

The First Sunday of Epiphany
The Baptism of Our Lord

Opening Hymn “Good Christian Men Rejoice”

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Good Christian men rejoice, with heart and soul and voice
Give ye heed to what we say: News! News!
Jesus Christ is born today
Ox and ass before Him bow, and He is in the manger now
Christ is born today, Christ is born today

Good Christian men rejoice, with heart and soul and voice
Now ye hear of endless bliss: Joy! Joy!
Jesus Christ was born for this
He has opened Heaven’s door, and man is blessed evermore
Christ was born for this, Christ was born for this

Good Christian men rejoice, with heart and soul and voice
Now ye need not fear the grave: Peace! Peace!
Jesus Christ was born to save
Calls you one and calls you all to gain His everlasting hall
Christ was born to save, Christ was born to save

Celebrant I will make you as a light for the nations,
People ***That my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.***

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

The Summary of the Law

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets. *Matthew 22:37-40*

The Gloria in Excelsis

All **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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 Lesson is from the book of the prophet Isaiah, chapter 42, beginning to read at verse 1

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 This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Alleluia! Thanks 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.)

Psalmist This is the Word of the Lord.

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

The second lesson is from the Book of Acts, chapter 10, beginning to read at verse 34.

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 This is the Word of the Lord.
People ***Alleluia! Thanks be to God.***

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke, Chapter 3, Beginning to read at verse 15.

People ***Glory to You, Lord Christ.***

¹⁵ As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶ John answered them all, saying, “I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” ¹⁸ So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. ¹⁹ But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰ added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison. ²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” (ESV)

Celebrant This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People ***Alleluia! Praise to You, Lord Christ.***

Sermon ***The Rev. Dr. Chuck Thebeau***

Celebrant Let us confess 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, visible and invisible.***

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

The Prayers of the People

Psalmist Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, “hear our prayer.”

Psalmist For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.

Psalmist Lord, in your mercy:
People ***Hear our prayer.***

Psalmist For Steve, our Archbishop; Clark, our Bishop; Chuck and Josiah, our priests; and for all the clergy and people of our Diocese and Congregation.

Psalmist Lord, in your mercy:
People ***Hear our prayer.***

Psalmist Strengthen your Church for her witness and work in the world. Today we lift up HopePointe Anglican Church, the Woodlands, TX. We ask your anointing upon Archbishop Lamido; 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.

Psalmist Lord, in your mercy:
People ***Hear our prayer.***

Psalmist For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith.

Psalmist Lord, in your mercy:
People ***Hear our prayer.***

Psalmist For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service.

Psalmist Lord, in your mercy:
People ***Hear our prayer.***

Psalmist For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Psalmist Lord, in your mercy:
People ***Hear our prayer.***

Psalmist For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, in thanksgiving let us pray.

Psalmist Lord, in your mercy:

People ***Hear our prayer.***

Celebrant Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

The Confession and Absolution of Sin

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Silence

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

The Comfortable Words

The Celebrant may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. *John 3:16*

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 2:1-2

The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

Offertory Song “God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen/We Three Kings”

Steven Page, Ed Robertson, Kevin Hearn, Jim Creggan, Tyler Stewart

God rest ye merry gentlemen, let nothing you dismay
Remember Christ our Savior was born upon this day
To save us all from satan’s power when we were gone astray

Chorus: Oh tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy
Oh tidings of comfort and joy

From God our Heavenly Father, this blessed angel came
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by Name (*Chorus*)

Chorus2: Oh, oh star of wonder star of night star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading still proceeding guide us to Thy perfect light

Born a King on Bethlehem plain, gold I bring to crown Him again
King forever ceasing never over us all to reign (*Chorus2*)

Oh-oh star of wonder star of night star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading still proceeding guide us to Thy perfect light

Glorious now behold Him arise, King and God, and sacrifice
Hallelujah, hallelujah worship Him God most High (*Chorus2*)

God rest ye merry gentlemen, let nothing you dismay (x5)

Doxology

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 Yours, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the Kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O LORD,

People ***And of your own have we given you.***

1 CHRONICLES 29:11, 14

The Sursum Corda

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People ***We lift them up 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, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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 we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus

“Sanctus”

“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.

The Prayer of Consecration

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given 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.”

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

Celebrant And now as our Savior Christ has 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 for ever and ever. Amen.

The Fraction

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

The Angus Dei

Celebrant Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

People ***have mercy on us.***

Celebrant Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

People ***have mercy on us.***

Celebrant Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

People *grant us your peace.*

The Ministration of Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

“O Come to the Altar”

Steven Furtick, Chris Brown, Wade Joye, Mack Brock

Are you hurting and broken within overwhelmed by the weight of your sin, Jesus is calling. Have you come to the end of yourself? Do you thirst for a drink from the well, Jesus is calling.

Chorus: O come to the altar, The Father’s arms are open wide. Forgiveness was bought with the precious blood of Jesus Christ.

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes. Come today there’s no reason to wait, Jesus is calling. Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy. From the ashes a new life is born, Jesus is calling. (*Chorus x2*)

Communion Songs “We Three Kings”

John H. Hopkins, Jr.

We three kings of Orient are, bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star

Refrain: Oh, oh star of wonder star of night
Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading still proceeding
Guide us to Thy perfect light

Born a King on Bethlehem plain, gold I bring to crown Him again
King forever ceasing never, over us all to reign (*Refrain*)

Frankincense to offer have I, incense owns a deity nigh
Prayer and praising, all men raising, worship Him, God on high (*Refrain*)

Myrrh is mine; it's bitter perfume, breathes a life of gathering gloom
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in a stone cold tomb (*Refrain*)

Glorious now behold Him arise, King and God, and sacrifice
Heaven sings “Allelu”; “Alleluia” the earth replies (*Refrain*)

“Christmas Offering”

Paul Baloche

Over the skies of Bethlehem appeared a star
While angels sang to lowly shepherds
Three wise men seeking truth, travelled from afar
Hoping to find the Child from Heaven
Falling on their knees, they bowed before the humble Prince of Peace

Chorus: I bring an offering of worship to my King
No one on earth deserves the praises that I sing
Jesus may You receive the honor that You're due
Oh Lord I bring an offering to You

The sun cannot compare to the glory of Your love
There is no shadow in Your presence
No mortal man would dare to stand before Your throne
Before the Holy one of Heaven
And it's only by Your blood, and it's only through Your mercy, Lord I come (*Chorus*)

“Go Tell It on The Mountain”

John W. Work, Jr.

Chorus: Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
Behold throughout the heavens, there shone a holy light (*Chorus*)

The shepherds feared and trembled, when lo! above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth (*Chorus*)

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born
And brought us God's salvation, that blessed Christmas morn (*Chorus*)

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal Kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen

The Blessing

Closing Hymn “Angels from The Realms of Glory”

James Montgomery, Henry Smart

Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight over all the earth
Ye who sang creation’s story now proclaim Messiah’s birth

Refrain: Come and worship, come and worship
Worship Christ the newborn King

Shepherds in the fields abiding, watching over your flocks by night
God with man is now residing, yonder shines the infant light (*Refrain*)

Saints before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear
Suddenly the Lord, descending, in His temple shall appear (*Refrain*)

Words of Dismissal

People ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.***

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