

Trinity Episcopal Church Solebury, Pennsylvania

The First Sunday After the Epiphany: The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ

9:15 a.m. Service

13 January 2008

Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church and to this liturgy of worship. Pages noted from the “BCP” refer to the red *Book of Common Prayer* in the pew rack in front of you. Music is found in the blue *Hymnal 1982*. Music with the letter “S” before the hymn number can be found in the front pages of the hymnal.

Morning Prayer with Holy Eucharist

Prelude

Chorale Prelude on “Christ our Lord to Jordan Came” J.S. Bach

Hymn vs. 1,2,6,7 *I bind unto myself today* Hymnal 370

The Officiant says

I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth. *Isaiah 49:6b*

From the rising of the sun to its setting my Name shall be great among the nations, and in every place incense shall be offered to my Name, and a pure offering; for my Name shall be great among the nations, says the Lord of hosts. *Malachi 1:11*

Confession of Sin

Dear friends in Christ, here in the presence of Almighty God, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, so that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People

**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 Officiant stands and says

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.**

Invitatory and Psalter

All stand.

Officiant Lord, open our lips.
People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Officiant and People

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 Invitatory: Venite S 35

The people are seated

Psalm 89:20-29 BCP p. 715

After the Psalms, all say together

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.

Readings

A period of silence will follow each reading.

Epistle

Acts 10:34-38

The people are seated.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter began to speak, saying: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Second Canticle S 184

Gospel Reading

Matthew 3:13-17

Please be seated.

A Reading from Matthew.

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Homily The Rev. Maricclair Partee

Nicene Creed

All stand.

**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.**

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.**

Collects and Intercessions

Peace

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

Holy Communion

The Celebrant says

I appeal to you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. *Romans 12:1*

Offertory Anthem

Representatives of the congregation bring the people’s offerings to the Celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

Great Thanksgiving

All remain standing.

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 him thanks and praise.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus S 127

The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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." Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

The Celebrant then continues
And now, as our Savior
Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant
**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.**

Breaking of the Bread
A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Celebrant says
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Trinity Episcopal Church practices the theology of "The Open Table." Our practice is to kneel for communion with crossed palms to receive the bread and then to either sip from or dip the bread into the common cup as it passes. Know that all are welcome, so please join us at the altar rail when the ushers indicate. If you are unable to come forward, please let an usher know and communion will be brought to you.

Communion Anthem
Tomorrow shall be my dancing day J. E. Gardner

Communion Hymn
Christ, when for us you were baptized Hymnal 121

After Communion, the Celebrant says
Let us pray.

Celebrant and People
**God of abundance,
you have fed us with the bread of life
and cup of salvation;
you have united us
with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth
in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Blessing
The priest blesses the people, saying
May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son,

and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Postcommunion Hymn
"I come," the great Redeemer cries Hymnal 116

Dismissal
Priest Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

A Note on Today's Readings
The First Sunday after the Epiphany: The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Welcome to our parish. Today is one of four occasions in the year designated by the Prayer Book as a baptismal day. The other three are Easter, Pentecost, and All Saints' Day. Each of the four days has its particular theme which enhances our understanding of one aspect of the primary Christian sacrament, Holy Baptism.

On this, the First Sunday after the Epiphany, we celebrate the Baptism of Our Lord. The first reading looks forward to the ministry of the Messiah. The second reading is one of the early Christian proclamations of the meaning of Jesus' ministry from the time of his Baptism through to his dying and rising.

Jesus' Baptism was for all the Gospel writers, and in the apostolic preaching of the Gospel, the event which initiated the redemptive ministry of the Messiah. It was in this event that Jesus was revealed as Messiah (Christ). God proclaimed him the beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit

In Holy Baptism each Christian is adopted as the child of God. Each Christian becomes a "messianic" person, anointed by the Holy Spirit. We do not simply become passive recipients of the benefits of Christ; we are "christed," or christened. We become sharers in his life and his redemptive ministry.

All those who are baptized and anointed with chrism are received "into the household of God." They join with that household in confessing "the faith of Christ," proclaiming his resurrection and sharing in his eternal priesthood, the priesthood which is enacted sacramentally in the Eucharist and daily in lives of self-giving love toward one another and toward the world.

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