



FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

HOLY EUCHARIST

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*W*elcome to all who worship with us this morning, and a special welcome to all our guests who join our virtual worship. We are delighted that you are worshipping with us!

This Sunday, we celebrate the Holy Eucharist with communion in one kind, i.e. wafers only. Participating in worship online allows everyone to partake in "spiritual communion" i.e., the service of Holy Communion from afar in which one cannot physically receive the bread and wine but can still receive its effects within one's heart.



First Sunday after The Epiphany

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

Hymnal 76

1 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings.

4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand,
and bid the fallen sinner stand;
shine forth, and let thy light restore
earth's own true loveliness once more.

2 Then cleansed be every breast from sin;
make straight the way for God within,
and let each heart prepare a home
where such a mighty guest may come.

5 All praise, eternal Son, to thee,
whose advent doth thy people free;
whom with the Father we adore
and Holy Spirit evermore.

3 For thou art our salvation, Lord,
our refuge, and our great reward;
without thy grace we waste away
like flowers that wither and decay.

Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), after John Chandler (1806-1876); alt.

Music: *Winchester New*, melody from *Musicalishes hand-Buch*, 1690' harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. *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.*

Gloria

Glory to God

Hymnal 280

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.*

Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932), rev.

The Collect of the Day

BCP 357

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider 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.*

First Reading

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.

- 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.

Second Lesson

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 Hymn

Baptized in water

1 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
cleansed by the blood of Christ our King;
heirs of salvation, trusting his promise,
faithfully now God's praise we sing.

3 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
marked with the sign of Christ our King;
born of one Father, we are his children,
joyfully now God's praise we sing.

2 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
dead in the tomb with Christ our King;
one with his rising, Freed and forgiven,
thankfully now God's praise we sing.

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Music: *Bunesan*, Gaelic melody; harm. Alec Whyton) OneLicense #A-702267

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Gospel

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."

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Bailey Norman

The Baptismal Covenant

BCP 304

Presider Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Presider 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.

Presider 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.

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

People I will, with God's help.

Presider 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.

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

People I will, with God's help.

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

People I will, with God's help.

Presider 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 Prayers of the People

BCP 388

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. We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Brian, our Bishop; Jonathan, Bishop of our companion diocese of South Dakota; Bailey and Steve, our clergy; and for all the clergy and people. In the Diocese of East Tennessee, we pray for St. Luke's and Family Cornerstone, Cleveland; in our companion Diocese of South Dakota, we pray for St. John's, Deadwood, our sister parish, St. John's, Brown Falley; for the Diocese of Haiti, St. John the Evangelist Church and Medical Clinic; and in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer for the Dioceses of Lebombo, Mozambique, Southern Ohio, and Southern Philippines. 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. We pray for Donald, our President; for Joe, our President-elect; for Bill, our Governor; for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, 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. 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. We pray for our parish members Jim & Nancy Anderson; Rhonda Ashburn; Matt & Leah Bailey; Derek, Liz & Noah Baker, Jacob Anthony, Gabe Ledford; Jo Ann Baker. We pray for those serving in our armed forces at home and abroad: Thomas Bautz, Jay Brooks, Brian Bussel, Courtenay Clary, Seth Howell, Bobby Johnson, Seth Knazovich, Seth Kosko, Alex Mol, Justin Snyder, Thomas Stickle, Aaron Volk, Kyle Zirkel. Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray for Marcia Illingworth, Helen Miles, Freddie Worley; for those in the hospital; for those in assisted living: Earl Eversole, John Joyce, Mary Anne King, and Dot Skinner. Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Al Skyberg, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

The Peace

BCP 360

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

Blessings for Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries

Blessing of new Vestry and Commissioning of New Officers

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Music

Were it not for Grace
by David Hamilton and Phill McHugh

Karen Yearwood, soloist
Simon Ballintoy, piano

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Doxology

Hymnal 380

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637-1711)
Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer C

BCP 369

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Presider Let us give thanks to our Lord God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**
Presider God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**
Presider At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.
People **By your will they were created and have their being.**
Presider From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Presider Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

Presider And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus

Hymnal S 128

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

Then the Presider continues.

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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." After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

Celebrant and People

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

The Presider continues

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name. Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

The Presider continues

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

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.

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread.

Jesus, Lamb of God: Have mercy on us.
 Jesus, bearer of our sins: Have mercy on us.
 Jesus, redeemer of the world: Give us your peace.

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The Presider says the following invitation:

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Hymn

The sinless one to Jordan came

Hymnal 120

- 1 The sinless one to Jordan came,
and in the river shared our stain;
God's righteousness he thus fulfilled,
and chose the path his Father willed.
- 2 Uprising from the waters there,
the Father's voice did then declare
that Christ, the Son of God, had come
to lead his scattered people home.
- 3 Above him see the heavenly Dove,
the sign of God the Father's love,
now by the Holy Spirit shed
upon the Son's anointed head.

- 4 How blest that mission then begun
to heal and save a race undone!
Straight to the wilderness he goes
to wrestle with his people's foes.
- 5 O Christ, may we baptized from sin,
go forth with you a world to win:
grant us the Holy Spirit's power
to shield us in temptation's hour.
- 6 On you may all your people feed,
and know you are the Bread indeed,
who gives eternal life to those
that with you died, and with you rose.

