

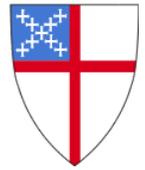


# LITURGY OF THE WORD

WITH AN AGAPE BLESSING

**Sunday January 10, 2021**

First Sunday After Epiphany



INTROIT

This Little Light of Mine

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*Spiritual*

PRELUDE:

We Three Kings

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*Three Kings of Orient*

OPENING HYMN 93: Sing of God Made Manifest

*Salzburg*

- 1 **S**ing of God made manifest  
in a child robust and blest,  
to whose home in Bethlehem  
where a star had guided them,  
magi came and gifts unbound,  
signs mysterious and profound:  
myrrh and frankincense and gold  
grave and God and king foretold.
- 2 Sing of God made manifest  
when at Jordan John confessed,  
"I should be baptized by you,  
but your bidding I will do."  
Then from heaven a double sign  
dove-like Spirit, voice divine  
hailed the true Anointed One;  
"This is my beloved Son."
- 3 Sing of God made manifest  
when Christ came as wedding guest  
and at Cana gave a sign,  
turning water into wine;  
further still was love revealed  
as he taught, forgave, and healed,  
bringing light and life to all  
who would listen to God's call.
- 4 Sing of God made manifest  
on the cloud-capped mountain's crest,  
where the law and prophets waned  
so that Christ alone remained;  
glimpse of glory, pledge of grace,  
given as Jesus set his face  
towards the waiting cross and grave,  
sign of hope that God would save.

## OPENING SENTENCES

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

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

**A**lmighty 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.**

## SONG OF PRAISE 124 vs. 1 & 5: What Star Is This

*Puer nobis,*

1 **W**hat star is this, with beams so bright,  
more beauteous than the noonday light?  
It shines to herald forth the King,  
and Gentiles to his crib to bring.

5 To God the Father, heavenly Light,  
to Christ, revealed in earthly night,  
to God the Holy Ghost we raise  
our equal and unceasing praise.

## THE COLLECT

*Celebrant* God be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**F**ather 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.**

## OLD TESTAMENT – Genesis 1:1-5

*- Read by Judith Pflaumer*

**I**n 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.

The Word of the Lord

*People* **Thanks be to God**

## PSALM 29

*Afferte Domino*

*- Read by Kit Meade*

1 **A**scribe 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 EPISTLE – Acts 19:1-7

- Read by Kirk Murray

**W**hile 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.

*People*      The Word of the Lord  
                  **Thanks be to God**

SEQUENCE HYMN 119: As With Gladness Men of Old

*Dix*

- 1 **A**s with gladness men of old  
    did the guiding star behold;  
    as with joy they hailed its light,  
    leading onward, beaming bright;  
    so, most gracious Lord, may we  
    evermore be led to thee.
- 2 As with joyful steps they sped  
    to that lowly manger-bed;  
    there to bend the knee before

him whom heaven and earth adore;  
so may we with willing feet  
ever seek the mercy-seat.

- 3 As they offered gifts most rare  
at that manger rude and bare;  
so may we with holy joy,  
pure and free from sin's alloy,  
all our costliest treasures bring,  
Christ! to thee, our heavenly King.
- 4 Holy Jesus! every day  
keep us in the narrow way;  
and, when earthly things are past,  
bring our ransomed souls at last  
where they need no star to guide,  
where no clouds thy glory hide.
- 5 In the heavenly country bright,  
need they no created light;  
thou its light, its joy, its crown,  
thou its sun which goes not down:  
there for ever may we sing  
alleluias to our King.

#### THE GOSPEL: Mark 1:4-11

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*People* **Glorify to you, Lord Christ**

**J**ohn 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 the Lord

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

#### THE SERMON

– The Rev. Joanna Leiserson

#### THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

*Celebrant and people*

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?

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

*Celebrant* 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.**

*Celebrant* 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.**

*Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

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

*Celebrant* 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.**

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

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

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

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

*Celebrant* 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.**

## PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD

*The congregation is invited to stand*

*- Read by Charlotte Salay*

**L**et us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray especially for .... and those we name at this time ...

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. We pray especially for Laverne Malone and those we name now to remember at this time ...

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

#### PRAYERS FOR THE PARISH FAMILY

For all celebrating birthdays this week...

**O** God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants, as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For those celebrating wedding anniversaries and unions...

**G**ive them wisdom and devotion in the ordering of their common life, that each may be to the other a strength in need, a counselor in perplexity, a comfort in sorrow, and a companion in joy. **Amen.**

## PRAYER FOR WISDOM IN TRANSITION

*Celebrant and people*

**Almighty and ever-living God, giver of wisdom and truth:  
Look favorably upon us, the people St. Barnabas Church, as we search for a new rector.  
We pray for the life of our parish, that we may continue to be guided by you  
and strengthened in our mission to be a community of encouragement  
where Christ's love is experienced and shared.  
We pray for members of the Search Committee,  
that they listen to your Spirit with humility, patience and joy.  
We pray for all priests in discernment,  
that you call one to us who will minister with us together at St. Barnabas.  
Give us your grace to follow where you lead us, and grant us your peace.  
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

## THE CONFESSION OF SINS

*Celebrant and people*

**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 ABSOLUTION

## THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

*The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace*

## THE OFFERTORY:

The People That Walked In Darkness

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*G.F. Handel, Messiah*

## PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS:

All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.

## THE AGAPE BLESSING AND MEAL

The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

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

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks, 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.

Before he died for us, Jesus shared a meal with his friends – an everyday meal of bread and wine, ordinary food and drink for the ordinary people of God. This food he blessed, and commanded them to partake, his Body and his Blood of the New Covenant.

*(All hold up food and drink)*

Although today we are unable to consecrate bread and wine to be the Body and Blood of Christ, we present to you, Lord, our everyday food of everyday people, and ask that you bless this food, taken from your creation, that this food may nourish us, to nourish others. Bless us also, that with your guidance, we may be bearers of hope and truth to all your people.

This we ask in the name of your Son; by him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now as our Lord Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*Celebrant and people*

**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, forever and ever. Amen.**

These are the gifts that God has given us for life. Not consecrated but nevertheless blessed; not sanctified but nevertheless holy; not transformed but nevertheless transforming. With your meal, feed on Jesus in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

#### POST AGAPE PRAYER

*Celebrant and people*

**My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present  
in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.  
I love you above all things,  
and long for you in my soul.  
Since I cannot receive you**

**in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood,  
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 BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People:*

**Thanks be to God.**

CLOSING HYMN: This Little Light of Mine

*arr. Hale Smith*

- 1 **T**his little light of mine,  
I'm goin'-a let it shine  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
- 2 Everywhere I go,  
I'm goin'-a let it shine  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
- 3 All through the night,  
I'm goin'-a let it shine  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

POSTLUDE:

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