

ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

First Sunday after Epiphany: Baptism of the Lord

January 8, 2023

The Holy Eucharist, Rite Two

Year A

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

(You are invited into silence to prepare for worship.)

Prelude

Hymn *Songs of thankfulness and praise*

135, Hymnal

Opening Acclamations

BCP, 355

Presider: Blessed are you, holy and living God.

People: **You come to your people and set them free.**

Presider and 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.**

8 am Gloria

BCP, 356

10 am Song of Praise

Glory to God in the highest

S280, Hymnal

(the 'S' hymns are in the front of the hymnal)

Collect of the Day

Creator God, 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.**

An introduction: The first part of this passage is one of four Servant Songs in Isaiah, poems about God's special agent who will fulfill his purpose for the faithful community; though

innocent, he will suffer for his people. As the Christian community matured, these 'suffering servant' songs were attributed to prophecy about Jesus.

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah [42:1-9]

“Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.” Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: “I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.”

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People. **Response: 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 God's 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 Yahweh 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 Sovereign for evermore.
- 11 The Lord shall give strength to God’s people; *
the Lord shall give God’s people the blessing of peace.

An introduction: In this passage from the book of Acts, Peter is visiting Cornelius, an officer of the occupying Roman army and already a believer in God. Peter breaks Jewish law by visiting a Gentile. He tells the assembled company that God does not favor Jews over others: anyone, whatever their nationality, who reveres God, “is acceptable to him”. Peter goes on to give the basic outline of their experience of Jesus and what he is called to share with the world.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles [10:34-43]

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

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The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew [3:13-17]

Response: Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Response: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Gospel Hymn *Christ, when for us you were baptized* (vs 3 & 4) 121, Hymnal

Sermon

The Rev. Curtis Metzger

There may follow a period of silence

Prayers of the People: Form V

BCP, 389

Presider: We stand as we are able, to bring our prayers to God.

Leader: In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"

Leader: For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Rob our own Bishop, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God. In the diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for Faith Episcopal Church in Merrimack and in the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for the Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma), we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord.

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For a blessing upon all human labor, and for a deeper respect of and the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For this congregation, for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For our enemies and those who wish us harm; and for all whom we have

injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health; especially for those who have asked for our prayers, please join me if you would like, in saying their names, **Jackie Rogers, Liam Ferguson, Bunny Stoddard, Xondra Smith, Deb McKinley, Noreen Watts, Sherry Sachritz, Mary Kennedy, Valerie Munday, George Ekwall, Karen Griswold, Rick Phillips, Shari Moore, Toni McGuire, Charlena McDufford, Andrew Rich, Rich Losh, Reathel Bean, Kelly Dyan, Dottie Herbert, Phil Harris & Elaine Cormier-Harris, Stuart Hartford, Tony Garges, Karen Cheney, & Kate McCann** we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and for all those who have died serving their country, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Prayer for the Search for our Next Rector

V: Lord, you are our Shepherd.

R: You guide us and revive our souls.

V: You spread a table before us,

R: That we may dwell in your house forever.

Let us pray. (*Silence*)

Gracious and loving God, giver of hope:

embrace us and guide us in our search for our new rector.

Open our hearts and minds.

Grant us courage to know what is best for our parish, not for ourselves alone. Make straight the path for a godly, wise and prayerful priest to find us; one who will inspire and shepherd us to a closer relationship with you, that we may see your vision for the Church of the future and have the grace and power to get there. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader: Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

People: To you, O Lord our God.

Confession

BCP, 360

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Presider and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Presider continues

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Peace

BCP, 361

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

At the Presentation of our offering,

8 am All things come of thee, O Lord.

And of thine own have we given thee.

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer I Enriching Our Worship

Presider The Lord be with you. (*sung at 10 am, S112, Hymnal*)

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

Presider Lift up your hearts.

***People* We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***People* It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing (say):

Presider and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

S129, Hymnal

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Presider continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word,

made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Presider continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.** (*sung at 10 am, S146*)

The Lord's Prayer

BCP, 364

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.

Breaking of the bread

Presider: 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.**

All are welcome at God's holy table. If you wish to receive a blessing and not the bread, please come to the rail and cross your arms or ask. Gluten-free wafers are available, please ask at the altar rail. If you brought your own bread or picked up a host container, you may consume the Host (bread) now. We are now offering the consecrated wine in small cups at the altar rail for any who would like to receive it. Take your time at the altar rail as you may need, and deposit the glass cup in the basin by the lectern on your way back to the pew.

Hymns during Communion

Jim Roan, Cantor

YOU SATISFY THE HUNGRY HEART TÚ SACIAS TODO CORAZÓN

Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997

Spanish Tr. Georgina Pando-Connolly

Robert E. Kreutz, 1922–1996

Setting by John Ferguson



You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with
Tú sa - cias to - do co - ra - zón con



gift of fin - est wheat; come give to us, O
tri - go del me - jor. El pan de vi - da,



sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.
da - nos hoy. Ven, Cris - to Sal - va - dor.

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Prayer after Communion

BCP, 365

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

Closing Hymn *O love, how deep*

448, Hymnal

Dismissal *Response: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia*

Postlude

WELCOME GUESTS! Please join us for light refreshments in the Fellowship Room!

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No anniversaries



Norma St. John, Michael Scheltmyer, & Lotetta Fillion

