

Epiphany Sunday

*Holy Eucharist, Rite 2 & Renewal of Baptismal Covenant - 10:30am,
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St. Mark's Episcopal Anglican Church

Fairland Parish, in the Episcopal Diocese of Washington

Rev. Dr. Christopher I. Wilkins, Rector

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Prelude

The Celebrant says:

Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.
Please rise as our worship begins with (*the entrance hymn*).

Entrance Hymn:

Hymnal 1982, 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.

3. Straightway and steadfast until death you then obeyed his call freely as Son of Man to serve and give your life for all.

2. God called you his beloved Son, called you his servant true, sent you his kingdom to proclaim, his holy will to do.

4. Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord, your cross on us be signed, that, likewise in God's service we may perfect freedom find.

Opening Rites and the Collect of the Day

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. 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. *Amen.*

Canticle 20: *Gloria in excelsis*

Hymnal #S-280

1. Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

2. Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

3. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,

4. you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;

5. you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

6. For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,

7. you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father,
Amen.

The Celebrant continues:

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says the Collect.

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the Peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Liturgy of the Word

The Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 43:1-7

43 But now thus says the LORD,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name; you are mine.

²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you,
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.

³For I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom,
Cush and Seba in exchange for you.

⁴Because you are precious in my sight
and honored and I love you,

I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.

⁵Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;

⁶I will say to the north, “Give them up,”
and to the south, “Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth—
⁷everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day: *Afferte Domino*

Psalm 29

The Chorister will chant the Psalm.

- 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.

The New Testament Lesson

Acts 8:14-17

¹⁴ Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵ The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶ (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷ Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn:

Hymnal 1982, hymn #132, vss. 3 & 5

Within the Jordon's sacred flood *We will sing to the setting of Hymn 143, same tune.

3. Within the Jordan's sacred flood
The heavenly Lamb in meekness
stood, that he, to whom no sin was
known, might cleanse his people
from their own.

5. All glory, Jesus, be to thee for this
thy glad epiphany: whom with the
Father we adore and Holy Ghost
forevermore.

The Gospel

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *Luke*.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶ John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water, but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

²¹ Now when all the people were baptized and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The People are seated.

The Sermon: You are my Son¹

Renewal of Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant In honor of Jesus’s baptism by John in the River Jordan, let us now renew our own baptismal covenant.

¹ *The text on which the Sermon is based may be found online via the links to this service in the weekly E-Letter.*

Intercessor Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Intercessor Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, 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.

Intercessor 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.

Intercessor 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.

Intercessor 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.

Intercessor Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

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

People I will, with God's help.

Intercessor 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.

The Peace

The People stand.

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you,

People: And also with you.

The Ministers and People greet one another at physical distance.

Offertory Anthem:

Hymnal 1982, hymn #608

Eternal Father, strong to save

1. Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose arm hath bound the restless
wave, who bidd'st the mighty ocean
deep its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee for
those in peril on the sea.

2. O Christ, whose voice the waters
heard and hushed their raging at thy
word, who walkedst on the foaming
deep, and calm amid its rage didst
sleep: O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

3. Most Holy Spirit, who didst brood
upon the chaos dark and rude, and
bid its angry tumult cease, and give,
for wild confusion, peace: O hear us
when we cry to thee for those in peril
on the sea.

4. O Trinity of love and power, thy
children shield in danger's hour;
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,
protect them wheresoe'er they go;
thus evermore shall rise to thee glad
hymns of praise from land and sea.

A Deacon or Priest prepares the altar and sanctuary for the Eucharist.

The Holy Eucharist: 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.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord; 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 with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim your glory:

Sanctus

Hymnal #S-129

The Choristers lead the People as they say:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in your Word made flesh: Jesus, your Son. For in the fullness of time you sent him among us to live and die as

one of us, the Savior and the Redeemer of the world. In him you deliver us from evil, and make us worthy to stand before you. In him, you bring us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, and out of death into life.

On the night before he was betrayed unto death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread. Giving thanks to you, he broke it, and shared it with his disciples, saying:

“Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this in memory of me.”

