Church of the Holy Trinity

The First Sunday after the Epiphany

January 10, 2021
Morning Prayer    Epiphany 1
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Opening Acclamation
Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. Isaiah 60:3

Confession of Sin
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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
Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

Versicle and response
Officiant: Lord open our lips. People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

The Lord has shown forth his glory: Come let us adore him.

Jubilate    Psalm 100
Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; * serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song. Know this: The Lord himself is God; * he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; * give thanks to him and call upon his Name. For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; * and his faithfulness endures from age to age.
The Psalm of the Day: 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.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is 
now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The First Lesson: 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.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

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.”

Canticle: The Third Song of Isaiah  Isaiah 60:1-3, 11a, 14c, 18-19  Sam Jenkins

Arise, shine, for your light has come, *
   and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.
For behold, darkness covers the land; *
   deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.
But over you the Lord will rise, *
   and his glory will appear upon you.
Nations will stream to your light, *
   and kings to the brightness of your dawning.
Your gates will always be open; *
   by day or night they will never be shut.
They will call you, The City of the Lord, *
   The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.
Violence will no more be heard in your land, *
   ruin or destruction within your borders.
You will call your walls, Salvation, *
   and all your portals, Praise.
The sun will no more be your light by day; *
   by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.

The Gospel: Mark 1:4-11

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.”

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Musical interlude: Sicut Cervus by Palestrina sung by Sam Jenkins

Sermon: The Rev. Mary Barnett

The Apostles’ Creed

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

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us pray.

Officiant 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Suffrages

Show us your mercy, O Lord; And grant us your salvation. Let your people sing with joy. For only in you can we live in safety.
Clothe your ministers with righteousness; And guide us in the way of justice and truth. Your saving health among all nations.
Give peace, O Lord, in all the world; Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
Lord, keep this nation under your care; And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.
Let your way be known upon earth;
Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
Create in us clean hearts, O God;
**The Collect of the Day**

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.**

**A Collect for the Renewal of Life**

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Prayers of the People:**  Ted Coolidge

*Let’s take a deep breath together, and be still in the presence of God.*

**Let us pray for the church:**

Lord Jesus, you have promised to be with your church throughout all the ages. Be with her now in this time of such great social disorder, making her bold to proclaim your call to repentance and forgiveness, and so bring in the new day of justice and peace.

We pray for Ian and Laura our Bishops, Mary our Priest, Ted our Minister of Spirituality, Thomas our Benedictine monk, and for our Wardens and Vestry and all our members.

**Let us pray for the Nations:**

We pray especially for our own nation, torn apart by political conflict and afflicted by the coronavirus and by racial discrimination. We are so grateful for all those who give of their own lives to serve the common good, and pray for their safety and success.

We pray for Donald our President, Joseph our President-elect, Ned our Governor, and Benjamin our Mayor. We pray also for the health care community and the scientists working to guard and care for our nation’s health.

**Let us pray for the welfare of the world:**

We give thanks today for the wonder and beauty of creation that can lift our hearts and awaken praise. Help us to see you, our God, in all our surroundings and take heart in the vision of a world made whole, made sacred in your sight.
And let us pray for our community of faith:
Today we remember our baptisms, and the covenant we have to follow Jesus in our daily lives. Jesus, be with us and guide us on your way. Help us to discover our own true selves as we each have been made, and to discern your call to us, day by day.

We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week: **Virginia Eurich, Liz Wiese, Patricia Lord, and Marjorie McMillan**.

We pray also for those celebrating anniversaries: **Mary Barnett & David Jenkins**

Hear us now, as we offer our prayers for all those others for whom they have been requested: The family of Judy McMillan, John, David, Peter, Derek, Barbara, Cora, Mike, Danisha, Lucas & Dante, Kim-Jean, John, Alan, Ann, Marion, for those serving in our Armed Forces especially Matthew Muse, and for those who are homebound, especially Nancy Burgess.

Be with them, we pray, with your healing and life-giving spirit.

We pray also for those who have died and are now forever with you: Grant them your peace. We pray that the ashes of Mabel Bailey will be laid to rest.

Officiant:
Receive these our prayers, Lord, and the unspoken prayers of our hearts. Guide and direct us now and always in your way. **Amen.**

**The Prayer of St. Chrysostom**
Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Officiant:
Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant:
May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen! Romans 15:13**