



# *The First Sunday after Epiphany/Baptism of the Lord*

*Sunday, January 10, 2021*

*9:45 AM*

## Welcome and Announcements

### Greeting

Pastor: The boundless grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the wisdom of God, and the light of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**People: And also with you!**

Prelude: "If Thou Suffer God to Guide Thee"

Neumark/Schreiner

### Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who stretches out the heavens, who sends light to the nations, who gives breath to us all.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Pastor: Loving God,

**People: we confess that we have turned from your way to follow our own ways. Forgive us for the times we have spoken or acted too quickly; we have not spoken or acted at all; we have hurt those closest to us; we have hurt those we have yet to know; we have thought more about ourselves than others; we have thought less of ourselves than we ought. Turn us around, and give us a fresh start, so that we can live again as your children. Amen.**

### Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right. Even when we have messed up, God puts us together. God's love never runs out. God never tires of calling us beloved children. Hear God say to you now: Your sins are forgiven, for the sake of † Jesus Christ our Savior.

**People: Amen.**

### Opening Hymn: "Arise, Your Light is Come"

**Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;  
Show forth the glory of your God which shines on you today.**

**Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born,  
Bind up the brokenhearted ones and comfort those who mourn.**

**Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song!  
Rise up like eagles on the wind. God's power to make us strong.**

## Prayer of the Day

Pastor: 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.

**People: Amen.**

## Scripture Readings

### **The Psalter: Psalm 29**

### **from the Message**

Pastor: Bravo, GOD, bravo! Gods and all angels shout, "Encore!"  
In awe before the glory, in awe before God's visible power.  
Stand at attention! Dress your best to honor him!

**Leader: GOD thunders across the waters, Brilliant, his voice and his face, streaming brightness—GOD, across the flood waters.**

Pastor: GOD's thunder tympanic, GOD's thunder symphonic.

**Leader: GOD's thunder smashes cedars, GOD topples the northern cedars.**

Pastor: The mountain ranges skip like spring colts,  
The high ridges jump like wild kid goats.

**Leader: GOD's thunder spits fire. GOD thunders, the wilderness quakes  
He makes the desert of Kadesh shake.**

Pastor: GOD's thunder sets the oak trees dancing  
A wild dance, whirling; the pelting rain strips their branches.  
We fall to our knees—we call out, "Glory!"

**Leader: Above the floodwaters is GOD's throne from which his power flows,  
from which he rules the world.**

Pastor: GOD makes his people strong. GOD gives his people peace.

## The Gospel Lesson

Pastor: The Holy Gospel Lesson according to St. Mark, chapter one, verses 4-11

**People: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>4</sup>John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." <sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Affirmation of Faith: "The Apostles' Creed

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father and 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.**

Prayers of the People

Leader: Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

*A brief silence.*

Leader: For the church throughout the world and its leaders, that guided by the Holy Spirit they proclaim the forgiveness of sins, let us pray.

**People: Have mercy, O God.**

Leader: For wilderness and water, wind and wild beasts, and all living things on earth, that God's goodness is revealed through creation and faithful stewards care for all God has made, let us pray.

**People: Have mercy, O God.**

Leader: For the nations of the world and their leaders, for laborers busy both day and night, and for peacemakers amid strife, that God inspire all people to use their strength wisely, let us pray.

**People: Have mercy, O God.**

Leader: For the sick and those who provide medical care, for the imprisoned and those who show them mercy, for the lonely and those who provide companionship, for all who suffer, that God shower compassion, let us pray.

**People: Have mercy, O God.**

Leader: For the congregation gathered here, for students returning to school, for those seeking renewal in their daily work, that all the beloved of God experience grace and peace, let us pray.

**People: Have mercy, O God.**

Leader: In thanksgiving for the faithful departed who now rest from their labors, that their witness inspire us in our baptismal vocations, let us pray.

**People: Have mercy, O God.**

Leader: Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

**People: Amen.**

## Service of Communion

Pastor: God be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to God.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

**People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.

## Words of Institution

### Response

Pastor: Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

### 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**

**sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

### Call to the Supper

Pastor: We who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.  
Come. Be filled with light and life.

### Sharing of the Elements

#### Table Blessing

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen  
and renew you.

**People: Amen.**

### Prayer after Communion

Pastor: O Morning Star, fair and bright, you have refreshed us again with heavenly food. You are our dearest treasure. Go with us now—today, tomorrow, every day—that we tell the story of your never-ending love and sing your praise both now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

Closing Hymn: "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"

**Spirit of God, descend upon my heart,  
Wean it from earth, through all its pulses move.  
Stoop to my weakness, strength to me impart,  
And make me love you as I ought to love.**

**Teach me to love you as your angels love,  
One holy passion filling all my frame.  
The baptism of the heaven descended Dove,  
My heart an altar, and your love the flame.**

Benediction

Postlude

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