



THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

SUNDAY 8 JANUARY 2023

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

Prelude

Processional Hymn 516

“Come down, O Love divine”

Down Ampney

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 299

*Celebrant
People*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.
There is one Body and one Spirit;
There is one hope in God's call to us;
One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
One God and Father of all.
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

The Collect of 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.**

The First Reading: Isaiah 42:1–9

The Holy Bible; *NRSV*, p. 657

Commentary: Isaiah had more to say about Messiah's redemptive work than any other Old Testament writer. In this passage, Isaiah made clear that Israel's God will bring forth justice to the nations through His righteous Servant. In verses 1-4, God speaks of His Servant and in verses 5-9, God speaks to His Servant. Matthew quoted Isaiah 42:1-4 as finding fulfillment in Jesus Christ (see Matthew 12:18-21). The Servant's calling was to save, not destroy. The Servant would complete His work of establishing justice. The former things that God had predicted through the prophets and that had already come to pass provide assurance the new things God revealed would also happen. The mission of this Servant, prophesied by Isaiah, was exemplified perfectly in Jesus Christ.

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk

the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29

Afferte Domino

Antiphon (The antiphon is first sung by the Cantor, then repeated by all)



Wor - ship the Lord in the beau - ty of ho - li-ness.



Ascribe to the Lord, you / **gods**, *
ascribe to the Lord glory and / **strength**.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his / **Name**; *
worship the Lord in the beauty of / **holiness**.

Antiphon

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory / **thunders**; *
the Lord is upon the mighty / **waters**.
The voice of the Lord is a powerful / **voice**; *
the voice of the Lord is a voice of / **splendor**.

Antiphon

The voice of the Lord breaks the / **cedar trees**; *
the Lord breaks the cedars of / **Lebanon**;
He makes Lebanon skip like a / **calf**, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild / **ox**.

Antiphon

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.
The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees / **writhe** *
and strips the forests / **bare**.

Second half of chant

And in the temple of the / **Lord** *
all are crying, / **“Glory!”**

Antiphon

The Lord sits enthroned above the / **flood**; *
the Lord sits enthroned as King for ever-**more**.
The Lord shall give strength to his / **people**; *
the Lord shall give his people
the blessing of / **peace**.

Antiphon

The Epistle: Acts 10:34–43

NRSV, p. 1004

Commentary: Peter's speech to Cornelius' household marked the first time the gospel of Jesus Christ was presented to a Gentile audience. (To find out how Peter came to be at Cornelius' home, read Acts 10 from the beginning.) Many Jews were relying on their status as the chosen people to secure God's favor, but Peter now understood something the Lord had revealed throughout the Old Testament, that God deals with all people equally through His Son, Jesus Christ. Peter's sermon explained that Jesus is Lord over all, He went about healing all, He is Judge of all, to Him all the prophets bore witness, and God forgives all who believe in Him. The gospel of Jesus Christ is for everyone.

Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the

living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

People The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

After the reading, the children leave for Children’s Chapel

Sequence Hymn 121 “Christ, when for us you were baptized” *Caithness*

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 3:13–17 *NRSV, p. 881*

People The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

People The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr.

Hymn 297 “Descend, O Spirit, purging flame” *Erhalt uns, Herr*

THE HOLY BAPTISM OF

TANNER LINDEN SCHOMP

Child of Brooks and Cristina Schomp

CALLUM LEE JOHNSTON

BLAKELY TAYLOR FREY

Child of Andrew and Callie Frey

REAGAN MARIE PAPPAS

Child of Melissa and Cameron Pappas

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates The Book of Common Prayer, p. 301

The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Adults and Older Children

Sponsor **I present _____ to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

Celebrant Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate **I do.**

Infants and Younger Children

Parents and Godparents

I present _____ to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant

Will you be responsible for seeing that these children-you present are brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God’s help.

Celebrant

Will you by your prayers and witness help these children to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God’s help.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the candidates who can speak for themselves, and of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer **I do.**

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer **I do.**

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer **I do.**

The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Celebrant Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in his life in Christ?

People **We will.**

Celebrant Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

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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.**

Prayers for the Candidates

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Celebrant Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.
Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Celebrant Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Baptism

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Celebrant _____, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.
_____, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.
Amen.

Celebrant Let us pray.
Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The Peace

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Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offortory Anthem

“Down to the river to pray”

American Spiritual, arr. Robert Lee

As I went down to the river to pray,
Studyin' about that good old way,
And who shall wear the starry crown,
Good Lord, show me the way,
*O sisters, let's go down,
Let's go down, come on down,
O sisters, let's go down,
Down to the river to pray.*

As I went down to the river to pray,
Studyin' about that good old way,
And who shall wear the robe and crown,
Good Lord, show me the way,
*O brothers, let's go down,
Let's go down, come on down,
O brothers, let's go down,
Down to the river to pray.*

As I went down to the river to pray,
Studyin' about that good old way,
And who shall wear the robe and crown,
Good Lord, show me the way,
*O fathers, let's go down,
Let's go down, come on down,
O fathers, let's go down,
Down to the river to pray.*

As I went down to the river to pray,
Studyin' about that good old way,
And who shall wear the robe and crown,
Good Lord, show me the way,
*O mothers, let's go down,
Let's go down, come on down,
O mothers, let's go down,
Down to the river to pray.*

As I went down to the river to pray,
Studyin' about that good old way,
And who shall wear the starry crown,
Good Lord, show me the way,
*O sinners, let's go down,
Let's go down, come on down,
O sinners, let's go down,
Down to the river to pray.*

Presentation Hymn 380

“Praise God, from whom all blessings flow”
stanza 3

Old 100th

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

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

Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

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:

Sanctus: S-129

“Holy, holy, holy Lord”

Robert Powell

The people stand or kneel.

The Eucharistic Prayer continues until the Celebrant says the following words

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 Eucharistic Prayer continues until the Celebrant says the following words

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,

The Lord’s Prayer

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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

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The Fraction Anthem S-152 “Christ our Passover”

Ambrosian chant

Cantor Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.



People There-fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Communion of the People

Gluten-free wafers are available at the main altar upon request.

Communion Hymns

**Hymn 304
Hymn**

“I come with joy to meet my Lord”
“One bread, one body”

Land of Rest

*One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we though many throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.*

1 Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more. *Refrain.*

2 Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all. *Refrain.*

3 Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one for all. *Refrain.*

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving 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.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn 296

“We know that Christ is raised and dies no more”

Engelberg

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude



All are encouraged to return to the church after a short break for our Annual Meeting

Celebrant: The Reverend Gray Hodsdon

Preacher: The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr.

Assisting Priest: The Reverend Cheryl Brainard

Children's Chapel: Ansley Trask

Organist and Choir Director: John Sullivan

*The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Daniel Harris Penton, Frances Dunn Penton, and Henry Edgar Longley*

*To all who are weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Saviour;
to all who are idle and look for service; to all who are strangers
and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
and to whosoever will come—this church opens wide her doors.*

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