - Potluck breakfast 9:30 am - Annual Meeting in Fellowship Hall 11 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. LaRae Rutenbar

Sunday, February 4

9 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Mark Rutenbar 11 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Mark Rutenbar

Sunday, February 11

9 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. LaRae Rutenbar 11 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. LaRae Rutenbar

Sunday, February 18

9 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Mark Rutenbar 11 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Mark Rutenbar

Sunday, February 25

9 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. LaRae Rutenbar 11 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. LaRae Rutenbar

Wednesdays, January 10, 17, 24, 31 and February 7, 14, 21, 28

12:05 pm - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Bruce Michaud 1:00 pm - Bible Study/Rev. Bruce Michaud

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Welcome to Trinity, part of the Anglican Communion, and thus, both catholic and reformed — the *via media* or "middle way" between Roman Catholicism and Protestantism

Trinity organized in 1864 and our Victorian Gothic building dates from 1883. As a "National Jubilee Center," we reach out to many in need, and as a venue for performing arts, we live out our identity as a "village church" in the English tradition.

In "Eucharistic hospitality," we invite all persons to the Lord's Table. Please join us there, and then, next door after the Service for refreshment and fellowship. We are delighted that you are here, and would be delighted to meet you.

The Vestry

Ellen Eagan, Senior Warden Ben Westrope, Junior Warden Susan Fitzpatrick, Treasurer

Tina Wilson, Clerk

Duane Himes Jim Masters
Cathy Meske Lisa Rhea

Bill Powell Sonya Titus

