

**THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY:  
THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**

**HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II  
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10:00 AM**



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*Welcome to St. John's Church. We are glad you have joined us for worship today.*

*For everyone's safety and comfort, we thank you for following all safety guidelines, including wearing a face covering at all times, maintaining appropriate social distance, use of hand sanitizer, etc.*

*If you are visiting or looking for a new church home, please introduce yourself to our clergy or an usher. Children are welcome and encouraged to participate in our worship services.*

*Thank you for turning off your cell phones.*

*You are welcome to join us for worship at any time, including each Sunday at 10:00 am on Zoom, Sunday at 4:00 pm for an outdoor Eucharist, and for prayer services throughout the week on Zoom. Visit our website for our full schedule ([stjohnslarchmont.org](http://stjohnslarchmont.org)).*

*If you have a pastoral emergency and need to speak with a priest when the office is closed, you may contact the Rev. Lisa Mason on her personal cell phone at (210) 854-4811.*

## **PREPARING FOR WORSHIP**

*Make sure your audio setting on Zoom is now in the "mute" setting. Respond out loud at home to all the responses just as if we were in church together.*

*Let us take three deep breaths and center ourselves in the present moment. Relax and release some of your stress as we make ourselves available to God so God can be more available to us. Consider sharing your specific concerns, silently or aloud, during the Prayers of the People.*

**READ ALOUD AT HOME ALL THE PARTS IN BOLD  
WHILE YOUR MIC IS MUTED.**

## ORGAN PRELUDE

### OPENING HYMN 121

Christ, when for us you were baptized

*Caithness*

Christ, when for us you were baptized,  
God's Spirit on you came,  
as peaceful as a dove and yet  
as urgent as a flame.

God called you his beloved Son,  
called you his servant true,  
sent you his kingdom to proclaim,  
his holy will to do.

Straightway and steadfast until death  
you then obeyed his call  
freely as Son of Man to serve  
and give your life for all.

Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord,  
your cross on us be signed,  
that, likewise in God's service we  
may perfect freedom find.

### OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY

*Celebrant* ✠ Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty 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.

*All* **Amen.**

## GLORIA

*All*

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant*

The Lord be with you.

*People*

**And also with you.**

*Celebrant*

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.

*People*

**Amen.**

## FIRST READING: GENESIS 1:1-5

*Diane Goodman* 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.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 29

*Angela Nesbitt* The portion of the Psalter appointed for this morning is from Psalm 29. Let us read it responsively by the half-verse.

- 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.

## SECOND READING: ACTS 19:1-7

*Diane Goodman* 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.

The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## CANTICLE 4: THE SONG OF ZECHARIAH

*Benedictus Dominus Deus*

*Sung by Holly Mentzer*

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, \*  
for he hath visited and redeemed his people;  
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us \*  
in the house of his servant David,  
As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, \*  
which have been since the world began:

That we should be saved from our enemies, \*  
 and from the hand of all that hate us;  
 To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers, \*  
 and to remember his holy covenant;  
 To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham, \*  
 that he would give us,  
 That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies \*  
 might serve him without fear,  
 In holiness and righteousness before him, \*  
 all the days of our life.  
 And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest, \*  
 for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;  
 To give knowledge of salvation unto his people \*  
 for the remission of their sins,  
 Through the tender mercy of our God, \*  
 whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us;  
 To give light to them that sit in darkness  
 and in the shadow of death, \*  
 and to guide our feet into the way 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.

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.

## **GOSPEL: MARK 1:4-11**

*Rev. Dorothy* ✠ 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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON**

The Rev. Lisa P. Mason

**NICENE CREED**

*All*      **We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again**

in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Angela Nesbitt* Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

**People** That we all may be one.

*Reader* Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**People** That your Name may be glorified by all people.

*Reader* We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

**People** That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

*Reader* We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**People** That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

*Reader* Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**People** That our works may find favor in your sight.

*Reader* Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; especially Bernadette, Blanche, Bob, Carolyn, Clementine, Collette, Ellen, George, Gus, Harold, Patricia, Peggy, Robert, Sandy, Sara Lee, Shiori, and Tom.

**People** That they may be delivered from their distress.

*Reader* Give to the departed, especially Pat Baker and Jason Ingram, eternal rest.  
*People* **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*Reader* We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy.  
*People* **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

*Reader* Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.  
*Silence is observed. The people may add their own petitions.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect and the people respond, Amen.*

## **THE CONFESSION OF SIN**

*Rev. Dorothy* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence is observed.*

*All* **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.**

*Rev. Dorothy* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

*All* **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*Rev. Lisa*      The Peace of Christ be always with you.  
*People*          **And also with you.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Rev. Lisa shares brief announcements.*

## OFFERTORY SENTENCES

*Rev. Lisa*      Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B

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## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*All remain standing.*

*Celebrant*      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 him thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant*      It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children 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:

*All*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*Celebrant*

We give thanks to you, 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.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

*All*

**We remember his death,**

**We proclaim his resurrection,**

**We await his coming in glory;**

*Celebrant*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the

fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

*All*

**AMEN.**

*Celebrant*

*All*

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

**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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

## **FRACTION ANTHEM**

### **THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER**

*Celebrant*

Let us pray.

*All*

**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.

## THE BLESSING

*Rev. Dorothy* May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah, and of Jesus Christ, born of our sister Mary and of the Holy Spirit, who broods over the world as a mother broods over her children, be upon you and remain with you always.

*People* Amen.

**RECESSIONAL HYMN: #297** Descend O Spirit, purging flame *Erbalt uns, Herr*

Descend, O Spirit, purging flame,  
brand us this day with Jesus' Name!  
Confirm our faith, consume our doubt;  
sign us as Christ's, within, without.

Forbid us not this second birth;  
grant unto us the greater worth!  
Enlist us in your service, Lord;  
baptize all nations with your Word.

## DISMISSAL

*All remain standing for the dismissal.*

*Rev. Dorothy* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## ORGAN POSTLUDE

**Liturgical Ministers Today**

Rector  
Priest Associate  
Director of Music  
Lector  
Intercessor

The Rev. Lisa P. Mason  
The Rev. Dorothy A. Greene  
Dr. Paul-Martin Maki  
Diane Goodman  
Angela Nesbitt