

**Worship for
The First Sunday after The Epiphany
The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ**

January 10, 2021

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Baptism of Christ from an Armenian Gospel book (1455 CE)

The service begins on page 299 of The Book of Common Prayer.

To prepare, gather with your household (including pets) and light a candle. Because we are renewing our Baptismal Vows today, you may want to place a bowl of water on a table with a lighted candle (maybe even the candle you got when you were baptized).

Spend a few moments in silence and in prayerful reflection.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD AND RENEWAL OF OUR BAPTISMAL VOWS

Opening Anthem

When Jesus Went to Jordan's Stream

German Hymn, arr. R W.

When Jesus went to Jordan's stream his Father's will obeying,
And was baptized by John, there came a voice from heaven saying,
"This is my dear beloved Son upon whom rests my favor."
And till God's will is fully done he will not bend or waver,
for he is Christ the Savior.

The Holy Spirit then was shown, a dove on him descending;
The Triune God is thus made known in Christ as love unending.
He taught, he healed, he raised the dead, yet, in his great endeavor
To save us, his own blood was shed; but death could hold him never.
He rose, and lives forever.

He came by water and by blood to heal our lost condition;
He cleanses, reconciles to God, and gives the Great Commission.
Then let us not heed worldly lies nor rest upon our merit,
But trust in Christ who will baptize with water and the Spirit
that we may life inherit.

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.
Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;
People There is one hope in God's call to us;
Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People One God and Father of all.

The Collect of the Day (The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant 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 Lesson from 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.

Lector The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God.

The Gradual Psalm 29

Wor-ship the Lord in his
ho - ly tem - ple.

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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.

Refrain

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.

Refrain

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.

Refrain

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.

Refrain

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!”

Refrain

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.

Refrain

The Lesson from the Acts of the Apostles 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.

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

Sequence Hymn

The sinless one to Jordan came



1 The sin - less one to Jor - dan came,
 2 Up - ris - ing from the wa - ters there,
 3 A - bove him see the heaven - ly Dove,
 4 How blest that mis - sion then be - gun
 5 O Christ, may we bap - tized from sin,
 6 On you may all your peo - ple feed,



1 and in the riv - er shared our stain;
 2 the Fa - ther's voice did then de - clare
 3 the sign of God the Fa - ther's love,
 4 to heal and save a race un - done!
 5 go forth with you a world to win:
 6 and know you are the Bread in - deed,



1 God's right - eous - ness he thus ful - filled,
 2 that Christ, the Son of God, had come
 3 now by the Ho - ly Spi - rit shed
 4 Straight to the wil - der - ness he goes
 5 grant us the Ho - ly Spi - rit's power
 6 who gives e - ter - nal life to those



1 and chose the path his Fa - ther willed.
 2 to lead his scat - tered peo - ple home.
 3 up - on the Son's a - noint - ed head.
 4 to wres - tle with his peo - ple's foes.
 5 to shield us in temp - ta - tion's hour.
 6 that with you died, and with you rose.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 1:4-11

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.

The Sermon

The Ven. Laurie Brock, Rector

The Renewal of Our Baptismal Vows

Dear People of God: In Holy Baptism we follow the example of our Lord Jesus Christ. As he came up from the water, he was anointed by the Spirit of God and recognized as God's Son. So we also are anointed by that same Spirit; we are reborn and adopted as daughters and sons with whom God is well-pleased. Let us now renew our own Baptismal Covenant as a reminder of the promises made at baptism.

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 the 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.

After re-affirming our Baptismal Covenant, the Celebrant says:

Everliving God, strengthen and sustain us in the promises made at Baptism, that with patience and understanding we may love and care for each other; and grant that together we may follow Jesus Christ, offering to him our gifts and talents; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Jesus calls us out of darkness into his marvelous light. Washed clean by the waters of baptism, let us pray that we may live the life to which he has called us.

Lord Jesus, eternal Word, proclaimed as the Christ by John, hear us as we pray for all who proclaim your word. We pray especially that you grant us courage and faith to share the Gospel in thought, word, and deed in our lives.

Lord of truth,
hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, baptizing with the Spirit and with fire, strengthen us to withstand the trials of our faith, meeting hate with love, despair with hope, and exclusion with welcome.

Lord of truth,
hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, bringing forgiveness to all who repent, teach your Church dependence on your grace.

Lord of truth,
hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, fulfilment of the promises of old, give hope to all who suffer or are ignored, especially immigrants and refugees, all who struggle with poverty, all who have been devastated by the pandemic, and all who are marginalized in our communities.

Lord of truth,
hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, beloved Son of the Father, anoint us with the gifts of your Holy Spirit, that we may be the presence of holy love in this world.

Lord of truth,
hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, bringer of hope, share with all the faithful the riches of eternal life, as we remember those who have joined you in the wealth of love in heaven.

Lord of truth,
hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus Christ, in you God makes us and all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory. *Amen.*

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements

- **Annual Meeting January 31st at 5:30 pm** – Via Zoom. You will get a special email this week with the list of candidates to serve as Diocesan

Convention deputies, the slate for our new Vestry members, and information on how to participate in our Annual Meeting. Because we will be voting electronically, we ask that you register for Annual Meeting this year. You can register the evening of, but to help things run as smoothly as possible, please register beforehand.

- **Our Deacon Kenny Pierce will be ordained to the priesthood on Sunday, January 31st at 11:00 am via livestream.**

We give thanks this Sunday for the birthdays and anniversaries our members and friends celebrate, especially the 7th birthday of Max Doty!

Anniversary and Birthday Blessing

Eternal God, Creator and sustainer of all life: Bless, preserve, and guide your children as they mark another year of life in you. Make their hearts ready to receive your love and free to love others. Grant them grace to grow into the fullness of Christ. Strengthen them, give them joy, and awaken them every day to the power of your saving help, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Offertory Sentence

Word made flesh, life of the world, in your incarnation you embraced our poverty: by your Spirit may we share in your riches.

The Offertory Anthem

King of Glory, King of Peace

K. Lee Scott

King of glory, King of peace, I will love thee;
And that love may never cease, I will move thee.
Thou hast granted my request, Thou hast heard me;
Thou didst note my working breast, Thou hast spared me.

Wherefore with my utmost art I will sing thee,
And the cream of all my heart I will bring thee.
Though my sins against me cried, Thou didst clear me;
And alone, when they replied, Thou didst hear me.

Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise Thee;
In my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise Thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort to enroll Thee;
Even eternity's too short to extol Thee!

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 Epiphany Blessing

May Almighty God, who led the Magi by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, led you also in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord. *Amen.*

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth. *Amen.*

May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. *Amen.*

The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

You may support the mission and ministry of St. Michael's by giving financially in the following ways:

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- **GivePlus+ app** (available as a free download for Android and iOS) - search the App Store on your phone, fill in the required information, and give easily.
- **Text to Give** - Text the amount you want to give in the message part to 833-917-0602. The first time you text, you'll receive a link to fill in credit card information to complete your donation. You can then text "repeat" to make the donation recurring.

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