

First Sunday after the Epiphany: The Baptism of our Lord

*January 9, 2022
10:00 am*



Morning Prayer, Rite Two

Trinity Church, Swarthmore

Welcome! Wherever we are as we prepare to worship this morning, we seek to be as one Body enlivened by the one Spirit in our worship, relationships, and loving service.

Though Sundays are normally eucharistic feasts with Holy Communion, during the current spike of the Covid Omicron variant we are worshipping online only with Morning Prayer. This will continue at least through February 6.

Today's 10am service follows Rite Two, found in the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) beginning on p. 75. For the [online BCP](#), select "The Daily Office," then "Daily Morning Prayer: Rite II".

To connect online for this service, use this [Sunday 10am ZOOM link](#), also available on our website.

Prelude "Courante" from *Partita in D* J.S. Bach

The Officiant begins

Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me,
and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.

Psalms 43:3

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Officiant and People say together

BCP p. 79

**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.**

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

People **Amen.**

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant Lord, open our lips;

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your 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 has shown forth his glory: Come let us adore him.

Invitatory hymn "Songs of thankfulness and praise" (stanzas 1&2) *1982 Hymnal #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.**

Psalm 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.
- 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.**

Sung response *Benedictus es, Domine* 1982 Hymnal S-236

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| <p>1) Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;
 you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
 Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;
 we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.</p> | <p>2) Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;
 on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
 Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim;
 we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.</p> |
| <p>3) Glory to you, beholding the depths;
 in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
 Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
 we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.</p> | |

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.**

Sung response "Surely it is God who saves me" 1982 Hymnal #679

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| <p>1) Surely it is God who saves me;
 trusting him, I shall not fear.
 or the Lord defends and shields me
 and his saving help is near.
 So rejoice as you draw water
 from salvation's living spring;
 in the day of your deliverance
 thank the Lord, his mercies sing.</p> | <p>2) Make his deeds known to the peoples;
 tell out his exalted Name.
 Praise the Lord, who has done great things;
 all his works his might proclaim.
 Zion, lift your voice in singing;
 for with you has come to dwell,
 in your very midst, the great and
 Holy One of Israel.</p> |
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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.**

Sung response

"Christ, Whose glory fills the skies"

1982 Hymnal #7

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| 1) Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only Light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise!
Triumph o'er the shades of night:
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear. | 2) Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return,
till thy mercy's beams I see,
till they inward light impart,
glad my eyes, and warm my heart. |
| 3) Visit then this soul of mine!
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!
Fill me, radiance divine;
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day. | |

The Apostles' Creed

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**I believe in God, the father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.
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.
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. *Amen.***

Homily

Announcements may follow here or at the end of the service.

The Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer

BCP p. 97

**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.

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Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;
Govern and uphold them, now and always.
Day by day we bless you;
We praise your name for ever.
Lord, keep us from all sin today;
Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.
Lord, show us your love and mercy;
For we put our trust in you.
In you, Lord, is our hope;
And we shall never hope in vain.

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 Collect, followed by a time of meditation accompanied by choir

Choral Anthem

“When Jesus went to Jordan’s stream”

1982 Hymnal #139

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| <p>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.</p> | <p>2) 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.</p> |
| <p>3) 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.</p> | |

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

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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.**

Officiant May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit.
People **Amen.**

Romans 15:13

Postlude

“Plein Jeu” from *Veni Creator Spiritus*

Nicolas deGrigny

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

Our Annual Parish Meeting will be by Zoom, following the 10am service on Feb. 6.

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