



GOOD MORNING & WELCOME

Welcome to everyone joining us for worship this morning. Whether or not you consider yourselves members of this congregation, we are glad you are here. If the flow of worship should seem unfamiliar to you, relax and let God's presence envelop you, without a worry about when to stand, sit or kneel. If you are new to St. John's, please sign our guest register.

****Please silence all cell phones and other noise-making devices
before the start of the service. Thank you.****

**The Rev. Nathan D Carr – Vicar
The Rev. William Font – Priest Associate
The Rev. Lisa Chronister – Deacon
Cynthia Cortright D.M.A. – Organist / Choir Director
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Victoria Moon – Nursery Attendant**

**Serving Today:
Cantor – Doug Rogez
Greeters / Oblationers – Pat Greaves and Mark Anderson
Lay Readers / Chalice Bearers – Angela Hooper,
Sarah Tracy and Julie Grissom
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The First Sunday after the Epiphany – Year B

The Baptism of Our Lord

Rite II – Holy Eucharist & Hymns – January 7, 2024 – 10:15 AM

The Word of God

Prelude

Processional

The Hymnal, #116

1. "I come," the great Redeemer cries,
"To do thy will, O Lord!"
At Jordan's stream, behold!
He seals the sure prophetic word.

3. Hark, a glad voice! The Father speaks
from heaven's exalted height:
"This is my Son, my well-beloved
in whom I take delight."

2. "Thus it becomes to fulfill
all righteousness," he said.
Then, faithful to the Lord's commands,
through Jordan's flood was led.

4. The Savior Jesus, well-beloved!
His Name we will profess,
like him desirous to fulfill
God's will in righteousness.

5. No more we'll count ourselves our own
but his in bonds of love.
Oh, may such bonds for ever draw
our souls to things above!

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant 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.**

Gloria

The Hymnal, S280

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.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

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.**

We Proclaim and Respond to the Word of God

The First Lesson

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 the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

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 ever**more**.
- 11 The Lord shall give strength to his **people**; *
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of **peace**.

The Second Lesson

Acts 19:1-7

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.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Sequence Hymn

The Hymnal, #294

1. Baptized in water,
sealed by the Spirit,
cleansed by the blood of Christ our King:
heirs of salvation,
trusting his promise,
faithfully now God's praise we sing.

2. Baptized in water,
sealed by the Spirit,
dead in the tomb with Christ our King:
one with his rising,
freed and forgiven,
thankfully now God's praise we sing.

3. Baptized in water,
sealed by the Spirit,
marked with the sign of Christ our King:
born of one Father,
we are his children,
joyfully now God's praise we sing.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Holy Gospel

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."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Nathan Carr

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

**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

Form I

BCP 383

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "*Lord, have mercy.*"

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For Bishop Poulson, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For Oklahoma City and for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For those on our prayer list, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us,
O Lord, by thy grace.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

Silence.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

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 Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

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 Celebrant may add sentences from scripture

Please stand

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

Blessing Prayer

O God, our times are in your hand: look with favor, we pray, on all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace; strengthen their trust in your goodness, and in their hearts may your peace, which passes understanding, abide all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offertory

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.
People And of thine own have we given thee.

Offertory Anthem

There shall a star come out of Jacob
St. John's Choir

Felix Mendelssohn

*There shall a Star come out from Jacob,
and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel,
with might destroying, princes and cities.*

*There shall a Star come out from Jacob,
As bright the star of morning gleams.
So Jesus sheddeth glorious beams,
Of light and consolation!*

*Thy Word, O Lord,
Radiance darting, Truth imparting,
Gives salvation;
Thine be praise and adoration!*

Doxology

The Hymnal, #380 (verse 3)

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may

enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

**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 Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The Hymnal, S163

We Share the Gifts of God

Holy Communion

Communion Hymn

The Hymnal, #333

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Holy Eucharist

Now the si - lence Now the peace Now the emp - ty
hands up - lift - ed Now the kneel - ing Now the plea
Now the Fa - ther's arms in wel - come Now the hear - ing
Now the power Now the ves - sel brimmed for pour - ing
Now the Bo - dy Now the Blood Now the joy - ful
cel - e - bra - tion Now the wed - ding Now the songs
Now the heart for - giv - en leap - ing Now the Spi - rit's
vis - i - ta - tion Now the Son's e - piph - a - ny
Now the Fa - ther's bless - ing Now Now Now

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Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Sending Out of the Lay Eucharist Visitors

Deacon: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People: We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread and one cup.

