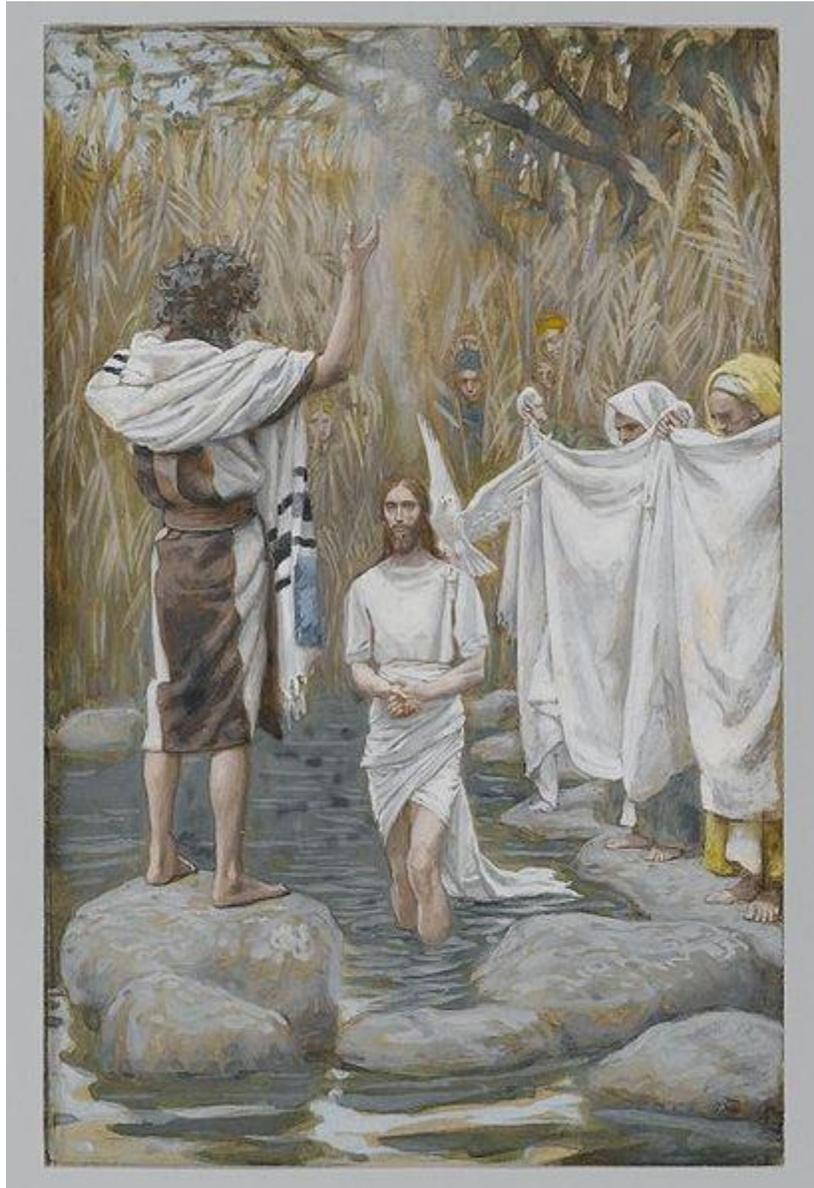


**First Sunday after the Epiphany:
The Baptism of our Lord
January 10, 2021
*10:00 am***



**Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Trinity Church, Swarthmore**

WELCOME! *It is a joy to worship with you today, this first Sunday after the Epiphany.
Our worship of God is a communal experience. Please join as fully as you are comfortable doing,
knowing that God's Spirit connects us more powerfully than any virus or physical distancing can separate us.
We encourage children to participate as they can.*

Our worship ([linked here](#)) follows Rite II of The Holy Eucharist. "BCP" refers to the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer (1979). We will begin on p. 355. If using the online BCP ([here](#)) select "The Holy Eucharist," then "The Holy Eucharist: Rite II". The lessons are printed below or can be accessed ([here](#)).

