



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

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Prelude

Adagio (from Toccata, Adagio, and Fugue in C Major), BWV 564- J.S. Bach

Welcome

The Word of God

Gathering Hymn

Hymn 449 vs. 1,2,6 - *O love, how deep, how broad, how high*



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing
 2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly
 3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his
 4 For us to wick - ed hands be - trayed, scourged, mocked, in
 5 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he
 6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so



1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of
 2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions
 3 dai - ly works he wrought: by words and signs and
 4 pur - ple robe ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful
 5 went on high to reign; for us he sent his
 6 deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom



1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.
 2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er ov - er - threw.
 3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.
 4 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.
 5 Spi - rit here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.
 6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

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

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

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

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

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. **Amen.**

The Lessons

First Reading: Genesis 1:1-5

A Reading from the book of 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 29 *Afferte Domino*

- 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

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

Hymn 120 v. 1, 2,6 - *The sinless one to Jordan came*



1 The sin - less one to Jor - dan came,
 2 Up - ris - ing from the wat - ers there,
 3 A - bove him see the heaven - ly Dove,
 4 How blest that mis - sion then be - gun
 5 O Christ, may we bap - tized from sin,
 6 On you may all your peo - ple feed,



1 and in the riv - er shared our stain;
 2 the Fa - ther's voice did then de - clare
 3 the sign of God the Fa - ther's love,
 4 to heal and save a race un - done!
 5 go forth with you a world to win:
 6 and know you are the Bread in - deed,



1 God's right - eous - ness he thus ful - filled,
 2 that Christ, the Son of God, had come
 3 now by the Ho - ly Spi - rit shed
 4 Straight to the wil - der - ness he goes
 5 grant us the Ho - ly Spi - rit's power
 6 who gives e - ter - nal life to those



1 and chose the path his Fa - ther willed.
 2 to lead his scat - tered peo - ple home.
 3 up - on the Son's a - noint - ed head.
 4 to wres - tle with his peo - ple's foes.
 5 to shield us in temp - ta - tion's hour.
 6 that with you died, and with you rose.

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 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.**

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen**

The Prayers of the People

The Leader and People pray responsively

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the Most Rev. Michael Curry, our Presiding Bishop, and the Rt. Rev. Thomas Brown, our Bishop; and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for our President-Elect, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city of Bangor, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

The people may add their own petitions

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God. Amen.

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.**

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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. - *Ephesians 5:2*

Offertory Anthem

Puer Nobis Nascitur- P. Manz

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The Great Thanksgiving

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	We lift them to the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

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 in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

**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.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and

peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has 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,

forever and ever. Amen.

By not partaking of the elements at this time, we express our longing for God's presence and our longing to gather once again in person as the body of Christ. None of us partake at this time, including those present in the church, as an expression of our unity as a congregation.

More information will be coming about opportunities to receive from the Reserve Sacrament, available on Second Saturdays of the month from 9-11am at the Church.

At the same time, we pray that we might recognize God's presence with us in our longing.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Beloved, a spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray, expressing desire to receive Holy Communion in this moment, but in which circumstances impede us from actually receiving Holy Communion.

Since we now are apart, let us pray:

Gracious Christ, you invite us to your feast, setting before us your heart's bread, and your life's wine. We yearn with all our souls to feast with you at the Altar, to taste and see the Lord's goodness today. Since we cannot now find union at the table, grant your presence spiritually. We offer you our hearts, lives and souls, that we may become eternally one. Amen.

Time for Reflection - Communion Anthem

Jesu dulcis memoria

Blessing

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Agin-court Hymn- Dunstable

Parish Prayer List

For the Sick, Injured, or Distressed – Evan, Ella D., Ann P., Lev, Jaydon, Jesse, the Island Nursing Home Community, Oma O., Virginia P., Barbara B., John F., Maurice, The Harrison Family, The Hamilton family, Sue B., Gavin, and Shibohan. *Continued prayers for* – Ashley, Ella D., Ralph R., Ross, Lorraine S., Lee S., James L., Eileen, Angela O, Deej. P., Andrew L., and Justin O.

For our Homebound Members – Evelyn L., Joline F., Kathleen D., Mary, Charles, Robert B., Christa F., Lilly P., Earlene B., Cathy K., Betty C. and Eileen H.

For Everyone affected by the COVID19 virus: for all who are sick or dying, all who mourn; for all who are isolated, anxious, or scared; for those most vulnerable in our institutions and on our streets, for those sacrificing and volunteering to provide safe beds and nutritious meals; for students, families, teachers, and school administrators; for all who are working in essential services, especially

our doctors and nurses and all in our health care systems, for all working in our grocery stores and supply chains, and for those who clean and sterilize; for all who willingly sacrifice their own needs and desires for sake of others' health and well being.

For the World: for Peace and Goodwill among Nations and for peoples in war-torn places, especially those in those in the Middle East, Afghanistan and Iraq. For an end to war and all forms of violence. For all who suffer for conscience's sake. For our enemies and those who wish us harm. For all suffering effects of climate change and of natural disasters, especially in California, Oregon,. For refugees, immigrants, and those who are displaced, especially for children.