Recessional

The Hymnal, #616

1 Hail to the Lord's Anointed,
great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free;
to take away transgression,
and rule in equity.

2 He comes with succor speedy
to those who suffer wrong,
to help the poor and needy,
and bid the weak be strong;
to give them songs for sighing,
their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying,
were precious in his sight.

3 He shall come down like showers
upon the fruitful earth,
and love, joy, hope, like flowers,
spring in his path to birth;
before him on the mountains
shall peace, the herald, go;
and righteousness in fountains
from hill to valley flow.

4 Kings shall bow down before him,
and gold and incense bring;
all nations shall adore him,
his praise all people sing;
to him shall prayer unceasing
and daily vows ascend;
his kingdom still increasing,
a kingdom without end.

5 O'er every foe victorious,
he on his throne shall rest;
from age to age more glorious,
all blessing and all blest;
the tide of time shall never
his covenant remove;
his Name shall stand for ever,
his changeless Name of Love.

Dismissal Response: Thanks be to God!
Postlude

PRAYER LIST

Please hold the following people in your ongoing prayers:

Audrey	Jessica	Mathew Reynolds
Beverly Bradley	Judd	Kathleen Rhodes
Bob	Drew Kolb	Rob, Ruthie and
Braiden	Sarah Kramer	Samuel
Sarah Brewer	Jean Ledet & Chad	Adrienne Robertson
Margaret Brown	Dixon	Sahar
Lewis Honor Carr	Gary and Kathleen Lee	Scott Salladin
Nancy Carr	Denys Lenets	Seth
Jeff Clemens - RIP	Kara Lynn	Betty Sinclair
Kathie Clemens - RIP	Ron Marlett	Family of Kenneth
Dave Coleson	Tony Marruchella	Sosna
Sue Collins	Mary	John Steward and
Sir Michael Dawson	Leland Mayo	Lee DeWitt
Stephanie Dunham	Betty & Delbert Millican	Martha Steward
Dru	and Ryan Lightfoot	Nancy Steward
Ed	Trish Morgan	Susan
Sharon Ellington	Christina Morris	Sydney and Troy
Jim Freeman	Paul Mosier	Ed Tebow
Tom Freeman - RIP	Deborah Nelson	Sarah Tracy
Agatha Gasperoni	Joy Nelson	Tyler and Dru
Myrna Gowman	The Nichols Family	Donna Walters
John Greiner	Pam	Mary Jo Watson
Steve Hammontree	Babette Patton	Pat Westervelt
Aimee Hanneman	Patty	Gordon Welch
Kimberly Hopper	Penny	Will
Dr. J	Peter	Ginny Wynn
Jack	Monte Pratt	

Altar Gifts

Today's flowers were donated by Mary Margaret Just in memory of Theodore Bradley III and Eric W. Just, Jr.

If you would like to donate towards flowers in memory or honor of someone close to you, please call Nancy at the church office.

Suggested donation for the altar flowers is \$50, or \$10 for the sanctuary candle.

Birthdays This Week

8 – Esther Carr
12 – Angela Hooper

Anniversaries

There are no anniversaries in January

Announcements

Sunday School News: With the exception of the adult forum, Sunday School reconvenes next Sunday, January 14. **The adult forum starts today, January 7, to begin their study of Mark.**

REMINDER – a St. John's team is volunteering for the Regional Food Bank on Monday Jan. 15, Martin Luther Day! Our shift is 9:30 - noon. Children as young as 8 can attend. If you signed up for this day, please be reminded that the door to volunteer area is at the far end of the food bank and has it's own entrance. Please be EARLY as the door is locked at 9:30 and there is no mode of communication.

We are continuing Bake Sales with proceeds going to an important new ministry. We are raising **funds to purchase an adult-sized changing table. Please help us raise these funds** by bringing your favorite baked goods to sell and/or purchasing some goodies when you are here on Sundays.

It's time to start donating to **Teachers' Toolbox** again. As they begin their new year, they are in need of **Crayons, Crayola Markers, Expo Markers (dry erase) and glue sticks**. There is a bin in the Narthex ready for your donations. Thank you for all you do for our local students!

WELCOME VISITORS: We are so happy you joined us today. We invite you to complete a visitor card that you will find at the ends of each pew, and drop it in the offertory plate when it comes your way.

**THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FOR ALL INTENTS AND PURPOSES
FROM 1/4/2024 THROUGH 1/26/2024
SCHEDULED TO REOPEN 1/30/2024**

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