



CHRIST CHURCH, ITHAN

“A Welcoming Community in Christ”

January 10, 2021

1 EPIPHANY THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

PRELUDE

Christ, Our Lord, to Jordan Came, BWV 648

J. S. BACH

OPENING HYMN

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem

O sing a song of Bethlehem,
Of shepherds watching there,
And of the news that came to them
From angels in the air:
The light that shone on Bethlehem
Fills all the world today;
Of Jesus' birth and peace on earth
The angels sing always.

O sing a song of Nazareth,
Of sunny days of joy,
O sing of fragrant flowers' breath,
And of the sinless boy:
For now the flow'rs of Nazareth
In ev'ry heart may grow;
Now spreads the fame of his dear name
On all the winds that blow.

O sing a song of Galilee,
Of lake and woods and hill,
Of him who walked upon the sea
And bade the waves be still:
For though, like waves on Galilee,
Dark seas of trouble roll,
When faith has heard the Master's word,
Falls peace upon the soul

All standing, the Celebrant says

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

People

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant says

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.*

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.*

FIRST READING

GENESIS 1:1-5

A Reading from the book of Genesis.

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

PSALM 29

Afferte Domino

- 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 READING

ACTS 19:1-7

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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—together there were about twelve of them.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN 120, vs. 1, 2 & 6 *The Sinless One to Jordan Came*

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.

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.

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.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:4-11

Celebrant 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.

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

SERMON

THE REV. VERONIKA TRAVIS

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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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
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 and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

O God, Creator and source of light, we bring our prayers to you through the Grace of Jesus Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Let us pray to the Lord saying,

Lord hear our Prayer.

We pray for your light to shine in the nations of the world. That governments, leaders and people may see your justice and your will be done.

Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for our elected leaders, that they may represent Christ the ruler of all and be agents of his justice.

Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for your church throughout the world. That it may be a sign of your presence as clear as the star of Bethlehem and may manifest your grace in every part of your creation.

Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for your people suffering violence, fear and oppression, that all may be moved to share your love and peace and to work for an end to injustice.

Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for the poor and for those who care for them. May they experience the light of Christ and may we be moved to honor Christ in them.

Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for those who are in prison, for those held captive by addictions, and for all who are not free to flourish as you intend.

Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for those who suffer from illnesses mental and physical and for those who care for them. May the Lord who healed the sick and cast out demons give them peace. On our parish prayer list, we pray for: Kay, Rita, Shirley, Dolores, Dick, Rick, Dorothy, Catherine, Paul, Tom, Stan, Jill, Lunetta, Art, Celeste, Claudia, Doug & Marilyn, Laurie, Richard & Emily, Patty, Lori, Athalia, Sarah, Jakarta, Nanita, Ron and Marilyn, Mary Rita, Howard and Debbie, and the residents and staff of Pathfinder Village. I invite your prayers of intercession. (silence)

Lord hear our prayer.

We give thanks for those who have recovered from illness, for our families friends and neighbors, and for the many ways we are supported by your love. I invite your prayers of thanksgiving. (silence)

Lord hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have died and for those who mourn. Especially for Dolores Toews. Let the light of your countenance shine upon them and give them peace.

Lord hear our prayer.

The celebrant adds a concluding collect.

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Celebrant says

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

The Celebrant then says: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and People

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

PEACE

All stand.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY COMMUNION

The Celebrant says

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Deep River”
Kent Schauble, Soloist

Moses Hogan

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The people remain standing.

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 him thanks and praise.**

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 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 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 S128

Mathias

Celebrant and People

**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 people stand or kneel.

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 the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." 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 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.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts 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. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 forever. *AMEN.*

The Celebrant then continues: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

**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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: Alleluia. The Lord has come in great humility to visit us.

People: *Therefore let us welcome him. Alleluia.*

The Celebrant says: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant and People: Lord of the Feast, 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.

BLESSING

The priest blesses the people, saying

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN 448, vs. 1, 2 & 5

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
how passing thought and fantasy,
that God, the Son of God, should take
our mortal form for mortals' sake.

For us baptized, for us he bore
his holy fast and hungered sore;
for us temptations sharp he knew,
for us the tempter overthrew.