‡

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup, gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:

“Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in memory of me.” ‡

Therefore, according to his command, O Lord,

The People, led by the LEM, say

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all, presenting to you from your creation this bread and this wine, fruit of the vine and the work of human hands. Send your Holy Spirit upon them that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit to live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mary, the Mother of God, and all your saints, we may enter into the everlasting heritage of all your children, through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the church, and the author of our salvation.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, now and forever. AMEN. ††

Now, as Christ taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

LEVAS, hymn #264

The Choristers lead the People as they sing:

Our Father, which 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 debts as we forgive our debtors.
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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread, and then keeps a period of silence.

Fraction Anthem: *Christ our Passover*

Hymnal #S-155

The Choristers lead the People as they sing:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the people of God.

The People come forward to receive Communion.

Communion Hymn:
I bind unto myself today

Hymnal 1982, hymn #370, vss. 1,2,5,6,7

1. I bind unto myself today the strong Name of the Trinity, by invocation of the same, the Three in One, and One in Three.

2. I bind this day to me for ever, by power of faith, Christ's Incarnation; his baptism in the Jordan river; his death on cross for my salvation; his bursting from the spiced tomb; his riding up the heavenly way; his coming at the day of doom: I bind unto myself today.

5. I bind unto myself today the power of God to hold and lead, his eye to watch, his might to stay, his ear to hearken, to my need; the wisdom of my God to teach, his hand to guide, his shield to ward; the word of

God to give me speech, his heavenly host to be my guard.

6. Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

7. I bind unto myself the Name, the strong Name of the Trinity, by invocation of the same, the Three in One, and One in Three. Of whom all nature hath creation, eternal Father, Spirit, Word: praise to the Lord of my salvation, salvation is of Christ the Lord.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray. *The Celebrant prays*

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Announcements

Announcements, if any, are made here.

Blessing and Dismissal

The Bishop, if present, or the Celebrant says

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord be with you, this day and always, and give you peace.

Withdrawal Hymn:

Hymnal 1982, hymn #120

The sinless one to Jordan came

1. The sinless one to Jordan came,
and in the river shared our stain;
God's righteousness he thus
fulfilled, and chose the path his
Father willed.

2. Uprising from the waters there,
the Father's voice did then declare
that Christ, the Son of God, had
come to lead his scattered people
home.

3. Above him see the heavenly Dove,
the sign of God the Father's love,
now by the Holy Spirit shed upon
the Son's anointed head.

4. How blest that mission then
began to heal and save a race
undone! Straight to the wilderness
he goes to wrestle with his people's
foes.

5. O Christ, may we baptized from
sin, go forth with you a world to win:
grant us the Holy Spirit's power to
shield us in temptation's hour.

6. On you may all your people feed,
and know you are the Bread indeed,
who gives eternal life to those that
with you died, and with you rose.

The Altar Party and the People depart.

The LEM says

Alleluia, Alleluia! Let us go forth, in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

The People say

Amen. Alleluia!

Postlude

Please join us in the Parish Hall for Coffee Hour and Fellowship.

The Flowers on the altar are given today to the Glory of God by Jess and Mala Rowland in Memory of Mrs. Beulah Rowland (Jess' Mom).

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Musical Note: We are singing today's Offertory Hymn to honor and give thanks for the life of Jimmy Carter, our 39th president whose life was celebrated at the National Cathedral on January 9. President Carter was educated at the Naval Academy. He served in the Navy on active duty from 1946-1953, and in the reserves from 1953-1961. The first three verses of Hymn 608 are also the first three verses of the Navy Hymn which was sung at the service.

Readers, LEMs, Intercessor and Altar Guild:

1st Reader: Olivia Lee

2nd Reader & LEM: Chuck Smith

Intercessor: Gail Soulea

Altar Guild: Charlene Langley & Kris Taweel

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St. Mark's Mission & Vision

Mission

- ❖ To love God, love our Neighbors, and serve Christ in all persons.

Vision: St. Mark's

- ❖ Invites, welcomes, and connects people to God and one another in a thriving church community.
- ❖ Fosters opportunities for people to serve those around them.
- ❖ Promotes equity, justice, accessibility, and care for creation.

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We hope that today's service has been a blessing to you.

We are here to serve you and hope to see you again.

Please feel free to call us, email us, or visit us online.

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