



**The First Sunday after the Epiphany:
The Baptism of our Lord
January 10, 2021**

Prelude *All Praise to Jesus Hallowed Name* J.S. Bach

Welcome

Song *Build your kingdom here* Rend Collective

Come set Your rule, and reign in our hearts again.
Increase in us, we pray. Unveil why we're made.
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope, like wildfire in our very souls;
Holy Spirit, come invade us now. We are Your church; we need your power in us.

We seek Your kingdom first. We hunger and we thirst;
Refuse to waste our lives, for You're our joy and prize.
To see the captives' hearts released; the hurt, the sick, the poor at peace.
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause. We are Your church; we pray, revive this earth

Chorus

Build your kingdom here. Let the darkness fear. Show your mighty hand. Heal our saints and land.
Set you church on fire. Win this nation back. Change the atmosphere. Build your kingdom here, we pray.

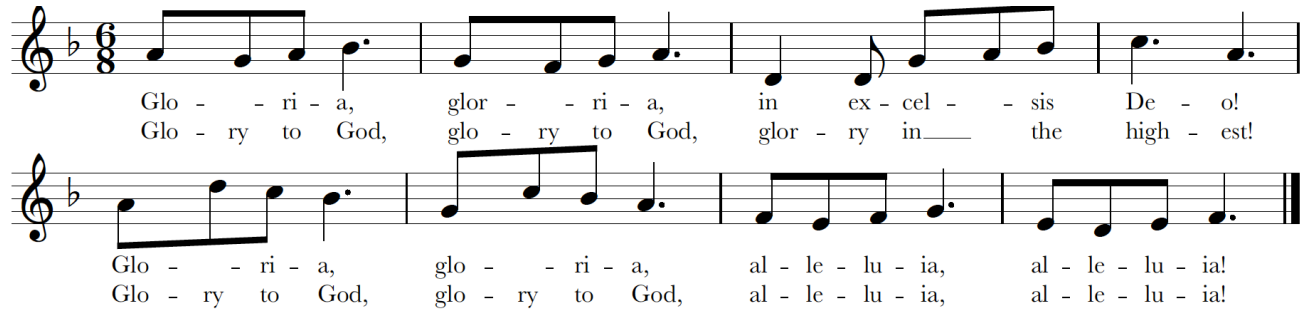
Unleash Your kingdom power, reaching the near and far.
No force of heal can stop Your beauty, changing hearts.
You made us for much more than this; awake the kingdom seed in us.
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ. We are Your church; we are the hope on earth.

Chorus

Opening Acclamation

Clergy Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Gloria



Glo - - ri - a, glor - - ri - a, in ex - cel - - sis De - o!
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glor - ry in the high - est!

Glo - - ri - a, glo - - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Collect of the Day

Clergy The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Clergy 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.**

Reading

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 forevermore.

11 The Lord shall give strength to his people;
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Song

The sinless one to Jordan came

Hymnal 120
(vs. 1-3)

The sinless one to Jordan came, and in the river shared our stain;
God's righteousness he thus fulfilled, and chose the path his Father willed.

Uprising from the waters there, the father's voice did then declare
that Christ, the Son of God, had come to lead his scattered people home.

Above him see the heavenly Dove, the sign of God the Father's love,
now by the Holy Spirit shed upon the Son's anointed head.

Holy Gospel

Mark 1:4-11

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

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."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Becky Coerper

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.

Prayers of the People

Called by the Holy Spirit into relationship with a loving God, we pray for the church, all in need, and the whole creation.

Silence

In our Parishes, we pray for the people of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Syracuse, and their priest, The Rev. Philip Major; and the people of St. Mark the Evangelist Episcopal Church, Syracuse, and their interim priest, The Rev. Nelson Gaetz. In our Companion Diocese, we pray for the people of San Francisco de Asís, El Pital, Lourdes, Colon, and their priest, The Rev. Irma Alvarado. In the Episcopal Church, we pray for the people of the Diocese of East Tennessee, The Rt. Rev. Brian Lee Cole. And in the Anglican Communion, we pray for the people of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia and their Bishop, The Most Revd William Brown Turei.

God of glory and grace, you answer those who call on your name. Continue the transformation of your church so that we may share your love with the world. Radiant God; **let your light shine through us.**

We pray for your creation, especially where it is wounded. Renew the whole earth with your love. Radiant God; **let your light shine through us.**

Let the rulers of the earth honor your decrees and uphold your statutes so that your peace would reign throughout the earth. Give mercy to the poor and justice to the weak. Radiant God; **let your light shine through us.**

Heal the sick, comfort the grieving, send peace to the dying, and companionship to those who are alone. Be with all who suffer, especially those we name silently or aloud _____.
Radiant God; **let your light shine through us.**

That this congregation, anointed and sealed by God and given the Holy Spirit in our hearts, would welcome the stranger, be a place of refuge and help to those in need, and go into all the world with your light and life. Radiant God; **let your light shine through us.**

We give thanks for all who have died in the faith of Christ Jesus, especially those we name silently or aloud _____. May we be ever mindful of God's promises to us until we also are made one with all the saints. Radiant God; **let your light shine through us.**

Into your loving hands, gracious God, we place ourselves and all our prayers, spoken and unspoken, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Savior. *Amen.*

Music for Reflection

Speak, O Lord

Keith Getty and Stuart Townsend

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of your holy word.
Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in your likeness,
that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes, for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail; let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time, that will echo down thru eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises; and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till your church is built and the earth is filled with Your glory.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Prayer for mission

God of all power and love, we give thanks for your unfailing presence and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss. Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire. Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world: a people who pray, worship, learn, break bread, share life, heal neighbors, bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit. Wherever and however we gather, unite us

in common prayer and send us in common mission, that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Announcements

Anniversary & Birthday Blessings

May the strength of God pilot you, May the power of God preserve you, May the wisdom of God instruct you, May the hand of God protect you, May the way of God direct you, May the shield of God guard you against the snares of evil and the temptations of the world. May the Spirit of God bless you in the coming year.

Adapted from Patrick, c.389 - c.46

Blessing

Clergy May the outrageous welcome of the Father draw you in;
 May the incarnation of the Son fill you with light and life;
 May the wandering of the Holy Spirit help you risk yourself for love;
 And may Almighty God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer bless you now and forever.
All **Amen.**

Song

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more

Hymnal 296

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
Embraced by death he broke its fearful hold;
and our despair he turned to blazing joy. Alleluia!

We share by water in his saving death.
Reborn we share with him an Easter life
As living members of a living Christ. Alleluia!

The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life.
The Spirit's power shakes the Church of God.
Baptized we live with God the Three in One. Alleluia!

A new creation comes to life and grows
as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.
The universe restored and whole will sing: Alleluia! Amen.

Dismissal

Clergy Reconciled to God, made a new creation in Christ, and anointed by the Holy Spirit,
 go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Improvisation on Engleberg

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