



The First Sunday after the Epiphany

THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST

10 January 2021 AD

A SERVICE OF THE WORD

with Renewal of Baptismal Vows e³ Back Lot Communion

Opening 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.
- 2 God called you his beloved Son, called you his servant true, sent you his kingdom to proclaim, his holy will to do.
- 3 Straightway and steadfast until death you then obeyed his call freely as Son of Man to serve and give your life for all.
- 4 Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord, your cross on us be signed, that, likewise in God’s service we may perfect freedom find.

Priest: Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant says the Collect for Purity *Prayer Book page in blue brackets* [355]

Hymn of Praise “Gloria in Excelsis Deo” (metrical tune: Ode to Joy)

Glory be to God in heaven, peace to those who love you well;
on the earth let all your people speak your grace, your wonders tell:
Lord, we praise you for your glory, mighty Father, heaven’s king;
hear our joyful adoration and accept the thanks we bring.

Only Son of God the Father, Lamb who takes our sin away,
now with God in triumph seated - for your mercy, Lord, we pray:
Jesus Christ, most high and holy, Savior, you are God alone
in the glory of the Father with the Spirit: Three-in-One!

The Collect of the Day

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Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Let us pray. *Celebrant says the Collect of the Day*

First Lesson

A Reading from the Book of Genesis. [Genesis 1:1-5] *The Word of the Lord.*

[*People:* Thanks be to God.]

Gradual Psalm 29 *Anglican Chant by the Choristers*

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Second Lesson

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles. [Acts 19:1-7] *The Word of the Lord.* [*People:*

Thanks be to God.]



Due to Coronavirus increases, we are reducing the number of persons present in the chapel during recording. Most responses formerly made by those present will be made by the leader or priest. Please make the responses at home. The hymns will be played for you to sing along at home. Some of these practices begin today; more will begin next Sunday.

Sequence Hymn 135 “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

- 1 Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise,
manifested by the star to the sages from afar;
branch of royal David’s stem in thy birth at Bethlehem;
anthems be to thee addressed, God in man made manifest.
- 2 Manifest at Jordan’s stream, Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;
and at Cana, wedding-guest, in thy Godhead manifest;
manifest in power divine, changing water into wine;
anthems be to thee addressed, God in man made manifest.
- 3 Manifest in making whole palsied limbs and fainting soul;
manifest in valiant fight, quelling all the devil’s might;
manifest in gracious will, ever bringing good from ill;
anthems be to thee addressed, God in man made manifest. . . .

The Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. [People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.] [Mark 1:4-11] The Gospel of the Lord. [People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.]

The Sermon *silence follows the sermon*

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

The Celebrant declares the mystery of Baptism and then continues . . .

On this day, do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People: I do.

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 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 Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows with prayer.

Prayers of the People

Leader invites us to prayer, praying responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Prayer concerns may be named and the celebrant concludes the prayers with a collect.

Confession and Absolution

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence may be kept.*



All: God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

The Priest says the Absolution

The Peace *Reach out to someone today to share God's peace.*

Anthem

The Lord's Prayer

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

The Blessing *gives us God's grace to share with everyone*

Closing Hymn 423 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

- 1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great Name we praise.
- 2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.
- 3 To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish, like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but nought changeth thee.
- 4 Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

The Dismissal *sends us into the world in service*

Priest Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Today we offer Communion in the back lot at 11 O'clock. Please join us. This service is available on our website [www.messiahmb.org] at 9:00 today. Back Lot Communion Sundays give you an opportunity to contribute to **Seven on Sunday**.

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