

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

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10:00 AM



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A warm welcome to all who come to worship at St. John's this day. We are glad you are here! If you are visiting with us, we would like to get to know you better, so please fill out a visitor's card available from an usher or on the ushers table at the rear in the narthex.

Voluntary *Prelude on Slane*

Healey Willan

If able, please stand.

Hymn 7 **Christ whose glory fills the skies**

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THE WORD OF GOD

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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.

People **Amen.**

Hymn S280 Gloria

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 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 Collect of the Day BCP Page 215

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The people are seated.

The Lessons

A Reading from Isaiah 49: 1-7

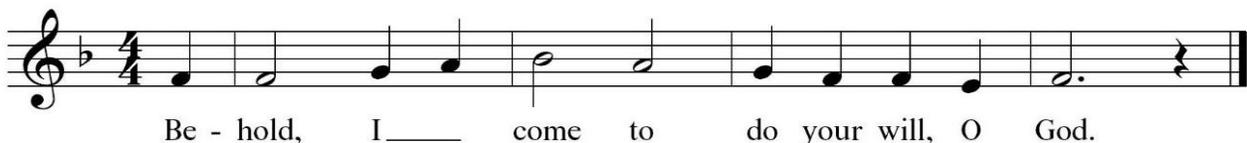
1Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away!The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. 2He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. 3And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." 4But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God." 5And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength—6he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." 7Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

LEM The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 40 *All sing antiphon as indicated.*

Antiphon



1 I waited patiently upon the Lord; * he stooped to me and heard my cry.
 2 He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; *
 he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.
 3 He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; *
 many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the Lord.
 4 Happy are they who trust in the Lord! *
 they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods. **Antiphon**
 5 Great things are they that you have done, O Lord my God!
 how great your wonders and your plans for us! *
 there is none who can be compared with you.
 6 Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! *
 but they are more than I can count. 7 In sacrifice and offering you
 take no pleasure; * (you have given me ears to hear you);
 8 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, * **Antiphon**
 and so I said, “Behold, I come.
 9 In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: *
 I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep in my heart.’”
 10 I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; *
 behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O Lord, you know. **Antiphon**
 11 Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;
 I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; *
 I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.
 12 You are the Lord; do not withhold your compassion from me; *
 let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever. **Antiphon**

Second Reading from 1 Corinthians 1: 1-9

1 Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,
 2 To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints,
 together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and
 ours: 3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 4 I give thanks to my God
 always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, 5 for in every way
 you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—6 just as the testimony of Christ
 has been strengthened among you—7 so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the
 revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. 8 He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be
 blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful; by him you were called into the
 fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

LEM The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

If able, please stand.

Hymn 550 Jesus call us o'er the tumult

Restoration

Verses 1-3

All sing refrain after each verse

During the hymn, the Gospel book is brought into the midst of the people.

The Gospel

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 1: 29-42

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

29 [John] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

30This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’
31I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” 32And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. 33I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ 34And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.” 35The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, 36and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” 37The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. 38When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” 39He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. 40One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). 42He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people are seated.

Hymn 550 Jesus call us o’er the tumult

Restoration

Verses 4-5

The Sermon

If able, please stand.

The Nicene Creed BCP Page 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

LEM Brothers and sisters, grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I bid you to, "Come and see the great things God has done. We pray for your Church. Give us as a light to the nations. Sanctify us in Christ Jesus, call us to be saints and strengthen us to follow Jesus to the end. Come and see the great things God has done.

People **Behold, we come.**

LEM We pray for this nation and the world. May your salvation, O God, reach to the ends of the earth. May all the peoples know of your faithfulness and your deliverance. Come and see the great things God has done.

People **Behold, we come.**

LEM We pray for all of creation. Give us a sense of awe as we consider all of the works of your hands. Come and see the great things God has done.

People **Behold, we come.**

LEM We pray for our local community. Make our footing sure. May our future be secured by your love and faithfulness. Come and see the great things God has done.

People **Behold, we come.**

LEM We pray for all those in need of your healing and strength. Lift them out of the desolate pit. Put in their mouths a new song, a song of praise. May they know just how great for them are your wonders and your plans. Come and see the great things God has done.

People **Behold, we come.**

LEM We pray for those who have died. In your great faithfulness, keep them blameless for the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Honor them in your sight forever. Come and see the great things God has done.

People **Behold, we come.**

LEM Almighty God, look graciously on the people of St. John's. Be with us as we welcome the next rector for our church. Give us courage to respond and act as you lead us. Come and see the great things God has done.

People **Behold, we come.**

LEM Please offer your prayers of intercession and thanksgiving.

Celebrant O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

Confession of Sin and Absolution BCP Page 360

If able, please kneel or stand.

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
Silence is kept for reflection.

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.**

Celebrant 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.

People **Amen.**

If able, please stand.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The people are seated.

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

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When the elements and the offering plates are brought forward, if able please stand. After they are on the altar, please be seated.

Offertory Anthem In Thee, O Lord, I put my Trust

G. F. Handel

In Thee, O Lord, I put my Trust. Bow down thine ear unto my prayer.

Be my guide, be thou my guide. Lead me O Lord for thou art my guide.

Save me God. Save me O Lord, for I have called unto thee. Love the Lord,
all ye his saints. He preserveth them of true heart.

Doxology Hymn 380 (verse 3)

Old 100th

If able, please stand.

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures, here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

The Great Thanksgiving

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.

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made
flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your
glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:

People and Celebrant

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly_ Lord God of pow-er and might, hea-ven and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

If able, please kneel or stand.

Celebrant Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.

People **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer BCP Page 364

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

People **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 and Fraction Anthem *Sung first by the choir, then by all.*

Antiphon

The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus
in the break - ing of the bread.

Verses:

1. The bread which we break, Alleluia, is the communion of the Body of Christ.
2. One body are we, Alleluia, for though many we share one bread.

The Communion

The people are seated.

We offer Communion to all who are baptized regardless of church tradition. We have wafers for those allergic to gluten, wheat, dairy and corn. Simply ask the celebrant who gives the bread. Those who wish to have their wafer dipped in the wine, please ask the celebrant. Those not receiving Communion are encouraged to come forward to receive a blessing; please cross your chest with your arms.

Post-Communion Prayer BCP Page 365/366

If able, please kneel or stand.

Celebrant Let us pray.

People Almighty and ever living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

If able, please stand.

The Blessing

Hymn 535 Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim

Paderborn

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Postlude

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