Words: G. B. Timms (b. 1910), alt.

Music: *Solemnis haec festivitas*, melody from *Graduale*, 1685; harm. Arthur Hutchings (b. 1906)

Prayer after Communion (*Presider and People*)

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.*

Blessing

May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord. *Amen.*

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth. *Amen.*

May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

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| <p>1 Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,
dawn on our darkness, and lend us thine aid;
star of the east, the horizon adorning,
guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.</p> <p>2 Cold on his cradle the dew-drops are shining,
low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
angels adore him in slumber reclining,
Maker and Monarch and Savior of all.</p> <p>3 Shall we then yield him, in costly devotion,
odors of Edom, and offerings divine,
gems of the mountain, and pearls of the ocean,
myrrh from the forest, and gold from the mine?</p> | <p>4 Vainly we offer each ample oblation,
vainly with gifts would his favor secure,
richer by far is the heart's adoration,
dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.</p> <p>5 Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,
dawn on our darkness, and lend us thine aid;
star of the east, the horizon adorning,
guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.</p> |
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Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826), alt.

Music: *Morning Star*, James Proctor Harding (1850-1911)

Dismissal

Presider	Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People	Thanks be to God.

Postlude

*The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Leah Bailey
in loving memory of Mary Ann Halstead and in honor of Lena Larmon's 5th birthday.
The Ambry Candle is given to the glory of God.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EPIPHANY HOMEWORK

Please be on the lookout for a video from me (Fr. Bailey) detailing more specifics about your Epiphany “homework”. In the meantime, the preview I have for you is this:

- First, if you haven't already, please **request communion** for this Sunday by completing the [Google Form](#) or emailing me at revnorman1011@gmail.com. Included with communion will be a special “Epiphany pack”. Even if you don't want communion, I want everyone to have an opportunity to pick up their “Epiphany pack” which consists of the following:
 - **Blessed or holy water** – You will be given some instructions in your pack, but there will be some suggested uses you will receive regarding the water. Keep in mind it is not “magic” water but is to be used to give you a physical reminder of God's blessing upon you and your home
 - **Chalk** – There is an ancient tradition which has been revived recently concerning “chalking” the lintel or eave over your front door as a sign of God's blessing upon your house. Again, notice the theme of blessing. You will receive instructions in your pack on how to do and why we do it, but it is a great way to involve the entire family in an Epiphany ritual.
 - **House blessing prayers** – With or without your blessed water, you will be given a copy of the liturgy for blessings of homes at Epiphany. Ordinarily I would be making myself available to come and do these blessings for you during Epiphany. But since I doubt you want anyone but family coming into your homes right now, I will provide this resource and instructions for how you can do it.
- Last, but certainly not least, **please watch this Sunday's service at 9 AM**. It is a significant feast day in our liturgical year – the baptism of Jesus. The whole service, and the sermon in particular, will give context to all of these tools I am sending home with you. Epiphany is the season of making God's light and promise known to the world, but we must first proclaim them to ourselves.

Don't forget to sign up for communion – and your special pack – if you have not yet done so!

STAFF DEPARTURE - CAROLINE WOOD

It is bittersweet to announce the departure of our youth coordinator, Caroline Wood, effective at the end of February 2021. Caroline has served with us for 2 ½ years, bringing her creativity, energy, and passion for our youth not just into the lives of our families but to our whole parish. While we hate to lose her, the consolation is that she has accepted the position of Diocesan Youth Coordinator. In this role, she will be working for the bishop in supporting and networking youth ministry among local parishes, taking increased leadership with summer camp at Grace Point, and creating and supervising all diocesan youth programming. While we will not have her ministry all to ourselves, she will remain deeply connected to St. Stephen's and all the parishes in our diocese through this role. Her last day in her role here will be Sunday, February 28. We will host a farewell "reception" (in whatever form that takes!) for her close to that date. If you know Caroline, please reach out to her and express your congratulations. We are immensely proud of her for the work she has done here and the work she will now be doing for the diocese.

Caroline's ministry entails more than simply EYF, but EYF is the central point from which much of our other youth programming originates. As such, we are moving pretty rapidly in identifying potential leaders to succeed Caroline in leading EYF. We are hoping an announcement of new leader(s) may be made as early as next week!

INQUIRER'S CLASS

Are you thinking about joining St. Stephen's? Are you new to the church and just want to learn more? Have you been around St. Stephen's and/or the Episcopal Church for a long time and would like a refresher? Do you want to meet and connect more deeply with some new people within the parish? Then you've come to the right place! Beginning late this month, Fr. Bailey will be offering inquirers classes via Zoom to any and all who are interested. For those of you who are interested in joining the church, I do want this to be a preparation for you to be confirmed, received, or welcomed by the bishop when he comes for his annual visitation on Sunday, April 11. For the rest, come learn and engage in conversation with me. Your only requirement at this point is to let me know that you are interested no later than Friday, January 15, 2021. Please contact Fr. Bailey at 251-604-1705 or revnorman1011@gmail.com.

COMMUNION DELIVERY NEXT SUNDAY

JANUARY 17, 2021

We will be celebrating Holy Eucharist next week, January 17, 2021, and communion wafers will be available for pick up or to those who request it after the livestream next week. Please sign up using this [Google Form](#).



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