



# St. John's Episcopal Church

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY  
THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST  
HOLY EUCHARIST  
RITE II  
JANUARY 9, 2022  
10:00 AM

Voluntary

*Meditation on "How brightly shines the morning star"*

David Bednall

## The Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Hymn 120 (*Standing*)

*The sinless one to Jordan came*

### The Opening Acclamation

*Priest:* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People:* **And blessed be his Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

*Priest:* There is one Body and one Spirit;

*People:* **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

*Priest:* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

*People:* **One God and Father of all.**

### The Collect for Purity

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.**

Gloria S 278 (*Sung by all*)

*Glory to God*

William Mathias

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 for the First Sunday after the Epiphany**

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Priest:* 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. **Amen.**

## **The First Reading Acts 8:14-17** *(Seated)*

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## **Sequence Hymn 121** *(Standing)*

*Christ, when for us you were baptized*

## **The Holy Gospel Luke 3:15-17, 21-22** *(Standing)*

*Priest:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People:* **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

*Priest:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **Children's Chapel**

*Pre-K through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade children may gather on the church steps for a children's homily and then process out to Children's Chapel. They will return during the Peace.*

## **The Sermon** *(Seated)*

The Reverend Abigail W. Moon

## **The Renewal of Baptismal Vows**

*Priest:* Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

*Priest:* Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

*People:* **I do.**

*Priest:* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People:* **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Priest:* 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.**

*Priest:* 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.**

*Priest:* 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.**

*Priest:* 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.**

*Priest:* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Priest:* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Priest:* 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 as follows*

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 of the People** (*Kneeling or standing*)

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 Michael, our Presiding Bishop; John, our Bishop; Abi and Bill our priests; Joe, our deacon; Chris, our seminarian; Pat, preparing to become a deacon; John and Caroline, our missionaries to Ecuador; Juan Carlos, our companion parish priest; and the St. John's rector search committee;

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

Remembering Joe, our president, Ron, our Governor, and John, our mayor, 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.**

Remembering Jerrold Gossett and Lila Poston, 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, remembering Julia Livingston, Ann Macmillan, Sabrina Hartsfield, Eric Nilsson, Leo Randolph, and all those affected by the Covid-19 pandemic.

We pray for those serving in the Armed Forces and their families, and for all who face the peril of war and civil unrest.

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

### **Confession of Sin and Absolution** *(Kneeling)*

*Priest:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*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 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.

*The Priest offers absolution of sin.*

### **The Peace** *(Standing)*

*Priest:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

*Then the Clergy and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **The Holy Communion**

### **Offertory**

*There shall a star*

Felix Mendelssohn

*If you are worshipping with us in person, we encourage you to place your contributions in the offertory plates as they are passed in the pews. To make a digital offering through St. John's online portal, use your phone's camera to scan the QR code on the back panel of this bulletin or click the "Give Now" button on the St. John's home page. You can also make a gift by texting STJOHNS to 732-56, or by mailing your gift to the church office: St. John's Episcopal Church, Attn: Finance Office, 211 N. Monroe St., Tallahassee, FL, 32301. If you bank online, consider setting St. John's up as a vendor with your bank for quick, easy, online payments.*

**Presentation Hymn 135, v. 1** *(Sung by all, standing)* *Songs of thankfulness and praise*

### **The Great Thanksgiving-Eucharistic Prayer B** *(Standing)*

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Priest:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Priest:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. 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:

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

*(The congregation may kneel or remain standing.)*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Priest and People:*

**We remember his death,  
 We proclaim his resurrection,  
 We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with John and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the first born of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

**Fraction Anthem S 155** *(Sung by all)*

Gerald Near

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
 Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
 therefore let us keep the feast.  
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Invitation to Communion:** *All baptized Christians are invited to Holy Communion. Approach the altar in a double line in the center aisle. Stand or kneel at the railing and receive the bread in your hand. The Christian tradition teaches that Christ is fully received in one kind. You may wish to receive the wine from the common cup, or you may allow the Eucharistic Minister to intinct your wafer in the common cup. If you would like to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest, and the server will know that you would prefer to be blessed rather than to receive.*

**Communion Hymns 126, 704**

**Postcommunion Prayer** *(Said by all, kneeling)*

*Priest:* Let us pray.

*People:* Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his body and blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*When Eucharistic Visitors are sent forth to take Communion to the sick or homebound, the following rite is offered:*

*Priest:* In the name of this congregation, I send you forth to... bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

*People:* **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

**The Blessing**

**Closing Hymn 448** *(Standing)*

*O love, how deep, how broad, how high*

**The Dismissal**

*Deacon:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Voluntary**

*Christ is the world's light*

David Blackwell

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*To make a digital offering, use your phone's camera to scan here:*

