The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Sunday, January 9, 2022

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*The Rev. Kirsten Snow Spalding, Rector*

*The Rev. Scott Sinclair, Assisting Priest*

*The Rev. Lynn Oldham Robinett, Assisting Priest*

*The Rev. Rebecca Morehouse, Deacon*

**PRELUDE *Prelude in A Chopin***

*Dylan Snodgrass, Music Director*

**Entrance Rite**

**Entrance Hymn*On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry (Winchester New)* (H 76)**

*All stand.*

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**Opening Acclamation**

*The people standing, the Bishop says*

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| Bishop | Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. |
| People | And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen. |

**Salutation for Baptism**

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| Bishop | There is one Body and one Spirit; |
| People | There is one hope in God’s call to us; |
| Bishop | One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism; |
| People | One God and Father of all. |

**The Collect of the Day**

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| Bishop | The Lord be with you. |
| People | And also with you. |
| Bishop | 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**

**First Reading: Isaiah 43:1-7**

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

1Now 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,  
  Ethiopia 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.”

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

*Silence may follow.*

**Psalm: Psalm 29**

*Remain seated.*

1Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, \*  
  ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.  
 2Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; \*  
  worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.  
 3The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;  
 the God of glory thunders; \*  
  the Lord is upon the mighty waters.  
 4The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; \*  
  the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.  
 5The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; \*  
  the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;  
 6He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*  
  and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.  
 7The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;  
 the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; \*  
  the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.  
 8The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe \*  
  and strips the forests bare.  
 9And in the temple of the Lord \*  
  all are crying, “Glory!”  
 10The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
  the Lord sits enthroned as King forevermore.  
 11The Lord shall give strength to his people; \*  
  the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

**Second Reading: Acts 8:14-17**

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

14Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. 15The 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). 17Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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

*Silence may follow.*

**Sequence Hymn*Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove (Saint Agnes)* (H 510)**

*All stand. We sing two verses before the Gospel proclamation and two verses after.*

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**Gospel: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

*All standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

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|  | The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. |
| People | Glory to you, Lord Christ. |

15As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, 16John 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 thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 17His 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.”  
  
  21Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, 22and 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.”

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

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

**The Sermon *The Rt. Rev. Marc Handley Andrus***

**Hymn*In Christ there is no East or West (McKee)* (H 529)**

*All stand and sing. The Bishop, the Bishop’s Chaplain, the Presenter and the Candidates for Reception and Reaffirmation process to the font.*

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Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

**Presentation**

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| Bishop | The Candidates will now be presented. |
| Presenters | I present these persons, Meggin Lasater and Richard Micheli (who is with us on our livestream) to be received into this Communion.  I present this person, Doyle Crosby who desires to reaffirm his baptismal vow. |

**Examination**

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| Bishop | Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil? |
| Candidate | I do. |
| Bishop | Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ? |
| Candidate | I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord. |

*After all have been presented, the Bishop addresses the congregation, saying*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People We will.

*The Bishop then says these or similar words*

Let us join with thosewho are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

**The Baptismal Covenant**

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Bishop 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.

Bishop 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.

Bishop 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.

Bishop Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and sreturn to the Lord?

People I will, with God’s help.

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

People I will, with God’s help.

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

People I will, with God’s help.

Bishop 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.

**RECEPTION and Reaffirmation**

*The Bishop blesses the candidates saying*

Richard and Meggin we recognize you as members of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. Amen.

Doyle, may the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom. *Amen.*

*The Bishop concludes with this prayer*

Almighty and everlasting God, let your fatherly hand ever be over theseyour servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that theymay serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**The Peace**

*The Peace is now exchanged*

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

**Announcements**

Our plate offerings today will go to the Bishop’s Discretionary Fund, enabling the Bishop to support charitable organizations primarily locally as well as internationally.

Join us for a forum with the Vestry, Bishop Marc, and Canon Debbie Low Skinner approximately 10 minutes after worship today. Our forum will be a hybrid conversation on Zoom and in person. The zoomlink is here <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85906967569>.

Our Capital Campaign is making great progress. Thank you to all who have made contributions (or contribution commitments over the next three years). We will conclude the campaign on February 6th at our Annual Meeting. For more details, speak to Rev. Kirsten, or see information on our website.

Seeking Vestry and Deanery delegation nominations. Please reach out to a member of the current vestry or clergy if you would like more information about this ministry and to indicate your intention to stand for election on February 6th.

The Holy Communion

**Anthem** ***Santo Santo arr. Sanford Dole***

*Sung by Nativity Festival Choir led by guest Choirmaster, Fred Goff, accompanied by Music Director, Dylan Snodgrass*

**Offertory Sentence**

*The Celebrant says*

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

**PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS**

*Representatives of the congregation bring the people’s offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.*

**Offertory Hymn*God is working his purpose out (Purpose)* (H 534)**

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**The Great Thanksgiving**

**Sursum Corda**

*The People remain standing.*

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| 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. |

**Proper Preface**

*Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is truly right to glorify you, Holy One, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we say,

**Sanctus *S 125 Holy, holy, holy (Proulx)***

*Celebrant and People*

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**Words of Institution**

*The People stand or kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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.”

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ’s death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*Celebrant and People*

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

**Epiclesis**

*The Celebrant continues*

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember our Presiding Bishop Michael, our Bishop Marc, our Nativity clergy, Kirsten, Scott, Lynn and Rebecca and all who minister in your Church.

Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.

Remember our parish members: Jamie, Nancy, Marge, Donna, Dan and Nina A. and our friends and neighbors, Mary P., Jan W., John, Katherine and Carol A.

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. AMEN

**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**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

**Invitation**

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**Distribution**

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.*

*The people come forward for communion in one line up the center aisle and return to their seats by side aisles. All remaining masked until they consume the bread and wine at their seats.*

*Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words*

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. Amen.

**Communion Anthem *Awake O Sleeper Carl G. Glaser (v. 1-2 Bland Tucker, v.3-4 John Newton)***

*Sung by Nativity Festival Choir led by guest Choirmaster, Fred Goff, accompanied by Nativity Music Director, Dylan Snodgrass*

**Post-Communion Prayer**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

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**

*The Bishop blesses the people, saying*

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.

**Post-Communion Hymn*Hail to the Lord's Anointed (Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein)* (H 616)**

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**Dismissal**

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

**POSTLUDE *Confidence Mendelssohn***

*Dylan Snodgrass, Nativity Music Director*

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