



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE

EPIPHANY

January 10, 2021

Baptism of Our Lord

Ante-Communion Rite II

The People's responses are in bold.

Priest / Preacher: The Rev. Marianna Gronck

Deacon: The Rev. Scott Deasy

Music: Charly Spining and Mary Anne Bruner

Sub-Deacon / Preacher / Reader: Deacon Intern Dale Gallup

Opening Voluntary

Prelude (Introit for Epiphany)

Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

1982 Hymnal 76

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make
3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our
4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and
5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -
3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we
4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy
5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.
3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

Welcome Prayer

Holy Spirit, living within us, guide our hearts and minds as we welcome today all those who worship with us at Epiphany. Give us discerning hearts so that everyone feels welcomed in the spirit of your love. Help us to recognize each person as an individual sent by you who will enrich our lives. And most of all, O God, let our hearts be a place of love and acceptance of all your children; in the name of your child our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Word of God

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

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

Priest 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.

People **Amen.**

All **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's 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.**

The Collect of the Day

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray.

All **Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

The Lessons

Genesis 1:1-5

Reader A reading from the book of Genesis.

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.**

Psalm 29

Reader Please join with me in reading the appointed Psalm for today.

**Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.**

**Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;
worship the Lord in holy splendor.**

**The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the Lord, over mighty waters.**

**The voice of the Lord is powerful;
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

**The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.**

**He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

**The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

**The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl,
and strips the forest bare;
and in his temple all say, "Glory!"**

**The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.**

**May the Lord give strength to his people!
May the Lord bless his people with peace!**

The Holy Gospel

Mark 1:4-11

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

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."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Deacon Intern Dale Gallup

Nicene Creed

Deacon *Let us affirm our faith by saying together the words of the Nicene Creed.*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

The Prayers of the People

Reader In this holy season in which God joins heaven and earth, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world and all those in need;

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader Bless all those who are entrusted with Christian ministry that your Word might be proclaimed with truth and courage across our world;

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader Bestow your wisdom on all who govern, that in honoring the earth and its diverse races, cultures, religions, we may celebrate the light of this holy season;

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader Grant reconciliation to those surrounded with conflict and violence, that they may live in the peace of this holy season;

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader Let us pray for all who are cold, hungry, or alone, that they may experience the hope of this holy season.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader Let us give thanks for all the faithful departed, give us grace to follow your holy ones, that we may join in singing the praises of this holy season;

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader Let us pray for all who are suffering or sick, especially those we remember in our hearts.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Priest All these things and whatever else you see that we need, grant us, O God, for the sake of him who died and rose again, and now lives and reigns in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

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

All **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.**

Priest 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. **Amen.**

The Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Lord's Prayer

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

All **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Deacon Let us join together in the Prayer for Spiritual Communion.

All **Jesus, may all that is you flow into me. May my food and drink be your body and blood. May your passion and death be my strength and life. Jesus, with you by my side enough has been given. May the shelter I seek be the shadow of your cross. Let me not run from the love which you offer but hold me safe from the forces of evil. On each of my dyings shed your light and your love. Keep calling to me until that day comes when, with your saints, I may praise you for ever. Amen.**

(1989 Anglican Church of South Africa Prayer book)

Blessing

Priest Loving God, help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the wise men. Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift, and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts. May the Christmas morning make us happy to be your children, and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. And the blessing of our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer be with you all forever more. **Amen.**

(A Christmas Prayer by Robert Louis Stevenson)

Dismissal

Deacon Dismissal of their choice.

People Thanks be to God.

Baptized in water

Lift Every Voice and Sing 294



1 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spi - rit,
 2 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spi - rit,
 3 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spi - rit,



cleansed by the blood of Christ our King;
 dead in the tomb with Christ our King;
 marked with the sign of Christ our King;



heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his prom - ise,
 one with his ris - ing, freed and for - giv - en,
 born of one Fa - ther, we are his chil - dren,



faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
 thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
 joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

Closing Voluntary

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

Bruce Neswick (1956-)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Virtual Coffee Hour: Coffee and Chat is an informal way to pop in and have a chat with your church community every Sunday at 10:30am! You can join the Zoom gathering by entering the Meeting ID: 989 0659 2488. The Password for the gathering is: 618030

Vestry Nominations: Are you interested in being on the Vestry at Epiphany? We are accepting nominations for this rewarding ministry and need to replace three members who have finished their terms. Vestry members meet once per month (currently on Zoom) and serve for three years. If you feel called to assist Epiphany on the Vestry, or need some additional information, please contact Fiona Andrews at fionaandrews@msn.com, or phone 520-990-3020.

Sundays in January: "God's Garden" Our Deacon intern Dale Gallup will present a four-part series, "God's Garden," on Sundays January 3, 10, 17, and 24, at 4:00 pm via Zoom. Dale is a healthcare worker in Kingman, AZ, and is in his "senior" year of the Diocesan Deacon Formation Academy. Dale describes this series as follows: "My intent is to call people to be aware of people that society and the church may overlook. Usually, these people are isolated in ways about which we are unaware. We all need a gentle reminder at times as we tend to be so preoccupied with life today." What a perfect series to start our new 2021 year! For more information and to "register" for the class please contact Priest Lynn Perkins at jonesmlynn@aol.com, 505-264-8241. You can join the class via the Zoom in the weekly church wide emails.

Second Saturday Sing-Along: We welcome 2021 with Hymn Tunes from Famous Composers: from Bach, Handel, and Beethoven to Mendelssohn, Holst, and Vaughan Williams, come sing some very familiar hymns by some of history's most famous composers! Unfortunately, due to Mary Anne's COVID isolation, our "Second" Saturday in January will be 1/16 at 7 pm.

Have you been hearing people talk about Sacred Ground? Thirty-nine folks have participated in Epiphany's three Sacred Ground Dialogue Circles (with Circle 3 still underway). Sacred Ground is a film-based, 10-session dialogue series on race and faith, developed by the national Episcopal Church. From the introductory material: The challenge is to look at how good, well-intentioned people still can have unconscious habits of mind and emotion that reproduce bias ... and can be looking the other way as harms are reproduced. This is a spiritual matter, not a political one. And it is vitally important. Join Deacon Scott Deasy, Kathy Deasy, and Priest Lynn Perkins for a "Sneak Preview" to learn more about Sacred Ground. The 1-hour preview will be offered on Zoom on Saturday January 9 at 11:00 am. You can also join us by telephone. Email, call, or text Priest Lynn at jonesmlynn@aol.com or 505-264-8241, so that we can provide you the contact information for the Sneak Preview. We look forward to exploring and learning with you.

Service of Remembrance: Epiphany will host a Service of Remembrance for those who've died of COVID in Coconino County on Tuesday, January 19th at 5:30 pm in the Labyrinth. We will toll the church bells for each of the departed, light luminarias, offer prayers, and post names and photos on the Garden fence. Please call the office at 928-774-2911, or email office@epiphanyaz.org to add names and/or photos of those to be remembered.

NAIC/NAICL: Are you interested in making a real difference for the common good in Flagstaff/Coconino County? Support NAIC/NAICL! Epiphany has been an active member of NAIC/NAICL for many years. Northern Arizona Interfaith Council (NAIC) is a 501(c)4, broad-based, non-partisan organization of dues-paying member congregations, schools, and not-for-profit associations committed to building power for the common good. We train people to become active in the public life of their communities through building relationships, identifying issues of mutual self-interest, and engaging in organized action. NAIC works in collaboration with Northern Arizona Institutions for Community Leadership (NAICL), the education and training arm of NAIC and a 501(c)3 organization. Current issues being pursued are supporting immigrant students and families; addressing lack of housing options; improving education for all; and addressing systemic racism in our criminal justice system. For more information contact Deacon Scott Deasy (sdeasy@aol.com), Mother Ann Johnson (42annjohnson@gmail.com), or Priest Lynn Perkins (jonesmlynn@aol.com) or go to NAICL.org