

# First Sunday after the Epiphany: The Baptism of our Lord

*January 9, 2022  
8:00 am*



*Morning Prayer, Rite One*  
**Trinity Church, Swarthmore**  
*A parish of the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania*

WELCOME to the community of Trinity Church and this service of Morning Prayer. Though Sundays are normally eucharistic feasts, including Holy Communion, during the current spike of the Omicron variant of Covid-19 we are worshipping online only, at least till Feb. 6. This service follows Rite One of Morning Prayer, which can be found on page 37 in the 1979 *Book of Common Prayer (BCP)*.

We gather today using this [8am ZOOM link](#). All materials needed for worship are included below. Participants are invited to stay online after Morning Prayer for a brief time of fellowship.

---

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

*The Officiant begins*

O send out thy light and thy truth, that they may lead me, and bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy dwelling.

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People together*

Almighty and most merciful Father,  
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,  
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,  
we have offended against thy holy laws,  
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,  
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.

But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,  
spare thou those who confess their faults,  
restore thou those who are penitent,  
according to thy promises declared unto mankind  
in Christ Jesus our Lord;  
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,  
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,  
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

*The Priest says*

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit.

*People* Amen.

### **The Invitatory and Psalter**

*Officiant* O Lord, open thou our lips.

*People* And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

*Officiant and People*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as  
it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

*Officiant* The Lord hath manifested forth his glory: O come, let us adore him.

Venite *Psalm 95:1-7*

O come, let us sing unto the Lord; \*  
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.  
For the Lord is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are all the corners of the earth, \*  
and the strength of the hills is his also.  
The sea is his, and he made it, \*  
and his hands prepared the dry land.  
O come, let us worship and fall down, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is the Lord our God, \*  
and we are the people of his pasture  
and the sheep of his hand.  
O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; \*  
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.  
For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, \*  
and with righteousness to judge the world  
and the peoples with his truth.

*Psalm 29 Afferte Domino*

(BCP, p. 620)

- 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.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## The Lessons

*Reader* A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Isaiah 43:1-7

Thus says the Lord,  
he who created you, O Jacob,  
he who formed you, O Israel:  
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are mine.  
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you.  
For I am the Lord your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.  
I give Egypt as your ransom,  
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.  
Because you are precious in my sight,  
and honored, and I love you,  
I give people in return for you,  
nations in exchange for your life.  
Do not fear, for I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from the east,  
and from the west I will gather you;  
I will say to the north, "Give them up,"  
and to the south, "Do not withhold;  
bring my sons from far away  
and my daughters from the end of the earth  
everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

Canticle 11: The Third Song of Isaiah (*Surge, illuminare*)

Isaiah 60:1-3, 11a, 14c, 18-19

Arise, shine, for your light has come, \*  
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.  
For behold, darkness covers the land; \*  
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.

But over you the Lord will rise, \*  
 and his glory will appear upon you.  
 Nations will stream to your light, \*  
 and kings to the brightness of your dawning.  
 Your gates will always be open; \*  
 by day or night they will never be shut.  
 They will call you, The City of the Lord, \*  
 The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.  
 Violence will no more be heard in your land, \*  
 ruin or destruction within your borders.  
 You will call your walls, Salvation, \*  
 and all your portals, Praise.  
 The sun will no more be your light by day; \*  
 by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.

*Reader* A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Acts 8:14-17

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

Canticle 19: The Song of the Redeemed (*Magna et mirabilia*)

Revelation 15:3-4

O ruler of the universe, Lord God,  
 great deeds are they that you have done, \*  
 surpassing human understanding.  
 Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, \*  
 O King of all the ages.  
 Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,  
 and sing the praises of your Name? \*  
 for you only are the Holy One.  
 All nations will draw near and fall down before you, \*  
 because your just and holy works have been revealed.  
 Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

*Reader* A reading from the Gospel according to Luke.

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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

Canticle 5: The Song of Simeon (*Nunc dimittis*)

Luke 2:29-32

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, \*  
according to thy word;  
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, \*  
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people,  
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, \*  
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

*Officiant and People together*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*A homily may be offered here. Announcements follow the end of the service.*

**The Prayers**

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And with thy spirit.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*Officiant 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.

*During the following prayers, the People respond with the words **in bold**.*

#### Suffrages B

O Lord, save thy people and bless thine heritage;  
**Govern them and lift them up for ever.**  
Day by day we magnify thee;  
**And we worship thy Name ever, world without end.**  
Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin;  
**O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.**  
O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us;  
**As our trust is in thee.**  
O Lord, in thee have I trusted;  
**Let me never be confounded.**

#### Collect of the Day

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.**

#### Intercessory Prayers

Form VI, BCP p. 392

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 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 Prayer Leader begins, leaving silence for others to add their own prayers.*

Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

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

*The Prayer Leader begins, leaving silence for others to 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*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

*The Officiant offers a conclusion to the intercessions and thanksgivings, after which all join in the following final prayer*

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*The Officiant concludes*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

*2 Corinthians 13:14*

*All are invited to remain on Zoom for a time of fellowship.*

Image at the top is in the public domain in its country of origin and other countries and areas where the [copyright term](#) is the author's life plus 70 years or fewer. *Book of Hours (Use of Paris): Adoration of the Magi, c. 1420. Follower of Boucicaut Master (French, Paris, active about 1410-25). Ink, tempera, and gold on vellum; sheet: The Cleveland Museum of Art, Bequest of Julia Morgan Marlatt 1942.169.89.a. Source: [Book of Hours \(Use of Paris\): Adoration of the Magi | Cleveland Museum of Art \(clevelandart.org\)](#)*

---

*Assisting today:*

Reader

Jean Arnold

Intercessor

Jean Arnold

Officiant and preacher

“Fr. Ted” (Rector)

*Vestry Members and Officers*

Catherine Gardner (Rector's Warden) \* Bill Scarborough (People's Warden)

Jay Gillespie (Treasurer, non-voting) \* Sharon Graham (Secretary)

Jim Meehan \* Kristin Cardi \* Angela Cimino \* Rebecca Clemmer

Jan Dreachslin \* John McCurry \* Andy Millett \* John Sturgis \* Suzanne West

*Rector* The Rev. Edward E. Thompson, PhD

---

**Trinity Church, Swarthmore**

301 N. Chester Rd. \* Swarthmore, PA 19081

Tel: 610-544-2297 \* Email: [office@trinity-swarthmore.org](mailto:office@trinity-swarthmore.org)

Web: [www.trinity-swarthmore.org](http://www.trinity-swarthmore.org)

*A parish of the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania*