

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY: BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Ante-Communion

January 10, 2021

If you are visiting, we offer you a special welcome and would like to get acquainted. Please send the co-host a chat note if the chat option is open, or after worship email office@stjamesvt.org with your name, where you're from, and an email address if you would like receive more information about our parish. Thank you for worshipping with us! We are glad you are here.

Please keep your microphone muted for most of the service. A "designated responder" will lead the responses of the people. If you are reading a lesson or adding a thanksgiving or prayer request aloud during the time of prayers, please unmute yourself. After your prayer is completed, mute yourself again.

Prelude: Morning Has Broken (*Jenny Ogelby, Dulcimer*)

Opening Hymn: 'Twas in the moon of wintertime

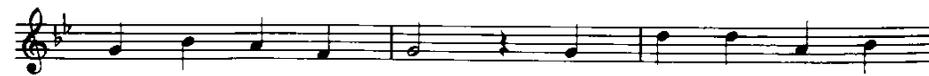
Hymnal 114



1 'Twas in the moon of win - ter - time, when all the birds had
 2 (With - in a lodge of) bro - ken bark the ten - der babe was
 3 (The ear - liest moon of) win - ter - time is not so round and
 4 (O chil - dren of the) for - est free, the an - gel song is



fled, that God the Lord of all the earth sent
 found, a rag - ged robe of rab - bit skin en -
 fair as was the ring of glo - ry on the
 true; the ho - ly child of earth and heaven is



an - gel - choirs in - stead; be - fore their light the
 wrapped his beau - ty round; but as the hunt - er
 help - less in - fant there. The chiefs from far be -
 born to - day for you. Come kneel be - fore the



stars grew dim, and won - dering hunt - ers heard the hymn:
 braves drew nigh, the an - gel - song rang loud and high:
 fore him knelt with gifts of fox and bea - ver - pelt.
 ra - diant boy, who brings you beau - ty, peace, and joy.



Refrain
 Je - sus your King is born, Je - sus is



born, in ex - cel - sis glo - ri - a. 2 With - in a lodge of
 3 The ear - liest moon of
 4 O chil - dren of the

Liturgy of the Word

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People *Glory to God for ever and ever.*

Hymn of Praise: Arise, shine for your light has come

Ruth Cunningham

A - rise, shine, for your light has come, and the
A - rise, shine for your light has come, and the
glo - ry of the Lord has dawned up - on you. A
glo - ry of the Lord has dawned up - on you. A

Words: Isaiah 60:1

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Collect of the Day

Presider God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

All say together

O God in heaven, who at the baptism in the River Jordan proclaimed Jesus your Beloved One and anointed him with the Holy Spirit, Grant that all who are baptized into the name of Jesus may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess Jesus Christ as Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, on God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

The Lessons

First Reading: Genesis 1:1-5

Reader 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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People *Thanks be to God.*

A period of silence is kept.

The Psalm or Psalms Appointed

Psalm 29

St. Helena Psalter

Read in unison

- 1 Ascribe to God, you heavenly beings, *
ascribe to God glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe due honor to God's holy Name; *
worship the Most High in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of God is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
God is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of God is a powerful voice; *
the voice of God is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of God breaks the cedar trees; *
God breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 God makes Lebanon skip like a calf *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

- 7 The voice of God splits the flames of fire;
the voice of God shakes the wilderness; *
God shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of God makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the Holy One, *
all are crying, “Glory!”
- 10 God sits enthroned above the flood, *
enthroned as Sovereign for evermore.
- 11 God shall give strength to the people; *
God shall give the people the blessing of peace.

Second Reading: Acts 19:1-7

Reader A Reading from 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— altogether there were about twelve of them.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
People *Thanks be to God.*

1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spi - rit on you came,
 2 God called you his be - lov - ed Son, called you his ser - vant true,
 3 Straight-way and stead-fast un - til death you then o - beyed his call
 4 Bap - tize us with your Spi - rit, Lord, your cross on us be signed,

as peace-ful as a dove and yet as ur - gent as a flame.
 sent you his king-dom to pro-claim, his ho - ly will to do.
 free - ly as Son of Man to serve and give your life for all.
 that, like - wise in God's ser - vice we may per - fect free - dom find.

Words: F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984), rev. Music: Caithness, melody from The Psalmes of David in Prose and Meeter, 1635: harm. The English Hymnal, 1906.

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.*

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Presider Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, on this celebration of the Baptism of our Lord, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all works of evil, and promised to serve God faithfully in God's holy Catholic Church.

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.

The Presider then says

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 with all grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

The Prayers of the People

Deacon:

Let us pray to our God whose Spirit breathes life into being, that through baptism we may be empowered as God's beloved children to share in the healing and reconciling work of Christ, saying: God shall give strength to the people; *God shall give us the blessing of peace.*

Intercessor:

Fill your Church with the power of your Holy Spirit, O God, that we may bring the light of your blessing to the whole world.

Intercessor God shall give strength to the people:

Response *God shall give us the blessing of peace.*

Let your gentle spirit be upon this nation and upon all in authority, that we may share in your work to bring forth justice upon the earth.

Intercessor God shall give strength to the people:

Response *God shall give us the blessing of peace.*

Let your prophets speak powerful words of repentance and transformation to the ends of the earth, that the breath of your creative love and the sound of your blessing may go forth throughout the world.

Intercessor God shall give strength to the people:

Response *God shall give us the blessing of peace.*

Let your grace descend and dwell among the people of this community, that we may be united in love, abounding in compassion, and proactive in peace. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we remember St. James' Church in Arlington and the Rev. Mary White. In the Anglican Communion, we give thanks and pray for The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.

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Response *God shall give us the blessing of peace.*

May your heavens open and your Spirit descend upon us, bringing your comfort and healing to all for whom we pray, especially for Jan who has suffered a serious fall with injuries, and for Linda and her other siblings; for Mary who is recovering from a car accident and Julie and family; Nicole, Mary Carlson, Grace, Lindsey Huddle, Adam, Jackson, Lynn Staffier, Hawley and Sandy Jones, Cathy Helfrich O'Neil, Julie Osgood, Bill Pearson, Joyce Ordway, and Joanna Green. I invite your prayers of intercession.

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Intercessor God shall give strength to the people:

Response *God shall give us the blessing of peace.*

Hear our grateful thanks and praise for your manifestation of presence and grace in our lives and in the lives of others. I invite your prayers of thanksgiving.

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Intercessor God shall give strength to the people:

Response *God shall give us the blessing of peace.*

Welcome those have died that they may have a place in your eternal domains. Today we remember and pray for the over 1,865,000 people world-wide who have died from the coronavirus, also remembering the over 356,000 deaths in the United States alone, for their families and loved ones. We pray for an end to the pandemic and for the vaccines to be safely and quickly administered. I invite your prayers for those who have died.

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The Presider concludes with the following Collect

Gracious and loving God, you have anointed your people with the waters of baptism and have made us your beloved children: Let your Spirit spread mightily among us, that we may share in the work of your Son, bringing blessing and light to all the world in the power of the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Hymn: What star is this?

Hymnal 124

Unison or harmony

1 What star is this, with beams so bright, more beau - teous
2 True spake the pro - phet from a - far who told the
3 The guid - ing star a - bove is bright; with - in them
4 O Je - sus, while the star of grace im - pels us
5 To God the Fa - ther, heaven - ly Light, to Christ, re -

1 than the noon - day light? It shines to her - ald
2 rise of Ja - cob's star; and east - ern sa - ges
3 shines a clear - er light, and leads them on with
4 on to seek thy face, let not our sloth - ful
5 vealed in earth - ly night, to God the Ho - ly

1 forth the King, and Gen - tiles to his crib to bring.
2 with a - maze up - on the won - drous to - ken gaze.
3 power be - nign to seek the Giv - er of the sign.
4 hearts re - fuse the guid - ance of thy light to use.
5 Ghost we raise our e - qual and un - ceas - ing praise.

Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1861, after John Chandler (1807-1876), alt. Music: Puer nobis, melody from Trier MS., 15th cent.; adapt. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621); harm. Cowley Carol Book, 1902.

When we are together in the buildings, the loose plate offering on the second Sunday of the month goes to the Rector's Discretionary Fund. In that we aren't meeting in person, please remember the Discretionary Fund by sending an extra donation when you are able earmarked for the Discretionary Fund. These monies help those who, for various reasons are in financial need. Thank you for your generosity." — Amma Kim

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The Lord's Prayer

Presider Let us pray.

All say together

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 for ever. Amen.

Community Announcements

Concluding Sentence

The Presider says

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Dismissal

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.
People *Thanks be to God.*

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Sunday Reflection

Welcome to St. James Episcopal Church. Today is one of four occasions designated by the Book of Common Prayer as baptismal days. (The others are Easter, Pentecost, and All Saints.) Each of the four days has its particular theme, which enhances our understanding of this primary Christian sacrament, Holy Baptism.

On this first Sunday after the Epiphany, we celebrate the Baptism of Our Lord. Jesus' baptism was for all the Gospel writers, and in the apostolic preaching of the Gospel, the event which initiated the redemptive ministry of the Messiah. It was in that event that Jesus was revealed as the Messiah (Christ). God proclaimed him Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. The first reading is the beginning of the creation account. The water and the wind or Spirit from God at the beginning point us to our recreation by water and the Holy Spirit in baptism. The second reading gives an account of the baptism of the first Gentiles into the name Way of Jesus.

In Holy Baptism each person is adopted as the child of God. Each person becomes a "messianic" person, anointed by the Holy Spirit. We do not simply become passive recipients of the benefits of Christ; we are "christed" or christened. We become sharers in his life and in his redemptive ministry.

All those who are baptized and anointed are received "into the household of God." They join with that household in confessing "the faith of Christ crucified," proclaiming his resurrection and sharing in his eternal priesthood—the priesthood which we enact sacramentally in the Eucharist and daily in lives of self-giving love toward one another and toward the world.

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***We invite you to us for Virtual Coffee Hour and Fellowship
following our worship by remaining in the Zoom Room.***

Officiant and Preacher: The Rev. Kim Hardy

Lectors: Peggy Bonesteel, Barbara Cook

Deacon: The Rev. Dn. Dave Ganter

Psalm Leader & Intercessor: Carl Potter

Children's Chapel Story: Jennifer Ogelby

Designated Responder on Behalf of the People: Frances Huessy

Musicians: Carol Reichard, St. James Choir

Zoom Facilitator (co-host): Neal Robinson

IN OUR PRAYERS

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Please join us for a brief Compline service Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. Online:

[Compline Zoom Link](#)

The Green Mountain Online Abbey also offers Morning Prayer and Compline daily online at 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Please see this webpage for more information:

[Green Mountain Online Abbey Morning Prayer](#)



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St. James Episcopal Church Calendar

Sunday, January 10

9:00 Lectionary Study
10:00 Ante-Communion
11:00 Coffee and Conversation
11:15 Justice & Anti-Racism Mtg.

Monday, January 11

9:00 MOW Delivery from St. James

Tuesday, January 12

9:00 MOW Delivery from St. James

Wednesday, January 13

9:00 MOW Delivery from St. James

Thursday, January 14

9:00 MOW Delivery from St. James
10:00 Staff Meeting
6:30 Worship Meeting
7:00 Compline

Friday, January 15

9:00 MOW Delivery from St. James

Sunday, January 17

9:00 Lectionary Study
10:00 Ante-Communion
11:00 Coffee and Conversation
11:15 Parish Budget Forum

Monday, January 18

9:00 MOW Delivery from St. James

Tuesday, January 19

9:00 MOW Delivery from St. James

Wednesday, January 20

9:00 MOW Delivery from St. James

Thursday, January 21

9:00 MOW Delivery from St. James
7:00 Compline

Friday, January 22

9:00 MOW Delivery from St. James