For our Nation: for each citizen who has or will vote, for all who suffer from injustice; for eyes to see injustice and for the will to work for fairness for all of God's people; for all who protest and for those who are charged to maintain our safety; and for all who struggle to change our world and its systems of oppression.

For the Leaders of our Country, State and Community: Donald Trump, President; Joseph Biden Jr., President-Elect; Members of Congress, especially, Susan Collins, Angus King, Chellie Pingree, Jared Golden of Maine; Janet Mills, Governor; and Daniel Tremble, Mayor - for those who serve in the courts of this land - that they govern with wisdom, civility, and compassion.

For our Military Personnel, especially those of this Parish: Sarah M., Dillan L., Joshua M., Aaron B., and Timothy W.

For the Departed - Lloyd Day, Linton H. Studdiford+, Ruth Peerenboom, and for all who have died from the Corona Virus around the world

With Thanksgiving for the lives of those celebrating birthdays during the coming week including Jeremy M., Ann H., and Sophia S.

If you would like to add or reinstate a name or concern for our parish prayer list, please contact one of the clergy. Please use this list for your own personal prayers too.

Announcements, Opportunities & Invitations

Bedtime Bible Story- Our program with the parishes of St. Patricks, St. Marks, St. James and St. Albans continues! Please look for a link to a bedtime prayer and Bible story each Monday evening. If you are not receiving the weekly links and would like to, please email Anne-Marie at youth@stjohnsbangor.org.

At Home and Together: our latest Covid Holy Experiment - All households at St. John's are welcome to participate in any or all of our activities for this version of the Holy Experiment-- it is designed to be intergenerational. Please email me (youth@stjohnsbangor.org) to get on the mailing list if you are not already. We are going to try something different that hopefully has a little something for everyone-- a focus on a single story for a few weeks. There will be versions of the story to read or listen to at home, a zoom gathering, and craft and game activities to do at home (with stuff you already have, but I'll provide a list a week in advance and if you don't have something, I will figure out how to get it to you). Our story focus for this unit is Mark 1: 4-11, the Baptism of Jesus and the Gospel Reading for January 10. **On JANUARY 10th** - I will send out several versions of the story to explore at home. Children are encouraged to wonder about the different people (and animal) in the story, and if they like, create a simple costume to wear to our Zoom gathering. **On JANUARY 17** we will gather on Zoom at 3pm to share story, prayer, and wondering time. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86353932396?pwd=c0xZY1J6ZEYzVTVLa0hTVFFhM28rUT09> On JANUARY 24 I will send out activities/ games to continue to explore the story. Questions? Please let me know at youth@stjohnsbangor.org. - Anne-Marie

Do you like to read? The Women's Book Group reads a variety of books on a variety of topics. We welcome new members to the discussions which are on the third Tuesdays at 2 p.m. through Zoom. Contact Marisue Pickering <marisue.pickering@maine.edu> or Jane Zenk <jzenkjzenk@gmail.com> **January 19** - Kushner, Lawrence - *Jewish Spirituality: A Brief Introduction for Christians*, 2001. Available from Bangor and MaineCat and Minerva libraries and by purchase (PB, Kindle, Audio). 112 pages. "A window into the Jewish soul—written especially for Christians." and **February 16th** -Hanna-Attisha, Mona - *What the Eyes Don't See: A Story of Crisis, Resistance, and Hope in an American City*, 2018. Available from Bangor, Orono, UMaine and through MaineCat and Minerva libraries and by purchase (PB, Kindle, Audio). 384 pages. "The dramatic story of the Flint water crisis, by a relentless physician who stood up to power.

To all of our wonderful volunteers who donate their time and efforts to cooking and serving at the Salvation Army with us, we have exciting news. **The Salvation Army began allowing volunteers back into the building to cook!** Our group is signed up for the 4th Tuesday. We'll be cooking and placing the food into to-go boxes which the Salvation Army staff will then serve from the truck. We will be practicing social distancing and masks are required, so please bring one. **We look forward to seeing you again at the Salvation Army on January 26th from 9:00am to 12:30pm!**

The Annual Meeting is coming! Please mark your calendar for January 31st at 11:00am for this important gathering. The meeting will be on Zoom immediately following the 10:00am service. It will not be available on YouTube. We hope that you will join us as we elect Vestry members, Officers, and Delegates, as well as review the budget and look forward to the future of St. John's. There is still time to nominate for Vestry positions and Delegates. If you are interested in one of these positions, please email Vanessa at admin@stjohnsbangor.org. More information about these positions can be found in this past week's issue of "This Week at St. John's".

Extra help is needed for our monthly serving at Second Saturday, hosted at St. John's. We are scheduled to serve next on **February 13th from 11:30am-1:30pm.** We are currently serving "to go" meals, observing social distancing and masks are required. No need to sign up in advance, or even commit to coming monthly. Just stop in to help out when you can.

Phoebe hopes you had a wonderful Christmas! She's ready to ZOOM at the usual Tea Time this Sunday. Don't miss out! **Grab your tea cup and join Phoebe and friends on Sunday at 1700h (5pm).** We might be physically distant, but can be socially connected. Tea Time concludes by 1800 (6pm), but participants are welcome to dip in for shorter periods. Have questions? Don't ZOOM? well no problem - let us know and we'll provide a phone number. Contact Ann at deacon@stjohnsbangor.org