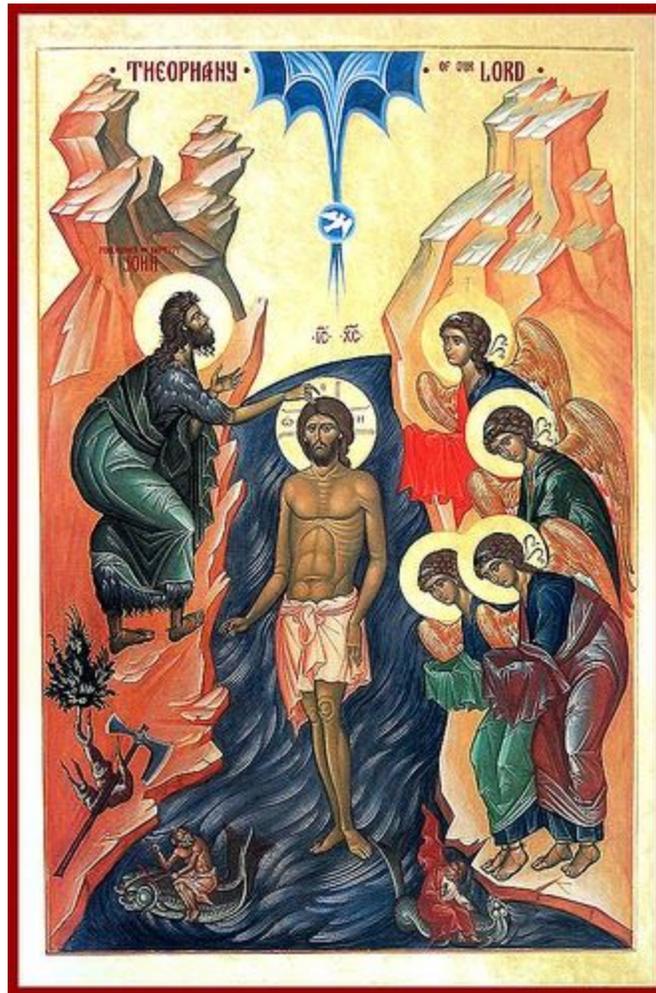




Saint Mary's Episcopal Church

Seek God. Love one another. Serve Others.



Sunday, January 10, 2021
Feast of the Baptism of our Lord

10:15 A.M. Online

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**A Liturgy of the Word
Sunday, January 10, 2021**

Presider and Presider: The Reverend Patrick J. Skutch

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

The Opening Acclamation

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

People: ***And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

Hymn of Praise - "We Know That Christ is Raised"

"Engelberg"

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
Embraced by death he broke its fearful hold;
and our despair he turned to blazing joy. Alleluia!

We share by water in his saving death.
Reborn we share with him and Easter life
as living members of a living Christ. Alleluia!

The Father's splendor clothes the son with life,
the Spirit's power shakes the church of God.
Baptized we live with God the Three in One. Alleluia!

A new creation comes to life and grows
as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.
The universe restored and whole will sing: Alleluia! Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: ***And also with you.***

Presider: Let us pray.

A moment of silent prayer is observed

The Presider prays the Collect of the Day and the People respond

Presider: 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.

People: **Amen.**

The First Reading

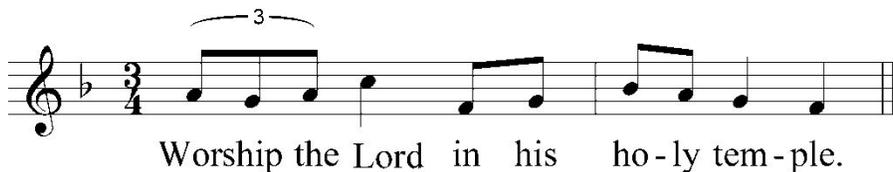
Genesis 1: 1-5

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



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Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters. The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor. *Refrain.*

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon; He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox. 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. *Refrain.*

The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, "Glory!" The lord sits enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore. The Lord shall give strength to his people; the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace. *Refrain.*

The Gospel

Mark 1: 4-11

Deacon: 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.'

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord

People: ***Praise to you, Lord Christ***

The Sermon

Father Patrick

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Presider: Dear People of God: In Holy Baptism we follow the pattern of our Lord Jesus Christ. As he came up from the water, he was anointed by the Spirit of God and designated as God's Son. So we also are adopted as sons and daughters with whom God is well pleased. Let us now, therefore, renew our own baptismal covenant.

Presider: 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.***

Presider: 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 by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

People: ***Amen.***

The Prayers of the People

Leader: In peace and faith, let us offer our prayers, saying, "Christ, have mercy

Leader: For Paula, our Bishop-elect, and for the Church of God in every place, let us pray.

People: ***Christ, have mercy***

Leader: For our nation in this time of conflict and chaos, let us pray.

People: ***Christ, have mercy.***

Leader: For the healing and renewal of God's whole creation in this new year, let us pray.

People: ***Christ, have mercy.***

Leader: For patience and perseverance in the days ahead, let us pray.

People: ***Christ, have mercy.***

Leader: For those who are sick or worried; for Bernadette Crisafulli, Dave Donovan, Katie Glowania, Marcia Higgins, Jessica Martin, Karen Steiger, Rebecca Wood and Phil DelRe, let us pray.

People: ***Christ, have mercy.***

Leader: For those who have died; for Marilyn Provencher, Judy Braun, Larry Meyer, Lois Kalla, Bertha Smith and Maggie Leroux, let us pray.

People: ***Christ have mercy.***

Leader: Let us now offer our prayers for all who have asked for them, and for all who are in our hearts and minds this day.

The people may offer their prayers.

The Presider concludes with the following collects.

Presider: Almighty God, we commend this nation to your merciful care.. We humbly beseech you that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of your favor and glad to do your will. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the diverse many who call this nation home. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to your law, we may show forth your praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in you to fail; all of which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Presider: O God, the Father of all, whose Son commanded us to love our enemies: Lead them and us from prejudice to truth; deliver them and us from hatred, cruelty, and revenge; and in your good time enable us all to stand reconciled before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Anthem - "Down by the River to Pray"

Traditional
Arr. Sheldon Curry

The Lord's Prayer

Presider: May we pray in the words our Savior taught us:

People: 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 Blessing

The Presider prays this or a similar blessing on the people.

Presider: 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.

People: Amen.

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