

Trinity Episcopal Church

Lime Rock, CT

Offering Companionship Along The Way

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPHIPHANY

JANUARY 10, 2021

Prelude “Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam” (Christ our Lord came to the Jordan)
From Cantata BWV 7 by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Original German Text

Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam
Nach seines Vaters Willen,
Von Sankt Johannis die Taufe nahm,
Sein Werk und Amt zu erfüllen;
Da wollt er stiften uns ein Bad,
Zu waschen uns von Sünden,
Ersäufen auch den bitteren Tod
Durch sein selbst Blut und Wunden;
Es galt ein neues Leben.

English Translation

Christ our Lord came to the Jordan
in accordance with his Father's will,
received baptism from Saint John
to fulfill his work and ministry;
by this he wanted to establish for us a bath
to wash us from our sins,
and also to drown bitter death
through his own blood and wounds;
this meant a new life.

Pastor Blessed be God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

The Kyrie

Pastor Lord, have mercy.
People **Christ, have mercy**
Pastor Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day

Pastor The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Pastor Let us pray together our collect.

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 Book of Genesis 1:1-5

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

- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, *
 ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; *
 worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
 the God of glory thunders; *
 the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; *
 the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; *
 the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
 and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 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.
- 8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe *
 and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the LORD *
 all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; *
 the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; *
 the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

The Acts of the Apostles 19:1-7

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.**

Gradual Hymn “To Jordan came our Lord the Christ

Christ, unser Herr

Pastor The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 1:4-11

People **Glory to you, Lord 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.”

Pastor The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Pastor Heidi Truax

The Baptismal Covenant

Pastor Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Pastor 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.**

Pastor 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.**

Pastor 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.**

Pastor 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.**

Pastor Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

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

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

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

Pastor 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 Prayers of the People

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God and the understanding of the role of the Church as a beacon of hope and love in the midst of the pandemic , let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, Donald, for our president-elect, Joe, for our nation in this time of trial, and for the leaders of all nations, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering especially (*we read from our list and leave time for other names to be added.*) let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all those things for which we are thankful (*we leave time to lift up thanksgivings*) and for those on our parish cycle of prayer; M. E. Freeman, Judith, Scott, Georgia, Connie and Charlotte Frost, Danielle Gaherty, and for their families, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection (*we read from the list and leave time for names to be added,*) and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

O God, you have bound us together in a common life. Help us in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to confront one another without hatred and bitterness, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Prayer List

SICK

Tom S.

Betsy H.

Ed Kirby

Eric

Roberto

Alice Tweed

Millie

Allie

Sam

Dana

Brianna

Cindy

Marlene Stratman

Christine Garfield

Carlos

Janet Deitch

Elaine

Martha

Christopher

Russ Yoder

Alice Gustafson

All cancer patients as they continue their recovery

All caregivers

And all those suffering with COVID-19

REST IN PEACE

Paul Sebring

Patricia Horan

William Horchler

Steven Walter Sturges I

Steven Walter Sturges II

Thomas Ferranti
All who have died from COVID-19

Offertory Anthem "Creation" by William Billings (1746-1800)

From *The Continental Harmony*, 1794

When I with pleasing wonder stand.
And all my frame survey,
Lord, 'tis thy work: I own, thy hand
Thus built my humble clay.

Our life contains a thousand springs,
And dies if one be gone;
Strange, that a harp of thousand strings
Should keep in tune so long!

Eucharistic Prayer

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Lift up your hearts.

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

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

Gevert 2017

**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.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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.**

And now as our savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**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 Breaking of the Bread

Priest Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Fraction Anthem "Blessed are those"

Gevert 2017

Prayer for Spiritual Reception

Lord, Jesus Christ, we believe that you are present in the sharing of the Holy Eucharist. We desire through this sacrament to receive you into our bodies; heart, mind and soul.

Since we cannot at this moment receive you physically through the bread and wine of this Holy Meal we ask that you come spiritually into our hearts. We embrace you now as we unite ourselves to your presence. May we never be separated from your love. **Amen.**

Postcommunion Prayer

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.

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The Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Final Hymn “Give to our God immortal praise”

Duke Street

Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth in the Light of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Organ improvisation on *Duke Street*

Serving Today

Rector: The Rev. Heidi Truax

Music Director and Video Editor: Christine Gevert

Lector: Georgia Frost

Psalmist: Judith Sherman

Epistoler: Gordon Gustafson

Intercessor: M. E. Freeman

Counter: John Oler

Verger: Geoff Brown

Announcements

Your Annual Reports are due to Geoff Brown for the Annual meeting now.

Sunday, Jan. 17 Noon Vestry Zoom meeting

Sunday, Jan. 24 Noon Annual Meeting. Please respond to the invitation when you receive it.

Sundays In Person services are not being held at this time.
10:30 AM Online Spiritual Eucharist with music
Now on YouTube!
11:30 Zoom Coffee “Hour”

Thursdays 12:30 PM Bible Study – The Gospel of Luke

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