For us he rose from death again;
for us he went on high to reign;
for us he sent his Spirit here
to guide, to strengthen and to cheer.

DISMISSAL

Celebrant
People

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

The Heavens Declare the Glory of God

Benedetto Marcello

*The flowers on the altar are for the greater glory of God
and in celebration of the life of
Gail North, mother of Jacquelyne North*

Thank you to those who served today!
The Rev. Veronika Travis, Celebrant
Dr. Jeffrey Fowler, Organist, Kent Schauble, Soloist
Ron Spinelli, Reader, Nancy Brietling, Altar Guild
Martin McNeil, Livestream Coordinator

PASTORAL MESSAGE FROM VERONIKA

Dear people of God,

As some of you have told me, it is hard to process what happened when a group of Americans stormed the US Capitol on January 6th. I don't entirely know how to respond personally, and I am hopeful that our political process will allow for healing and accountability in response to our President encouraging an attack on another branch of our Constitutional government. I do know that as people of prayer and people of peace, we can respond first by turning to our God and asking for mercy. Second we can reflect on the character of the people we choose to lead us, and what we expect of them when they fail. Wednesday's events, indeed the events of the past several years cannot be resolved only in the political sense. We must seek a moral response to our failure to be a community that reflects God's love.

If you are struggling with what happened, or are feeling alone for any reason, please reach out to me or to a friend.

Consider reading or watching these encouraging messages from our Bishop Daniel and from Presiding Bishop Michael Curry.

Message from Bishop Gutierrez:

<https://www.diopa.org/news/a-prayer-for-our-country>

Message from Presiding Bishop Curry:

<https://episcopalchurch.org/posts/publicaffairs/epiphany-2021-call-prayer-our-nation-presiding-bishop-curry>

I preached on the Feast of Epiphany in response to what happened at the Capitol. If you haven't seen it yet, please watch it here:

<https://www.christchurchithan.org/live>

Please pray for our country, and pray for God's mercy.

In Christ's Peace,
Veronika+

Veronika Travis

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ZOOM SUNDAY SCHOOL: THE SEASON AFTER EPIPHANY - One of the goals for the Children's Charter for the Episcopal Church is to "*include children and teens as full participants in the Eucharistic community.*" Central to our being a Eucharistic community is our community worship.

Therefore, starting today January 10th, Zoom Sunday School will be focusing on how we worship together. In particular we will continue to explore the worship service. For example, what are the different parts of the service? When the priest is at the altar after the Peace, what does she do? Why do we sometimes stand, kneel, or sit? Where do the readers go to read parts from the Bible? How is the Bible connected to different parts of the worship service?

Pastor Veronika has already provided ([Videos](#)) to help us better understand the Blessing and the Sermon. In this season after Epiphany, other videos will follow. Adults are also encouraged to join us because everyone may have questions. The Q & A portion of the discussion may entice you!

BIBLE DISCUSSION: RADICAL GRACE - The Bible Discussion is each Thursday at 1:00 pm on Zoom (*meeting details below*). During this **Season after the Epiphany** we will use Richard Rohr's booklet to identify scripture passages relating to the Christian understanding of Grace. (No purchase required. All materials are provided.) On January 14th the focus will be on "*Contemplation and Compassion*." Jesus taught us a great deal about compassion, but so do Old Testament passages from Isaiah and the Psalms. Included in each week's discussion are selections of "Art in the Christian Tradition." Everyone is invited to join us as we respond by sharing our own perspectives. [Click to Join Zoom Meeting](#)

EVENING PRAYER- Starting January 15th, join Pastor Veronika on a new night and time for Evening Prayer. Zoom with her on Fridays at 5:30 pm for prayers, readings, and a time for peace.
<https://zoom.us/j/91217985717?pwd=NUVZeDMrYWJrQ0xZcHN4SzhvSDU4QT09>

JOINT VESTRY MEETING - There will be a joint and separate vestry meeting with the St. Martin's Church on Thursday, January 21st. Please reach out to [Pastor Veronika](#) or any Vestry member if you have suggestions, questions, or concerns.

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