



# ST. ANDREW'S

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The First Sunday after the Epiphany:  
The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ  
January 10, 2021, 10:00 am

♪ Prelude

*Waterlife (Borning Cry)*

D. Christiansen

♪ The Processional

*O love, how deep, how broad, how high*

Vss. 1 - 3

1. O love, how deep, how broad, how high,  
how passing through and fantasy,  
that God, the Son of God, should take  
our mortal form for mortals' sake.
2. For us baptized, for us he bore  
his holy fast and hungered sore;  
for us temptations sharp he knew;  
for us the tempter overthrew.
3. For us he prayed; for us he taught;  
for us his daily works he wrought:  
by words and signs and actions, thus  
still seeking not himself, but us.

Words: Latin, 15th cent.; tr. Benjamin Webb (1819-1885), alt.

Music: *Deus quorum militum*, from *Antiphoner*, 1753; adapt. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.

### Opening Sentences

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

Congregation: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for. ever. Amen.

P: 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. **Amen.**

### Song of Praise

**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.**

### The Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you. P: 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. C: Amen.

### The 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.

R: The Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God!**

### The 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.

♪ Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Wolfgang A. Mozart, 1756–1791

The Gospel

**Mark 1:4-11**

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

Congregation: 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."

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord. **Congregation: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

### The Sermon

The Rev. Charlotte LaForest

### Renewal of Baptismal Covenant

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: 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.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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.**

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

**C: I will, with God's help.**

P: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**C: I will, with God's help.**

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

C: **I will, with God's help.**

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

C: **I will, with God's help.**

P: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

C: **I will, with God's help.**

### **Prayers of the People**

As we gather around the waters of baptism today, gather us to your heart. Increase our commitment to the vows we have made to follow you. Give our spiritual leaders wisdom, patience, and guidance.

We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Doug, our Bishop, Charlotte, Harvey, and Rick, our clergy, and for all of God's people and their leaders. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray this morning for Grace Church in Amherst, and the Building Bridges Veterans' Initiative. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Anglican Church in Aotearoa (Ahh-oh-tay-uh-row-a), New Zealand and Polynesia.

God of Love,  
**Hear our Prayer.**

As we survey the news of the nations, sharpen our attention to what is happening in the world around us. Help us to pray for those in authority and for the people they govern, that there may be peace between nations and neighbors.

God of Love,  
**Hear our Prayer.**

As we build relationships with those with whom we live and work, open our eyes to your presence in their lives and the ways we can serve you by serving them.

God of Love,  
**Hear our Prayer.**

As we see those who suffer in any way, increase our capacity to love and to pray. We offer our prayers this morning for those on our parish prayer list: Jackie, Brendan,

Cindy, Justin, Amelia, Joanne, Rick, Jacqueline, Lisa, Sharon, Greg, Ann, Bill, Garry, Dupont Family, Stephanie. We pray for all those who are suffering from the COVID-19 virus, and those who care for them.

God of Love,  
**Hear our Prayer.**

As we say goodbye to those who have departed this life, comfort us in our grief, assuring us of your love.

God of Love,  
**Hear our Prayer.**

*The Celebrant concludes with a collect.*

To submit names to the prayer list, send requests to [prayerchain@st-andrews-longmeadow.org](mailto:prayerchain@st-andrews-longmeadow.org).

### **Confession and Absolution**

**P:** Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.**

**P:** 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. **Amen**

### **The Peace**

**Presider:** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**Congregation:** And also with you.

### **Announcements**

#### **The Offertory**

During this part of the service we give back to God from the gifts God has given us. Please consider an offering via PayPal: <http://www.st-andrews-longmeadow.org/giving>, by texting "GiveStAndrews" to 73256 from your mobile device, or by mailing in a check.

♪ Offertory Hymn

*Baptized in Water*

arr. S. Eithun

St. Andrew's Handbell Choir

1. Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
cleansed by the blood of Christ our king;  
heirs of salvation, trusting his promise,  
faithfully now God's praise we sing.
  
3. Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
marked with the sign of Christ our king;  
born of the Spirit, we are God's children;  
joyfully now God's praise we sing.

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Music: *Bunessan*, Gaelic tune; arr. hymnal version © 2006 Augsburg Fortress

**The Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

*Celebrant and People*

**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.**

*Then the Celebrant continues*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

You loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*Celebrant and People*

**We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name. And grant that we may find our inheritance with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

All: 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**

P: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

C: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

P: The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Post-Communion Prayer**

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

**The Blessing**

♪ **The Recessional**

*God, whose almighty word*

Vss. 1- 3

1. God, whose almighty word  
chaos and darkness heard  
and took their flight:  
hear us, we humbly pray,

and where the gospel day  
sheds not its glorious ray,  
let there be light.

2. Christ, who didst come to bring,  
on your redeeming wing  
healing and sight,  
health to the troubled mind,  
sight where illusions blind;  
oh, now to humankind  
let there be light.

3. Spirit of truth and love,  
life-giving, holy dove,  
speed forth your flight;  
move on the water's face  
bearing the lamp of grace,  
and in earth's darkest place  
let there be light.

Text: John Marriott, 1780-1825, alt.

Music: *Italian Hymn*, Felice de Giardini, 1716-1796

### **The Dismissal**

P: This service has ended. Our service in the world begins. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

### **♪ Postlude**

*Crashing Waters at Creation*

arr. D. McCarthy

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### **Serving Today:**

Celebrant: The Rev. Charlotte LaForest

Music Director: Sue Riley

Vocalists: Bill and Patty Souder

LEM: Patty Souder

St. Andrew's Handbell Choir: Cathy Doner, Wally Gladwin, Caroline Henry, JoAnn Shupe, Bill Souder, Patty Souder, Director - Karen Gladwin

### **Announcements:**

- ❖ Open Office Hours are Monday through Thursday from 9:00 to 2:00.
- ❖ Annual Meeting: January 17
- ❖ Pledge envelopes have been ordered

### **Help! Please Contact the Parish Office if You Can...**

- ❖ Create Social Media Posts, Flyers, or Press Releases
- ❖ Participate in Fundraising Efforts
- ❖ Adjust sound and/or video equipment

### **Get Connected!**

**Annual Meeting January 17 beginning at 10:00 am**

Morning Prayer on Facebook Livestream at 10:00 am

10:30 Zoom Meeting for State of the Parish Address, Reports, Vestry Nomination, St. Andrew's Awards and time to break off for some reflection of the past year and coming year. Please join us!

### **New Way to Give!**

The E-Giving Suite has been added to the St. Andrew's Realm account. This means you can now give by credit card directly through your account. It also mean you can give by TEXT!

Text "**GiveStAndrews**" to the number **73256** on your mobile device and it will prompt you to donate any amount to one of the current funds: **Miscellaneous Donation**

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