

## THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

JANUARY 10, 2021

8 A.M. ANTE COMMUNION RITE I

Opening Acclamation	319 (prayer book)
Confession	320 (prayer book)
Gloria	324 (prayer book)
Collect of the Day	163 (prayer book)

I reading—Genesis 1: 1-5

Reader: A reading from Genesis

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

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.

II reading—Acts 19: 1-7

Reader: A reading from Acts.

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

Gospel—Mark 1: 4-11

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark

**People: Glory be to thee, O 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.”

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Homily

The Rev. Catherine Carpenter

The Nicene Creed

326 (prayer book)

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

336 (prayer book)

The Peace

332 (prayer book)

The Blessing

*Celebrant:* 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.**

Dismissal

340 (prayer book)

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In the power of the Spirit, and in union with Christ Jesus, let us pray to the Father.

Merciful God, we pray for ourselves and all Christians, that we may be a royal priesthood, a holy people, to the praise of Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

*Silence*

We pray for our Presiding Bishop Michael, our Bishop DeDe, our Rector Cathy, and for all bishops and other ministers, that they may remain faithful to their calling and rightly proclaim the word of truth.

*Silence*

We pray for children and young people and for all who are new in the Faith. Direct and guide them in the way that leads to thee.

*Silence*

We pray for those who bear the responsibility of government in this and every nation, that thy people may rejoice in thy gifts of true justice and peace.

*Silence*

We pray for the people of this community, asking that thou wilt show thy mercy to them all. In our family cycle of prayer we pray for Lou & Tina Santy, and Pam Ginsburg

*Silence*

We pray for all who are sick or in any other kind of trouble, and those who have asked for our prayers, especially Gordon Tall, John Rogers, Garth Foster, Agnes Morgan, Fern Butler, Dottie Carrie, Rahel Reger, Donny Witkowski, Tom Mangan, Jason, Bill, Steven, Merle, Sharon, Linda, Linda W., Becky, Alice, Debbie, James, Rosalee, Dawn, Lila, Missy, Joyce Y, Erin, Penny, Ann, Sue, Mary Ann, Barb, Anna, Jerry, Isabella, Neva, and those we now name, silently or aloud.

*Silence*

... that thou wilt deliver them and keep them in thy love.

We pray for the victims of sin and those who minister to them, that thou wilt be their help and defense.

*Silence*

We pray that we may all be strengthened in our faith, our love and our service.

*Silence*

We pray for the departed Dottie Divers, Gail Kozikowski, and those we now name, silently or aloud.

*Silence*

...commending them to thy eternal love.

Please add your own thanksgivings and petitions, silently or aloud.

*Silence*

We commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to thee, O God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The celebrant may add a concluding collect.*



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