



The First Sunday after the Epiphany: The Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ

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Trinity Episcopal Church
Watertown, New York



THE VOLUNTARY *Trio on 'Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern'*

E. Friedrich Richter (1808-79)

Sung by all.

THE OPENING HYMN

CAITHNESS



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.

The people standing, the Celebrant begins

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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Sung by all.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

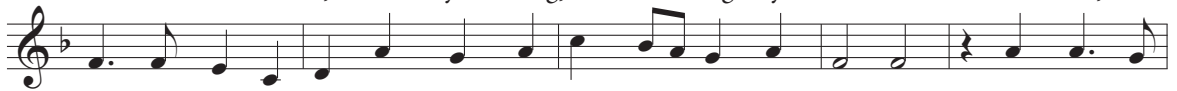
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1. Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo-ple on



earth. 2. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus



Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you take a-way the

sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; 5. you are seat-ed at the right hand of the
 Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer. 6. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the
 Lord, 7. you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly
 Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

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The Celebrant says to the people

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect.

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.*

The people sit.

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 1.1-15

Lector 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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The psalm is recited in unison.

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.

THE NEW TESTAMENT

Acts 19.1-7

Lector A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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.


Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sung by all.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN

ERHALT UNS, HERR



1. When Christ's ap - pear - ing was made known, King He - rod
 2. The east - ern sa - ges saw from far and fol - lowed
 3. With - in the Jor - dan's sa - cred flood the heaven - ly
 4. Oh, what a mir - a - cle di - vine, when wa - ter
 5. All glo - ry, Je - sus, be to thee for this thy

trem - bled for his throne; but he who of - fers
on his guid - ing star; by light their way to
Lamb in meek - ness stood, that he, to whom no
red - dened in - to wine! He spoke the word, and
glad e - piph - a - ny: whom with the Fa - ther

heaven - ly birth sought not the king - doms of this earth.
Light they trod, and by their gifts con - fessed their God.
sin was known, might cleanse his peo - ple from their own.
forth it flowed in streams that na - ture ne'er be - stowed.
we a - dore and Ho - ly Ghost for ev - er - more.

Then, all standing, the Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1.4-11

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."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people are seated.

THE SERMON

The Rev'd Molly Payne-Hardin

The people stand.

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Celebrant Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People I do.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant 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.

The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows

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 Lord. *Amen.*

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Form II

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop, DeDe; for this gather-

ing; and for all ministers and people.
Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.
Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.
Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.
Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed.
Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.
Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Said by all.

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.

The Celebrant says

THE BLESSING

Sung by all.

THE CLOSING HYMN

SOLEMNIS HAEC FESTIVITAS



1. The sin - less one to Jor - dan came, and in the
2. Up - ris - ing from the wa - ters there, the Fa - ther's
3. A - bove him see the heaven - ly Dove, the sign of
4. How blest that mis - sion then be - gun to heal and
5. O Christ, may we bap - tized from sin, go forth with
6. On you may all your peo - ple feed, and know you



riv - er shared our stain; God's right - eous - ness he
voice did then de - clare that Christ, the Son of
God the Fa - ther's love, now by the Ho - ly
save a race un - done! Straight to the wil - der -
you a world to win: grant us the Ho - ly
are the Bread in - deed, who gives e - ter - nal



thus ful - filled, and chose the path his Fa - ther willed.
God, had come to lead his scat - tered peo - ple home.
Spi - rit shed up - on the Son's a - noint - ed head.
ness he goes to wres - tle with his peo - ple's foes.
Spi - rit's power to shield us in temp - ta - tion's hour.
life to those that with you died, and with you rose.

THE VOLUNTARY *Declamation on 'Dix'*

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