



The Liturgy of the Word

The Baptism of Our Lord

January 10, 2021 • 10:00 a.m.

The Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth

The people's responses are in bold.

The Entrance Rite

The people stand as able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN • 116

"I come," the Redeemer cries

1 "I come," the great Re - deem - er cries, "to do thy will, O Lord!"
2 "Thus it be - comes us to ful - fill all right - eous - ness," he said.
3 Hark, a glad voice! The Fa - ther speaks from heaven's ex - alt - ed height:
4 The Sa - vior Je - sus, well - be - loved! His Name we will pro - fess,
5 No more we'll count our - selves our own but his in bonds of love.

1 At Jor - dan's stream, be - hold! He seals the sure pro - phet - ic word.
2 Then, faith - ful to the Lord's com - mands, through Jor - dan's flood was led.
3 "This is my Son, my well - be - loved, in whom I take de - light."
4 like him de - sir - ous to ful - fill God's will in right - eous - ness.
5 Oh, may such bonds for ev - er draw our souls to things a - bove!

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THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be the One Holy and Living God

Glory to God forever and ever.

THE 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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE • S-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.**

The Word of God

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

God be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

God 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.**

The people are seated.

THE 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.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29 (*Read in unison*)

- 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.**

THE SECOND READING

Acts 19:1-7

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the

mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

The people stand as able at the introduction of the hymn.

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE • 121

Christ, when for us you were baptized

1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spi - rit on you came,
2 God called you his be - lov - ed Son, called you his ser - vant true,
3 Straight - way and stead - fast un - til death you then o - beyed his call
4 Bap - tize us with your Spi - rit, Lord, your cross on us be signed,

as peace - ful as a dove and yet as ur - gent as a flame.
sent you his king - dom to pro - claim, his ho - ly will to do.
free - ly as Son of Man to serve and give your life for all.
that, like - wise in God's ser - vice we may per - fect free - dom find.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark (1:4-11).

Glory to you, O 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.
Praise to you, O Christ.

THE HOMILY

A moment for silent reflection follows the homily.

The Rev. Allison Sandlin Liles

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

The Congregation stands.

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 Savior.
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 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 God?
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.**

Presider May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Presider Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Almighty God, grant 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 Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church; Scott, our bishop; and for all bishops, ministers and lay leaders. Christ, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace, especially Donald, our president; Joe, our President-elect; Greg, our governor; and Betsy, our mayor; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Christ, 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. Christ, 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 4Saints Episcopal Food Pantry, Eastside Ministries, and other non-profit organizations that care for your beloved. Christ, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Joy of human hearts, heal our human communities, especially those where your word is not heard, or where neglect, violence, greed, and warfare increase the suffering and need of people and other creatures. Protect and guide those who serve in the military, and those who are first responders. Christ, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Comforter of all the earth, bless those worshiping with us today and any looking for a place to belong; sustain the people of who need your presence and help especially those we now name _____. Christ, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

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

Hear our prayer.

Presider Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, together we pray,

All **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 PEACE

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

THE BLESSING

And the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier,
be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE