



The Baptism of our Lord

St. George's Episcopal Church

January 10th, 2021

Prelude

Presider Blessed be God:
most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.
People **And blessed be God's reign, now and forever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

Presider 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.

Kyrie

Presider God be gracious to us and bless us,
and make your face shine upon us:
Lord, have mercy.
People **Lord, have mercy.**

Presider May your ways be known on the earth,
your saving power among the nations:
Christ, have mercy.
People **Christ, have mercy.**

Presider You, Lord, have made known your salvation,
and reveal your justice in the sight of the nations:
Lord, have mercy.
People **Lord, have mercy.**

The Word of God The Collect of the Day

Presider God be with you
People **And also with you**
Presider 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.
All **Amen.**

The First Reading

Genesis 1:1-5

Reader

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.

All

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 29

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.
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.
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.

The Second Reading

Acts 19:1-7

Reader

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They

answered, “Into John’s baptism.” Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.” On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— altogether there were about twelve of them.

The Word of the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Mark 1:4-11

Deacon

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

All

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Deacon

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.”

The Gospel of our Lord.

All

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Reflections

A Word to the Church, The Most Rev. Michael Curry
Homily, The Rev. Ryan Mails

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Presider

Dear People of God: In Holy Baptism we have been made part of that great fellowship of believers in all times and places, the Communion of Saints. In baptism God has adopted us as children and made us members of Christ’s Body and inheritors of God’s kingdom with the saints in light. Let us, therefore, renew the vows of our baptism by which God has made us a holy people.

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. Amen.

The Prayers

BCP, A New Zealand Prayerbook, adapted

Leader
People

Blessed are you eternal God,
to be praised and glorified for ever.

Leader
People

Hear us as we pray for the unity of the Church.
May we all be one that the world may believe.

Leader
People

Grant that every member of the Church
may truly and humbly serve you,
that the life of Christ may be revealed in us.

Leader
People

Give eternal rest to those who have died.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Leader
People

We praise you for all your saints
who have entered your eternal glory.
May we also come to share your heavenly kingdom.

Leader
People

Have compassion on those who suffer from sickness,
grief or trouble.
In your presence may they find strength.

Leader
People

Look with your kindness on our homes and families.
Grant that your love may grow in our hearts.

Leader
People

Make us alive to the needs of our community.
Help us to share one another's joys and burdens.

Leader
People

Inspire and lead those who hold authority
in the nations of the world.
Guide us and all people in the way of justice and peace.

Leader
People

Strengthen all who minister in Christ's name.
Give us courage to proclaim your Gospel.

We pray in silence for our own needs.

Anglican Church of Canada Alternative Collects

Presider

God of grace and glory,
you call us with your voice from heaven
to be your people, fruitful and courageous.
As your beloved Son
embraced his mission in the waters of baptism,
inspire us with your Spirit
to join in his transforming work.
We ask this in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence.

All 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 our Savior 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.

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

All Amen.

The Peace

Presider The Peace of Christ be always with you.
People And also with you.

Announcements

Offertory

*All your gifts support our common life and ministry at St. George's parish.
Even when we are apart, we are growing as a community
practicing care for one another, shaped by love, and committed to our neighbors.*

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The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

All **Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

All

Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

Presider

As our Savior Christ has taught us we now pray,

All

**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

The presider breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

Presider

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Invitation

When we are unable to receive the bread and wine, we are nonetheless united with Christ by the Holy Spirit in our heartfelt desire to share in the Eucharist. Our tradition teaches that in this spiritual communion, we receive all the benefits of communion. We invite all those worshipping at home now to say this prayer:

In union, O Lord,
with your faithful people
at every altar of your Church,
where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated,
I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving.
I remember your death, Lord Christ;
I proclaim your resurrection;
I await your coming in glory.
Since I cannot receive you today
in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood,
I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart.
Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus,
and let me never be separated from you.
May I live in you, and you in me,
in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

The Prayer Book for the Armed Forces

The Post Communion Prayer

Presider
All

Let us pray.
Loving God,
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

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, Source, Christ, and Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Dismissal

A Deacon dismisses the people, and the people respond

All

Thanks be to God.

Parish Prayer List

Parishioners: Peggi Gregory and family, Brian Shaw and family, Tina Hayes, Paul Brouker, Sylvia Burke, Ted Little, Terry Lohmann, Erin Maher, Charlie Smith, Heidi, Betsy Komar, Ken Barrett and family, Barbara Kautz, Suzanne Thompson, Dick Santoro, Ed Harding,, Frank Jillson, Debby Ehret

Friends and Family: Bob Burke, Dennis Lawry, Jim Mixter, Perry Mixter, Eric Lauer, Santoro Family, Cynthia Jordan, Carmin Puntillo, Jordan, Patrick Driscoll, Jill Lynch, Mike Clfrino, Lee Koonce, Stephanie and Dean Batterman, Jill Burke, Barbara Yingst, Tom Block, Reverend Pamela Brouker, Gail Collins, Colby Durand, Gigi Edwards, Henry Flinkstrom, Annette Franzo, George Frantzis, Joanie and Kara, Lynn Jacobs, Joseph Kittel, Cathy Little, Caroline and Herb Lynn, Robert Merkle, Beth Nixon, Bob Porter, Fred Reisz, Darcy Rice and family, Rich, Kathy, Faith, Alyssa, and Hope Ritch, Stephan, John and Virginia Treganowan, Barbara Toscano; Cynthia Donahue; Thomas Gambrell Alden and his family; Suzanne D'Arinzo; Carl and Christine Stallings; Everett Butcher; Isaac; Ryan MacKay

In the Armed Forces: Jakob Folley, Jacob Brouker, Colby Gregory, Sarah Eck Gregory, Andrew Macomber, Shawn McCann, Michael McPhail, Todd MacCallum, Matt Poling, Michael Reagan, Andrew Smith, Ben Smith, Patrick Taylor.

Additional Prayers: Pray for the people of Lebanon. Pray for the children and staff at Niños con Valor as they mourn the death of Luna.

Rest in Peace: Jeanne Eaton, Eve Barrett, Scott Gregory, Sidney Kassir, Pat Shaw, Caleb Wallace, Gretchen Lane, Luna

If you would like to add someone to or offer updates for the parish prayer list, please contact Nancy Daigle at 207-703-9059 or contact the parish office.

Announcements

Annual Parish Meeting

The time is coming around for our annual parish meeting. Because we cannot gather in person to reflect on this extraordinary year, we'll be using the tools we've been practicing with over these many months to meet online via Zoom. We've done much harder things. We'll do everything we can to make sure everyone who wants to participate can, and that everybody has a voice in the essential work of that meeting. The date of the meeting will be **Sunday, January 31st**, and we'll be sharing much more about that over the coming weeks.

Part of our work at this meeting is the election of new vestry members. **If you wish to nominate someone to the ministry of a vestryperson among us**, please share your nomination with the Rector ryanfmails@stgeorgesYorkharbor.org

Night Prayers

In the midst of uncertainty, it's a practice to set down our work and our worry, and entrust to God what we cannot hold onto. The night prayers of Compline, and the community that gathers to do this together, may be helpful to you. You can join these prayers each night at 8:30 via this link: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/5860955152>.

Meditations during Pandemic

You can spend prayerful time with new writing and photography this week, and with all the offerings you'll find on the Meditations blog by following this link:

<https://stgeorgesYorkharbor.org/reflections/>

Wednesday Book Group:

The Nativity Gospels

Join our exploration of the two Gospel accounts of Jesus' birth: the one related in Matthew and the one written down in Luke. Reading them closely alongside one another, there will be surprises and discoveries that deepen our relationship with these stories. As a guide, we'll have Raymond Brown's short book *A Coming Christ in Advent*.

All are welcome to join in the conversation each week via Zoom at 9:00am.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/5860955152>

Time of Wonder

As Time of Wonder continues to create a safe, caring place for kids during the pandemic, they also need our help with some of the difficult-to-find supplies. Please look for and consider donating the following:

Large and XL gloves
Dawn Power dish detergent
Lysol spray
Lysol wipes

On the cover: Greta Leško, *Baptism of Christ*, 2014

Epiphany House Blessing

The blessing of homes with prayer and chalk at Epiphany is a centuries-old tradition in the church, remembering the wise men who “entered the house, and saw the Child with Mary, his mother” (Matt. 2:11). The house blessing is a way of asking Jesus to be our daily guest, and to bless all our comings and goings in the year ahead.

The marking of homes has roots in the Old Testament, both at Passover and in the following passage from Deut. 6:4-9: “Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away ... write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.”

Take chalk, and make the following mark over your front door (or a porch step or other convenient location):

20 + C + M + B + 21

Between the numbers of the current year are a series of crosses and the letters *C*, *M*, and *B*. The letters have a double meaning. They are reminders of the traditional names of the three wise men: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. And they stand for the Latin phrase *Christus mansionem benedicat*—“Christ bless this house.”

The blessing may be simple or elaborate. Use the short liturgy below or create your own!

A Simple Liturgy for the Blessing of a Home at Epiphany

All gather at the entrance of the home.

One Peace be to this house, and to all who enter here.

All Amen.

One The Lord will watch over your going out and your coming in;

All From this time forth for evermore.

One When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road. *Matt. 2:9-12*

Then, using chalk, a member of the household writes the following over the door, or some other convenient, visible location: 20 + C + M + B + 21

One God be with you.

All And also with you.

One Let us pray.

Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. We pray you bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and for ever. Amen.