Our preacher this morning is The Rev. Dr. Edward "Ted" Thompson. Our presider is The Rev. Sabrina LaBelle.

Organ Voluntary

"When Jesus went to Jordan's stream"

J.S. Bach

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer;

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

Song of Praise

"Songs of thankfulness and praise"

Hymnal 1982 #135

1) **Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise,
manifested by the star
to the sages from afar;
branch of royal David's stem
in thy birth at Bethlehem;
anthems be to thee addressed,
God in man made manifest.**

2) **Manifest at Jordan's stream,
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;
and at Cana, wedding-guest,
in thy Godhead manifest;
manifest in power divine,
changing water into wine;
anthems be to thee addressed,
God in man made manifest.**

Collect of the Day

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.

People **Amen.**

Liturgy of the Word

All scriptural passages are from the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) translation.

First Lesson: 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 29

Afferte Domino

- 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

"The people who in darkness walked"

Hymnal 1982 #126

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| <p>1) The people who in darkness walked
have seen a glorious light;
on them broke forth the heavenly dawn
who dwelt in death and night.</p> <p>2) To hail thy rising, Sun of life,
the gathering nations come,
joyous as when the reapers bear
their harvest treasures home.</p> | <p>3) To us the promised Child is born,
to us the Son is given;
him shall the tribes of earth obey,
and all the hosts of heaven.</p> <p>4) His name shall be the Prince of Peace
for evermore adored,
the Wonderful, the Counselor,
the mighty God and Lord.</p> <p>5) His power increasing still shall spread,
his reign no end shall know;
justice shall guard his throne above,
and peace abound below.</p> |
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The Proclamation of the Holy Gospel

Mark 1:4-11

A deacon or priest announces the Gospel proclamation, saying:

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

Renewal of the Baptismal Covenant

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.**

Prayers of the People

(Form VI, BCP p. 392)

The Prayer Leader begins, the People responding with the words in bold.
In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

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 needy.

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, Daniel our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in God's Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

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.

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.

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.
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 Presider offers a concluding collect or other expression of God's absolution to all who truly confess and repent.

Sharing a Sign of Christ's Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements may be offered after the sharing of peace.

Invitation to Communion

Presider The table of bread and wine is now to be made ready. It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him. It is the table of sharing with the poor and marginalized of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which Christ became incarnate. So come, let us gather as we are able. It is Christ who invites us to meet him.

People **Jesus, we cannot gather in community round your altar as we desire.**

**Yet, you are with God; you are of God.
Give us grace so to be in communion with you and one another,
that we may know your presence in and among us. Amen.**

The table is then prepared, and gifts offered, as we also prepare to give ourselves anew to God in Christ.

Offertory Hymn:

"When Jesus went to Jordan's stream"

Hymnal 1982 #139

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| 1) When Jesus went to Jordan's stream
his Father's will obeying,
and was baptized by John,
there came a voice from heaven
saying,
"This is my dear beloved Son
upon whom rests my favor."
And till God's will is fully done
he will not bend or waver,
for he is Christ the Savior. | The Holy Spirit then was shown,
a dove on him descending;
the Triune God is thus made known
in Christ as love unending.
He taught, he healed, he raised the dead,
yet, in his great endeavor
to save us, his own blood was shed;
but death could hold him never.
He rose, and lives for ever. | 2) He came by water and by blood
to heal our lost condition;
he cleanses, reconciles to God,
and gives the Great Commission.
Then let us not heed worldly lies
nor rest upon our merit,
but trust in Christ who will baptize
with water and the Spirit
that we may life inherit. |
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Liturgy of the Table: Holy Communion

Central to the sacrament of Holy Eucharist is the notion of sharing from bread and wine consecrated to God and blessed by the Holy Spirit in the communal, Eucharistic feast. But not all who desire can gather. We enter into the sacrament of Holy Communion, aware that we cannot all gather and with people participating from home as possible. In doing so, we take comfort in knowing that God, "by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine" (Ephesians 3:20).

