

Grace Episcopal Church
The First Sunday after the Epiphany
The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ
January 10, 2021
Morning Prayer, Rite 2

Book of Common Prayer

GREETING

PRELUDE

Creator of the Stars of Night - Latin Hymn, plainsong

OPENING SENTENCE

"I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."
~ Isaiah 60:3 ~

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

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The Officiant says to the people.

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence may be kept.

CONFESSION

Officiant and People together,

**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.**

THE ABSOLUTION

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

INVITATORY AND PSALTER

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Officiant: Lord open our lips.

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

GLORIA (All) **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.**

ANTIPHON The Lord has shown forth his glory:
Come let us adore Him.

VENITE *In Unison*

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MUSICAL MEDITATION *Let Our Gladness Know No End* - Bohemian carol, 15th cen.

PSALM 29

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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.**

A READING FROM 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

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people: **Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE 12 ~ A Song of Creation

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READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF MARK 1:4-11

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."

Hear what the Holy Spirit is Saying to the Church: **Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE 18 ~ *A Song to the Lamb*

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THE HOMILY

The Rev. M. Alton Plummer

A TIME OF SILENCE/A TIME FOR LISTENING

a bell will ring the beginning and ending

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

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THE LORD'S PRAYER *traditional*

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THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

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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.**

A COLLECT FOR PEACE

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Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

WE PRAY FOR ALL OF US WHO HAVE BEEN IMPACTED BY THE COVID-19 VIRUS, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO ARE SICK AND THOSE WHO MOURN.

Silence

AND FOR THE FOLKS ON OUR PRAYER LIST ...

for those who are traveling, especially **Josey** Parker and **Cameron** Klass

and those with special needs:

Mark Adkins, **Chris** Alexander, **Cora** Alexander, **Bobby** Allgood, **Amanda** Amon, **Ella** Asebes, **Barbara** Beck, **Alice** Brandon & family, **Baylee** Brown, **Andrea** Cain, **Russell** Cinque, **Lynne** Cleckley, **Morgan** Curia, **Barbara** Dixon, **Johanna** Dresser, **Suzanne** Eller, **Aubrie** Gallen, **Shana** Garland, **Frances** Garner, **Marlon** Gaskins, **Susan** Gibson, **Jan** Greer, **Jane** Grimes, **George** Hanna, **Rob** Hare, **Kristen** Harris, **Elizabeth** Harvey, **Nancy** Hinkle, **Chris and Mike** Hodges, **Will** Holmes, **Jon** Huff, **Nancy** Hutchins, **Brinkley** Johnson, **Anne** King, **Lindsay** Layfield, **Lynn** Mack, **Carol** May, **Kate** McKenzie, **Nicholas** Melomo, **Molly** Michael, **Roan** Mitchell, **O'Lema** Morgan, **Kathie and Scott** Nelson, **Page** Onorato, **Lynn** Parsley, **Gabby** Plott, **Jacklyn** Rojas, **Suzy** Sheets, **Talmadge** Silversides, **Amy** Burkhart Smith, **Dan Griff** Smith, **Martha Ellen** Smith, **Sean** Sullivan, **Clarice and Henry** Surratt, **Robin** Tilley, **Jackie** Touchton, **Toni** Underwood, **Frances** Welch, **Courtney** Weller, **Susan** Whetmore, **Bill** Whitehurst, **Flynn** Williams, and **Charlotte** Young.

✦ *At this time you may offer your prayers in the comments bar on Facebook so that we may pray with you through the week.*

MUSICAL MEDITATION

The Star Carol - Alfred Burt

A GENERAL THANKSGIVING

In Unison

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DISMISSAL Let us bless the Lord. *Thanks be to God!*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.** *~Ephesians 3:20,21*

POSTLUDE

Earth and All Stars - David N. Johnson