

The Episcopal Church of St. Thomas the Apostle



First Sunday after Epiphany The Baptism of our Lord

January 9, 2022

Our Mission Statement

Helping Hands – Healing Hearts

Welcome All



are given to the glory of God

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Opening Voluntaries

Prélude sur l'Introït de l'Épiphanie, by Maurice Duruflé

All who believe and are baptized, composer unknown.

The Liturgy of the Word

Procession Hymn

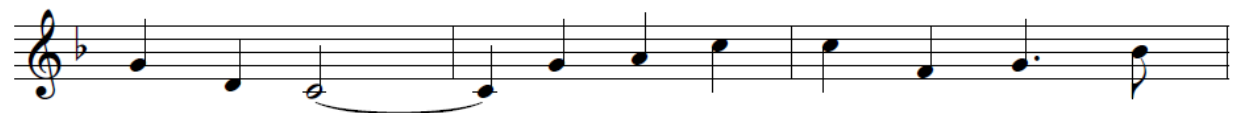
"We know that Christ is raised and dies no more"



1. We know that Christ is raised and dies no
2. We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing
3. The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with
4. A new cre - a - tion comes to life and



more. Em - braced by death, he broke its
death. Re - born, we share with him an
life. The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the
grows As Christ's new bod - y takes on



fear - ful hold, And our de - spair he turned to
East - er life As liv - ing mem - bers of our
Church of God. Bap - tized, we live with God the
flesh and blood. The u - ni - verse re - stored and



blaz - ing joy. Al - le - lu - ia!
Sav - ior Christ. Al - le - lu - ia!
Three in One. Al - le - lu - ia!
whole will sing: Al - le - lu - ia!

Opening Acclamation

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.
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 for all.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant God 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 Lessons

The people sit.

First Reading: Isaiah 43:1-7

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

The Response: Psalm 29



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.

(repeat last half of chant)

11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; *
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Second Reading: Act 8:14-17

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

All stand.

Sequence Hymn

Sing praise to our Creator (H 295)

1 Sing praise to our Cre - a - tor, O you of Ad-am's race—
2 To Je - sus Christ give glo - ry, God's co - e - ter - nal Son;
3 And praise the Ho - ly Spi - rit poured forth up - on the earth;

God's chil - dren by a - dop - tion, bap - tized in - to his grace.
as mem - bers of his Bo - dy we live in him as one.
who sanc - ti - fies and guides us, made strong in our re - birth.

The Gospel: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

The Rev. Stephen J. Waller

Silence may be kept.

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

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.

The Asperges

The Prayers of the People

The Lord shall give us the blessings of strength and peace. Beloved of God, let us pray, "Walk with us through the waters, O God; *walk with us through the fire.*"

Deliver your Church, O God, from fear. Strengthen those you have redeemed by your presence. Give us all the courage to keep our baptismal promises.

(Silence)

V: Walk with us through the waters, O God;

R: *Walk with us through the fire.*

O God, you have blessed us to be members of your household. Strengthen the unity of the Church—those serving you in the east, west, north, and south.

(Silence)

V: Walk with us through the waters, O God;

R: *Walk with us through the fire.*

Your power, O God, is evident in the mysteries of our universe. By water and your Holy Spirit you have made us a new people. We give you thanks and praise.

(Invite the congregation to add their thanksgivings, followed by silence)

V: Walk with us through the waters, O God;

R: *Walk with us through the fire.*

Break down the walls of division in our city and our nation. Bring us together as one human family, formed and made by your great hands.

(Silence)

V: Walk with us through the waters, O God;

R: *Walk with us through the fire.*

Heal and comfort your beloved children, O God. Be with the needy in their trials. May they know that they are precious in your sight.

(Invite the congregation to add their petitions, followed by silence)

V: Walk with us through the waters, O God;

R: *Walk with us through the fire.*

Heavenly Parent, you have accepted us as your children. You have made us heirs with Christ. In your great mercy, receive us, and all who have died, into glory everlasting.

(Silence)

V: Walk with us through the waters, O God;

R: *Walk with us through the fire.*

Silence may be kept.

The Peace

All stand.

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

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements & Blessings

Birthday Prayer

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 heart may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please refer to the Doubter for current Birthdays.

Anniversary Prayer

Gracious God, we ask your blessing upon these your servants. Lead them further in companionship with each other and with you. Give them grace to live together in love and fidelity, with care for one another. Strengthen them all their days, and finally bring them to that holy table where, with those they love, they will feast for ever in their heavenly home; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

The Great Thanksgiving

Sursum Corda

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.

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy (Mathias) (S 128)

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

Celebrant
 Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Celebrant and People
 Christ has died.
 Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Celebrant

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 forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem

Christ our Passover (WLP 865)

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.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems. The first system features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The piano part has a treble and bass clef. The second system continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment, ending with a double bar line. The lyrics are: "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."

Healing Prayer available at the rear of the Nave.

Communion Hymn

The sinless one to Jordan came (H 120)



1 The sin - less one to Jor - dan came,
2 Up - ris - ing from the wat - ers 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.

Charge to Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant In the Name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those whom you visit may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People We who are many are one Body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

Postcommunion Prayer

All standing.

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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.

Blessing

May almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, to 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 your 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 for ever. *Amen.*

Closing Hymn

Descent, O Spirit purging flame (H 297)



1 De - scend, O Spi - rit, purg - ing flame, brand
2 For - bid us not this sec - ond birth; grant



us this day with Je - sus' Name! Con - firm our faith, con -
un - to us the great - er worth! En - list us in your



sume our doubt; sign us as Christ's, with - in, with - out.
ser - vice, Lord; bap - tize all na - tions with your Word.

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Closing Voluntary

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Psalm tone. Music: Robert Knox Kennedy (b. 1945)

Sing praise to our Creator. Words: Mark Evans (b. 1916), alt. Music: *Christus, der ist mein Leben*, melody Melchior Vulpius (1560?-1616)

Sanctus. Music: William Mathias (1934-1992)

Fraction Anthem. Music: Thaddeus P. Cavuoti (b. 1955) from *Mass of St. Columbia*

The sinless one to Jordan came. Words: G. B. Timms (b. 1910), alt. Music: *Solemnis haec festivitas*, melody from *Graduale*, 1685; harm. Arthur Hutchings (b. 1906)

Descend, O Spirit. Words: Scott Francis Brenner (1903-1991), alt. Music: *Erhalt uns Herr*, melody from *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543; harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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