

January 10, 2021

10:30 am

**The First Sunday of Epiphany
The Baptism of Our Lord**

Welcome

**Opening Hymn, "Crown Him with Many Crowns"
Matthew Bridges and Godfrey Thring**

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne. Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own. Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee, and hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love, behold His hands and side, those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified. No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight, but downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed over the grave, and rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save. His glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high, who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of heaven: One with the Father known, One with the Spirit through Him given from yonder glorious throne. All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou hast died for me; Thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it:

People **Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad.**

Celebrant Our help is in the name of the Lord:

People **Who made heaven and earth.**

Celebrant I was glad when they said to me:

People **Let us go to the house of the Lord.**

Celebrant Praise the Lord.

People **The name of the Lord be praised.**

All **Almighty God, You bring to light things hidden in darkness, and know the shadows of our hearts; cleanse and renew us by Your Spirit, that we may walk in the light and glorify Your name, through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. Amen.**

Celebrant Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first and great commandment is this: Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy and write these laws in our hearts, we pray.**

Celebrant Glory to the Father.

People **Glory to the Son.**

Celebrant Glory to the Spirit.

People **Forever Three in One.**

Celebrant Be glorified at home.

People **Be glorified in church.**

Celebrant Be glorified in Texas.

People **Be glorified in the United States.**

Celebrant Be glorified on earth.

People **Be glorified in heaven.**

Celebrant Glory to the Father.

People **Glory to the Son.**

Celebrant Glory to the Spirit.

People **Forever Three in One.**

Celebrant Alleluia! People **Amen.**

The Collect for the First Sunday of Epiphany (The Baptism of Our Lord)

Eternal Father, at the baptism of Jesus you revealed him to be your Son, and your Holy Spirit descended upon him like a dove: Grant that we, who are born again by water and the Spirit, may be faithful as your adopted children;

through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading, Isaiah 42:1-9 is found in your Sanctuary Bible on page 765. God sends the Israelites a prophet to guide them in God's ways; God reminds hearers that he has established the whole world and directs its future. A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah:

42 Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. ² He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; ³ a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴ He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law. ⁵ Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶ "I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, ⁷ to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸ I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. ⁹ Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them." (ESV)

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Alleluia! Praise be to God.**

Psalm 89:20-29 Let us read this psalm responsively by half verse.

20 I have found David my servant; *
 with my holy oil have I anointed him.

21 My hand shall hold him fast, *
 and my arm shall strengthen him.

22 The enemy shall not be able to do him violence; *
 the son of wickedness shall not hurt him.

23 I will smite his foes before his face *
 and strike down those who hate him.

- 24 My faithfulness and my mercy shall be with him, *
and in my Name shall his horn be exalted.
- 25 I will give him dominion over the sea, *
and with his right hand shall he rule the rivers.
- 26 He shall say to me, "You are my Father, *
my God, and the rock of my salvation."
- 27 And I will make him my firstborn, *
higher than the kings of the earth.
- 28 My mercy will I keep for him for ever, *
and my covenant shall stand fast with him.
- 29 His seed will I make to endure for ever *
and his throne as the days of heaven.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
 People **Alleluia! Praise be to God.**

The Second Reading, Acts 10:34-38 is found in your Sanctuary Bible on page 1169. The Apostle Peter preaches to the gathered crowd, telling them of salvation through Jesus Christ, given by God the Father, through the power of the Holy Spirit. A reading from the Book of Acts:

³⁴ So Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷ you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. (ESV)

Reader The Word of the Lord.
 People **Alleluia! Praise be to God.**

Sequence Song, "Ancient Words

Lynn De Shazo

Ancient words, ever true, changing me, changing you; we have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart. (2x)

Celebrant We stand to hear the good news of our salvation, as it is written in the Gospel according to St. Mark Chapter 1 beginning to read at verse 7.

The Gospel, Mark 1:7-11 and is found in your Sanctuary Bible on page 1063.

⁷ John the Baptist preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸ I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." ⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." (ESV)

Celebrant The Gospel of Christ.

People **Alleluia! Praise be to Christ our Savior.**

Sequence Song, "Ancient Words"

Lynn DeShazo

Ancient words, ever true, changing me, changing you; we have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart. Ancient words, ever true, changing me, changing you; we have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart. We have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart. O let the ancient words impart.

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Chuck Thebeau

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant We stand together with Christians throughout the centuries, and throughout the world today, to affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

All We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered, died, and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer Intercessions

Celebrant For all your people throughout the world, for peace and goodwill everywhere, for the future of our country, and for you to raise up a new generation of good and godly leaders, and for all who currently govern and hold authority in every nation and city, we pray to you.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Psalmist For your face to shine upon us, and your hand to clearly guide us, so that we may know how to make things better in our city, state, and country, we pray to you.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Psalmist For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, for the families and friends they have left behind, and that when we die, we may end our lives in faith and hope and peace, we pray to you.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Psalmist For widows and those who live alone, for the elderly and the frail, and for those taking care of their elderly spouses and parents, we pray to you.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Psalmist For our children and grandchildren, for orphans, and for kids in broken families, and those with unbelieving parents, for the victims of neglect and abuse and crime and abortion, that you may look after all the children and their moms and dads and care for them and protect them, we pray to you.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Psalmist For the sick and the suffering and those who are afraid, that in the mighty Name of Jesus, and through the power and grace of your Holy Spirit, you may heal and comfort them, we pray to you.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Psalmist For a whole generation of moms and dads wounded by abortion, who need both our help and your grace and healing and forgiveness, we pray to you.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Psalmist For our friends and our neighbors and co-workers, we pray to you.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Psalmist For all our families, that you, Lord, may be the head of every household, and bring healing to every broken relationship, we pray to you.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Psalmist For the lost and the lonely and those who are hurting – for the salvation and comfort and healing of all who currently do not know you, that they may know your love, Lord, and know that you forgive them and care for them, and that your desire is to grant them hope and eternal life, we pray to you.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Psalmist For your Church and her witness and work in the world, give her strength. Today we bring before you Missio Dei Anglican Church,

Houston TX. We ask your anointing upon our friend Archbishop Lamido, Kaduna, Nigeria; and the Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans around the world. We especially pray that you would empower our sister parish, Christ Church Jerusalem, as an instrument for your peace in Jerusalem, Israel, and the Middle East.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Psalmist For all bishops, priests and deacons; especially Foley, our Archbishop; and Clark, our Bishop; fill them with Your Spirit, and may they faithfully preach the Gospel and administer Your holy sacraments, we pray to you.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Psalmist For those you will someday bring to this fellowship, Lord, that you will prepare them for that day, and that you will prepare us to receive them, to welcome them, to love them, to know what to say, to know what to do, to remember what it was like when we didn't have a church family, that you will grow this fellowship toward maturity in Christ so all your children may be gathered as you intend, we pray to you.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Psalmist For the poor and unemployed, for those in prison and in the hospital, and for those who care for them – for the comfort and consolation of all who come to you in need, we pray to you.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Together we pray

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all

our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, throughout all ages. Amen.

Prayer of Penitence

Celebrant Hear the words of challenge and comfort our Savior Christ says to all who follow him. If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for My sake will save it. (Luke 9:23-24)

Come to me all of you who are tired of carrying your heavy loads, and I will give you rest. (Matthew 11:28)

So, all of you who repent of your sins, who love your neighbors and intend to lead a new life, following the way of Jesus, come with faith and take this holy sacrament to strengthen you. Let us reverently confess our sins to Almighty God.

All **Almighty God, creator of all, You marvelously made us in Your image; but we have corrupted ourselves and damaged Your likeness by rejecting Your love and hurting our neighbors. We have done wrong and neglected to do right. We are sincerely sorry and heartily repent of our sins. Cleanse us and forgive us by the sacrifice of Your Son; remake us and lead us by Your Spirit, the Comforter. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God, whose steadfast love is as great as the heavens are high above the earth, remove your sins from you as far as the east is from the west, strengthen your life in His kingdom and keep you upright to the last day; through Jesus Christ our merciful High Priest. **Amen.**

All **Thank you Father, for forgiveness; we come to Your table as Your children, not presuming but assured, not trusting ourselves but Your Word; we hunger and thirst for righteousness, and ask for our hearts to be satisfied with the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ the righteous. Amen.**

The Peace

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

Offertory

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due His Name; bring offerings and come into His courts. Psalm 96:8

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave Himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. Ephesians 5:2

Offertory Song, "Evidence" **Ed Cash, Ethan Hulse, Josh Baldwin**

All throughout my history Your faithfulness has walked beside me. The winter storms made way for spring. In every season.

Chorus From where I'm standing I see the evidence of Your goodness; all over my life, all over my life. I see Your promises in fulfillment; all over my life, all over my life.

Help me remember when I'm weak. Fear may come but fear will leave. You lead my heart to victory. You are my strength and You always will be.
(Chorus)

Bridge See the cross, the empty grave. The evidence is endless. All my sin rolled away. Because of You, oh Jesus. (Repeat 1x, Chorus)

Doxology

All sing **Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him all creatures here below, praise Him above ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Celebrant All things come from you O Lord.
People **And of your own have we given you.**

Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant Is the Father with us?

People **He is.**
Celebrant Is Christ among us?
People **He is.**
Celebrant Is the Spirit here?
People **He is.**
Celebrant This is our God.
People **Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.**
Celebrant We are His people.
People **We are redeemed.**
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.**

Celebrant It is right and our delight to give You thanks and praise, great Father, living God, supreme over the world. Creator, Provider, Savior and Giver. From a wandering nomad You created Your family; for a burdened people You raised up a leader; for a confused nation You chose a king; for a rebellious crowd You sent Your prophets.

In these last days You have sent us Your Son, Your perfect image, bringing Your kingdom, revealing Your will, dying, rising, reigning, remaking Your people for Yourself. Through Him You have poured out Your Holy Spirit, filling us with light and life.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who took on our mortal flesh to reveal his glory; that he might bring us out of darkness and into his own glorious light.

Therefore with angels, archangels, faithful ancestors and all in heaven, we proclaim Your great and glorious name, forever praising You and singing,

“Sanctus”

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. (2x)

Men sing: Holy, Holy, Holy...

Ladies sing: Hosanna in the highest, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. (2x)

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. People remain standing

Celebrant Almighty God, owner of all things, we thank You for giving up Your Son to die on the cross for us who owe You everything. Pour Your refreshing Spirit on us as we remember Him in the way He commanded, through these gifts of Your creation.

On the same night that He was betrayed He took bread and gave You thanks; He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, take, eat, this is My body which is given for You; Do this in remembrance of Me.

People **Amen. His body was broken for us.**

Celebrant In the same way, after supper He took the cup and gave You thanks; He gave it to them saying: 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. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

People **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Celebrant We are brothers and sisters through His blood.

People **We have died together, we will rise together, we will live together.**

Therefore, heavenly Father, hear us as we celebrate this covenant with joy, and await the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ. He died in our place, making a full atonement for the sins of the whole world, the perfect sacrifice, once and for all.

You accepted His offering by raising Him from death, and granting Him great honor at Your right hand on high.

People **Amen. Jesus is Lord.**

Celebrant This is the feast of victory!

People **The Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia!**

The Communion

Celebrant As our Savior taught us, we are bold to pray:

All **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

Celebrant We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

People **Though we are many we are one body, for we all share one bread.**

Celebrant The cup of blessing which we bless,

People **is a sharing in the blood of Christ.**

Celebrant Draw near with faith and receive.

People **Christ is the host and we are His guests.**

Celebrant Christ is alive forever.

People **We are because He is.**

The celebrant then holds the bread and the wine and declares to the people:

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ which was given for you, to preserve your body and soul unto eternal life. Take this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts, by faith, and with thanksgiving.

"Mystery"

Charlie Hall

Sweet Jesus Christ my sanity. Sweet Jesus Christ my clarity. Bread of Heaven broken for me. Cup of salvation held out to drink. Jesus mystery.

Chorus Christ has died and Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Bridge Celebrate His death and rising. Lift your eyes proclaim His coming. Celebrate His death and rising. Lift your eyes, lift your eyes.

All Christians who have turned in faith to Jesus Christ and have been baptized are invited to receive Communion; people come forward for communion while the following songs are sung.

Communion Songs

"Lord I Need You"

Matt Maher, Christy Nockels, Daniel Carson, Jesse Reeves, Kristian Stanfill

Lord I come, I confess, bowing here I find my rest. And without You I fall apart, You're the one that guides my heart. Lord I need You, oh I need You, every hour I need You. My one defense, my righteousness, oh God how I need You.

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more. Where grace is found is where You are. Where You are Lord I am free, holiness is Christ in me.

Chorus Lord I need You, oh I need You, every hour I need You. My one defense, my righteousness, oh God how I need You.

Bridge So teach my song to rise to You when temptation comes my way. And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You, Jesus You're my hope and stay.

Chorus 2 Lord I need You, oh I need You, every hour I need You. My one defense, my righteousness, oh God how I need You. My one defense, my righteousness, oh God how I need You. My one defense, my righteousness, oh God how I need You.

"Revelation Song"

Jennie Lee Riddle

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, holy, holy is He. Sing a new song to Him who sits on Heaven's Mercy Seat. (x2)

Chorus Holy, Holy, Holy is The Lord, God Almighty. Who was and is and is to come. With all creation I sing, praise to The King of Kings, You are my everything, and I will adore You.

Clothed in rainbows, of living color; flashes of lightening, rolls of thunder. Blessing and honor, strength and glory and power be, to You, the only wise King. (Chorus)

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder at the mention of Your Name; Jesus, Your Name is power, breath and living water; such a marvelous mystery. (Chorus)

"Oh Praise the Name"

Benjamin Hastings, Dean Ussher, Marty Sampson

I cast my mind to Calvary where Jesus bled and died for me. I see His wounds, His hands, His feet. My Savior on that cursed tree.

His body bound and drenched in tears. They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb. The entrance sealed by heavy stone; Messiah still and all alone.

Chorus O praise the Name of the Lord our God. O praise His Name forevermore. For endless days we will sing Your praise. Oh Lord oh Lord our God.

Then on the third at break of dawn the Son of Heaven rose again. O trampled death where is your sting? The angels roar for Christ the King.
(Chorus)

He shall return in robes of white. The blazing sun shall pierce the night and I will rise among the saints. My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face. (Chorus)

Post-Communion Prayer

Almighty God, eternal Father, we have sat at Your feet, learned from Your word, and eaten from Your table. We give You thanks and praise for accepting us into Your family. Send us out with Your blessing, to live and to witness for You in the power of Your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, the First Born from the dead. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn, "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Charles Wesley, Carl G. Glaser, Lowell Mason

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace!

Jesus! The name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease; 'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of canceled sin, He sets the prisoner free; His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed for me.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name.

Glory to God, and praise and love be ever, ever giv'n, by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.

Celebrant Words of dismissal.

All **Praise be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

CCLI #3037407