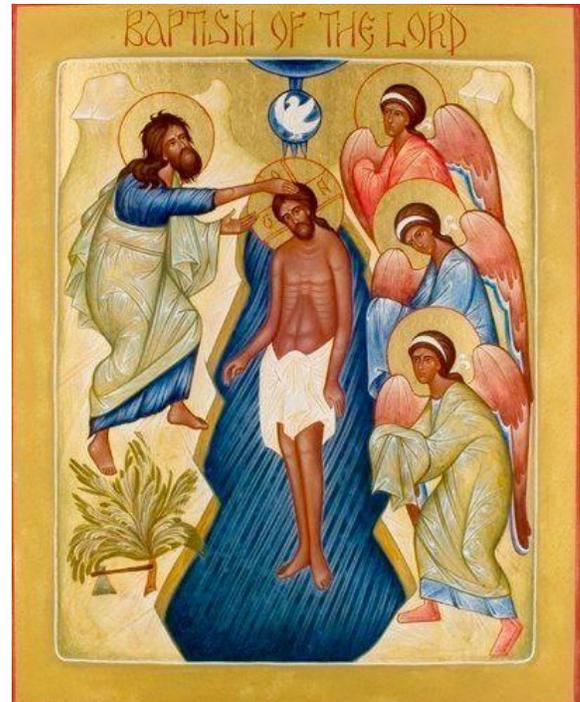


**THE FIRST SUNDAY  
AFTER EPIPHANY**

January 10, 2021

**LEADING IN WORSHIP**

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*Presider:* Rev. Dr. Pamela Stuerke  
*Deacon:* Rev. Dayna Jewson  
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*Musicians:* Bobbi Reese, Conor Donnelly



**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

*Celebrant* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.  
*People* **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

**THE TRISAGION**

*(said three times)*

*Presider:* Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One:  
*People:* **Have mercy on us.**

**CANTICLE** *The Third Song of Isaiah* *Surge, illuminare, Isaiah 60:1-3, 11a, 14c, 18-19*

Arise, shine, for your light has come, \*  
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.  
For behold, darkness covers the land; \*  
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.  
But over you the Lord will rise, \*  
and his glory will appear upon you.  
Nations will stream to your light, \*  
and kings to the brightness of your dawning.  
Your gates will always be open; \*  
by day or night they will never be shut.  
They will call you, The City of the Lord, \*  
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.  
Violence will no more be heard in your land, \*  
ruin or destruction within your borders.

You will call your walls, Salvation, \*  
and all your portals, Praise.  
The sun will no more be your light by day; \*  
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.  
The Lord will be your everlasting light, \*  
and your God will be your glory.

### **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Presider:* Let us pray.

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 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 God's people.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

### **THE RESPONSE:** Psalm 29 *(Read by all.)*

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.  
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.  
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.  
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.

And in the temple of the LORD \*  
all are crying, "Glory!"

The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.

The LORD shall give strength to his people; \*  
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

### **THE EPISTLE:** 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 God's people.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

### **HYMN**

### **THE GOSPEL:** Mark 1:4-11

*Deacon:* The Holy Gospel of our Savior 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."

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**MUSIC**

**THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS**

*Presider:* Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

*People:* **I do.**

*Presider:* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People:* **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

*Presider:* 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.**

*Presider:* 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.**

*Presider:* 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.**

*Presider:* 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.**

*Presider:* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider:* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider:* 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.**

*Presider:* May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Deacon:* “Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.” Guided by the leading of a star, may we reflect in our daily life and work the glory and radiance of Christ our light.

*Leader:* You who by the leading of a star guided the Magi to the brightness of the Holy Child of Bethlehem; lead us by the guiding of Jesus our Savior to the light of revelation, that we may value and honor the varied gifts of our sisters and brothers and together present the offering of our life’s labor at the feet of our Savior. Christ be our light.

*People:* **Shine in our hearts.**

*Voice 1:* You who framed the brightness of the first light in creation; dispel the arrogance, animosity and anger that shatters the unity of your holy Church.

*Voice 2:* Fill your faithful people with the radiant light of truth, that we may be made one in faith, hope and love. We pray today for the people and ministry of St. John’s Episcopal Church, Eolia, and Calvary Church, Louisiana, and Pat, their Rector. Christ be our light.

*People:* **Shine in our hearts.**

*Voice 1:* You who delivered your people from the misery of bondage in slavery to the land of promise; set us free us from enslavement to division, disunity and distrust in our public life and labor.

*Voice 2:* Illumine those in authority with the light of vision, that they may lead the peoples of the nations to greater unity and concord. Christ be our light.

*People:* **Shine in our hearts.**

*Voice 1:* You who patterned the stars and called the sun in to being, who appointed the moon and chartered the cosmos.

*Voice 2:* Pattern the hearts of people everywhere to see in each other the beauty of the universe and the splendor of creation, that divisions of race, class, gender and ethnicity may dissolve into one common humanity. Christ be our light.

*People:* **Shine in our hearts.**

*Voice 1:* You who shower comfort and hope to the lowest, the lost and the least; shower the light of compassion on the sick, the sorrowful and the suffering especially those we name: *The People are invited to add their own petitions either silently or aloud.*

*Voice 2:* Help us to be your compassion and hope in the world. Christ be our light.

***People:* Shine in our hearts.**

*Voice 1:* You who welcome into the brilliant light of eternity the souls of those who have died; welcome those whose lives have been cut short by violence, warfare and strife.

*Voice 2:* Shine the light of hope on our faithful dead, especially those we now name: *The People are invited to add their own petitions either silently or aloud.*

Christ be our light.

***People:* Shine in our hearts.**

*Voice 1:* You who delight in the complexity of creation and the splendor of each creature; help us to delight in the diversity of the earth our island home.

*Voice 2:* Inspire your people to care for the earth and its creatures and repent and return when we abuse, misuse and neglect our fellow creatures. Christ be our light.

***People:* Shine in our hearts.**

*Presider:* May Christ, the Morning-Star who knows no setting, find us ever burning with the light of love, the spirit of truth and the wellspring of hope; that following the way of Jesus and filled with the flame of the Holy Spirit, we may be a holy people whose lives and living inspire, incite and inflame your world with compassion and care. Through Jesus the Christ the light of the world. **Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

***Presider and 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 PEACE**

*Presider:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

*Presider:* Lord of the Feast,

*People:* **We thank you for gathering us as your people. We call to remembrance the many times we have been fed at your table and we lament our distance now. Be present Lord Jesus as you were present with your disciples, be known to us in the breaking of the bread, and may your Holy Spirit sustain us and all your Church until we can gather together again. We ask this for the sake of your love. Amen.**

### **THE BLESSING**

*Presider:* God's Blessing be with you, Christ's peace be with you, the Spirit's outpouring be with you, now and always. **Amen.**

### **THE DISMISSAL**

*Presider:* Let us bless the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**