
THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
Service of Holy Eucharist
January 10, 2021

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

ORGAN PRELUDE: Christmas Pastorale (movements 5 & 6 in G)

Valentin Rathgeber

OPENING HYMN: 128 WE THREE KINGS

1. We three kings of Orient are,
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

Refrain:

O star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright;
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light!

2. Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown him again,
King for ever, ceasing never
over us all to reign. *Refrain*

3. Frankincense to offer have I:
incense owns a Deity nigh;
prayer and praising, gladly raising,
worship him, God Most High. *Refrain*

4. Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone-cold tomb. *Refrain*

5. Glorious now behold him arise,
King and God and Sacrifice;
heaven sings alleluia:
alleluia the earth replies. *Refrain*

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People: Glory to God forever and ever.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

OPENING PRAYER

Beloved God, as we approach your Presence, guide and stir us with your Holy Spirit, that we may become one body, one spirit in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

Robert Powell

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy

on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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.**

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.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 29

(the people read the verses in bold print)

- 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.

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.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

People: Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN: 121 CHRIST WHEN FOR US YOU WERE BAPTIZED

1. Christ, when for us you were baptized,
 God’s Spirit on you came,
 as peaceful as a dove and yet
 as urgent as a flame.
2. God called you his beloved Son,
 called you his servant true,
 sent you his kingdom to proclaim,
 his holy will to do.
3. Straightway and steadfast until death
 you then obeyed his call
 freely as Son of Man to serve
 and give your life for all.
4. Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord,
 your cross on us be signed,
 that, likewise in God’s service we
 may perfect freedom find.

GOSPEL: MARK 1:4-11

The Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

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."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON

THE NICENE CREED

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,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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

Celebrant: As we celebrate the baptism of Christ, let us offer prayers to God who calls us to a baptism of repentance.

For the church of Jesus Christ in every place.
Lord, have mercy.

For Daniel our bishop, for presbyters, deacons, and all who minister in Christ.
Lord, have mercy.

For this holy gathering and for all who are called to follow Jesus.
Lord, have mercy.

For this country, for all nations and their leaders, that they may serve with humility and sound judgement, and for those who guard the peace.
Lord, have mercy.

For all those in danger and need: for those who care for the sick, for those on our parish prayer list: Melody Cannon, Sherry Eichert, Logan Holland, Jen, Jessica, Tony Lawson, Penny Miller, and Doug Zembower and those who we name before you now, for prisoners, captives, and their families, the hungry, homeless, and oppressed.
Lord, have mercy.

For the dying and the dead.

Lord, have mercy.

For ourselves, our families, and those we love.

Lord, have mercy.

Remembering the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. John and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

To you, O Lord our God.

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised us to the new life of grace. Sustain us, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give us inquiring and discerning hearts, 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.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant: The grace of God has dawned upon the world with healing for all. Though we have grieved him, yet he will heal us if we confess our sins in penitence and faith.

God of all mercy,

**we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.**

**We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.**

**We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.**

**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

The Celebrant stands and says

God who is both power and love, forgive you and free you from all your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS –

★It is never too late . . .

To begin to talk about the racism and white supremacy that have shaped our national life. If the wounds of racism are to be healed, then much of the work will depend on the effort we are willing to make, as white Christians, to do our part. A big part that we can do is to simply get more comfortable talking about racism itself.

The documentary *White Like Me* is a little dated but contains important information about the history of racism that most of us have not been taught. It provides content for us to discuss, and getting together to discuss it gives us practice in doing so.

If you have not already participated in a discussion of the documentary *White Like Me* with fellow members of Advent, please consider joining the next scheduled discussion **this Wednesday, January 13 at 7 pm**. We will use the ZOOM platform for our discussion, which is accessible by computer or by phone.

Let me know if you would like me to send the link for the discussion to you. The documentary *White Like Me* is available on Youtube at:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uv_Y9ah049Y

★If you have received a \$600 COVID relief check, please consider donating a portion of it to one of these two supports for those whose lives have been upended due to the pandemic:

- 1) The Food Pantry at St. Johns, 505 N. York, Hatboro, 19040
- 2) Filling the Manger rental assistance program. Rector's discretionary fund, Church of the Advent.

Contributions made through 1/31/21 will be matched by the Advent Outreach Fund. Please write 'fill the manger' in the memo line.

BIRTHDAY PRAYER

Birthdays in our parish this week: *Brandon Bartley, Bernadette Matlack*

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may the peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY MUSIC

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 God thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy, 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, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

SANCTUS

Richard Proulx

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

The Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

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

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

FRACTION ANTHEM

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Gerald Near

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is
sac - ri - ficed for us; There - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Dear Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to possess you within my soul. And since I cannot now receive you

sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, together with all your faithful people gathered around every altar of your Church, and I embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

COMMUNION MUSIC: Prelude on 'We Three Kings'

Gordon Young

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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 forever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The Wisdom of God

the Love of God

and the Grace of God

strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world,

in the name of the Holy Trinity. Amen.

THE CLOSING HYMN: 117 BRIGHTEST AND BEST OF THE STARS OF THE MORNING

1. Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,
dawn on our darkness, and lend us thine aid;
star of the east, the horizon adorning,
guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

2. Cold on his cradle the dewdrops are shining,
low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
angels adore him in slumber reclining,
Maker and Monarch and Savior of all.

3. Shall we then yield him, in costly devotion
odors of Edom, and offerings divine,
gems of the mountain, and pearls of the ocean,
myrrh from the forest, or gold from the mine?

4. Vainly we offer each ample oblation,
vainly with gifts would his favor secure;

richer by far is the heart's adoration,
dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

5. Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,
dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;
star of the east, the horizon adorning,
guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

THE DISMISSAL

Minister: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ORGAN POSTLUDE: Christmas Pastorale (movements 9 & 10 in B^b) *Valentin Rathgeber*

MINISTERS OF THE SERVICE

Celebrant: Rev. Lynn Hade

Lectors and Intercessor: Lauren New, Drew Dippre, Sharon Dippre

Musicians: Carl Gedeik, Heidi New

Tech Support: Evan & Drew Dippre

Altar Guild: Aylis Wolf, Betty Cummings

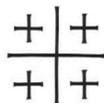
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