Enriching our Worship (EOW), from which our Eucharistic Prayers are taken this season after The Epiphany, is a collection of authorized, supplemental worship materials which augment and work with the rubrics of the 1979 Book of Common Prayer.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer 2, EOW 1 p. 57

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

The Presider continues

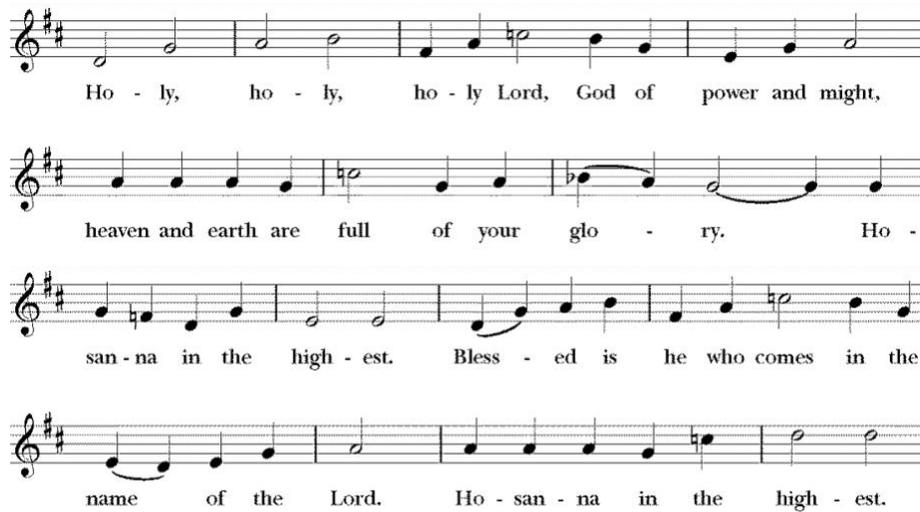
We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.
From before time you made ready the creation.
Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars;
earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways.
But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children,
you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing (say):

Sanctus

(Hymnal 1982 S-131)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

The Presider continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Presider 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 the wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, 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. Again, he gave thanks to you, 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."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. 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.**

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

The Lord's Prayer

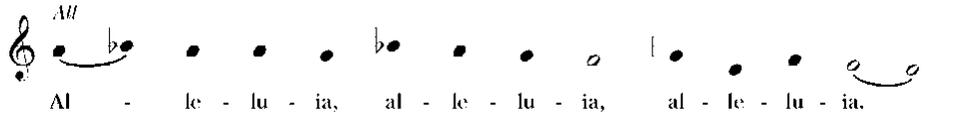
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread and Invitation

Fraction Anthem

Hymnal 1982 S-151



The Presider then offers the gifts of God to the people of God.

Post-Communion Prayer

EOW 1, p. 69

After Communion, the Presider invites all to join in the following prayer

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Presider may offer a blessing.

Closing Hymn

“Strengthen for service”

Hymnal 1982 #312

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| <p>1) Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands
that holy things have taken;
let ears that now have heard
thy songs
to clamor never waken.</p> | <p>2) Lord, may the tongues which
“Holy” sang,
keep free from all deceiving;
the eyes which saw thy love
be bright,
thy blessed hope perceiving.</p> | <p>3) The feet that tread thy
hallowed courts
from light do thou not banish;
the bodies by thy Body fed
with thy new life replenish.</p> |
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*A Priest or Deacon then dismisses the congregation, the people responding
People Thanks be to God.*

Organ Voluntary

“Der Tag der ist so freudenreich”

J. S. Bach

Zoom participants are invited to stay online after the postlude to greet one another on screen.

Today’s Adult Forum begins at 11:15 am. This is a separate Zoom meeting, accessed [here](#).

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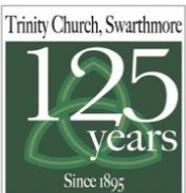
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