



# First Sunday after the Epiphany The Baptism of our Lord

January 10, 2021

**ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## PRELUDE

### THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant  
*People*

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

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

### THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.***

Gloria In Excelsis Deo

*recite in unison*

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***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 LITURGY OF THE WORD

## THE COLLECT FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY - THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

*Celebrant*            The Lord be with you.  
**People**                **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant*            Let us pray.

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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

### ABOUT TODAY'S READINGS

Today's readings explore the meaning of baptism, both for Jesus and for us. In Genesis, God parts the waters, transforming darkness and turmoil into light and hope. The reading from Acts links baptism with the empowering descent of the Holy Spirit in the developing Christian community. In today's gospel, as John baptizes Jesus, the heavens split apart and the Spirit descends, affirming Jesus as both messianic King and Spirit-filled servant.

## THE FIRST LESSON

### A READING FROM GENESIS

### 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.

*Lector*                The Word of the Lord.  
**People**                **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 29

### *Recited responsively by whole 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.

## THE SECOND LESSON

### A READING FROM ACTS

ACTS 19:1-7

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.

*Lector*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

### SEQUENCE HYMN

#### **Baptized in Water**

*Please silently pray through the words of our sequence hymn as it is played.*

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.

Baptized in water,  
sealed by the Spirit,  
dead in the tomb with Christ our king;  
one with his rising,  
freed and forgiven  
thankfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptized in water,  
sealed by the Spirit,  
marked with the sign of Christ our king;  
born of one Father,  
we are his children -  
joyfully now God's praise we sing.

### THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:4-11

*Celebrant*    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."

*Celebrant*    The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### THE SERMON

**Father Seth**

## THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

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Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. On this, the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord, I call upon you to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

**Celebrant** Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

**People** *I do.*

**Celebrant** *Do you believe in God the Father?*

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

**Celebrant** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People** *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.*

**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.*

*The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows*

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 FORM III**

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Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

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

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

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

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

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

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

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

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

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

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

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

Give to the departed eternal rest.

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Praying especially for a nation in turmoil: O Lord our Governor, guide the leaders of our land, that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation: Lisa, Michael, and Hanna Sober, David and Michelle Parsons, Scott Pias, Pete Crombie, Lynette Hebert, Remola Barton, David Crowe, Jon Eastwood, William, Ben Ladner, Joanne Neal, Wendy Pelloquin, Mark Reddin, Taylor Smith, Tomeu Vadell, and for all those suffering after hurricanes Laura and Delta.

For our military, especially: Trevor Alexander, Ryan Ayres, David Doyle, Emmanuel Ebhoomhan, Edie Abigail Moon, Glenn Richard and Keegan Schuller.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for Ascension and St. Barnabas in Lafayette.

In the Congregation's cycle of prayer, we pray for Dr. Steven, Nealie, Hines, Eliza, Callen and Hudson Hale.

We give thanks to those parishioners celebrating their birthday this week Nicholas Parsons, Brenda Donald, Shelbi Crowe, Amy Donald and Bekah Sweezy.

## THE COLLECT AT THE PRAYERS

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*Celebrant*

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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## CONFESSION OF SIN

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*The Deacon says*

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.***

*Priest, 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.**

## THE PEACE

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

***People And also with you.***

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please make a pledge for 2021 and consider a gift to the rebuilding fund.
- **Men's group** will meet on Wednesdays at 8:00 am, following all COVID guidelines, at George Heard's house: 905 W LaGrange Street
- St. Andrew's, Moss Bluff, is hosting a tree seedling giveaway on January 16, beginning at 10:00 am

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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*Eucharistic Prayer B*

*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.***

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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:

*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.***

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,*

*Celebrant and People*

***We remember his death,***

***We proclaim his resurrection,***

***We await his coming in glory;***

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, 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. **AMEN.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

*People*

***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 THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*Celebrant and People*

***Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.***

## **THE BLESSING**

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 upon you and remain with you for ever. ***Amen.***

## **THE DISMISSAL**

***Deacon***

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

***People***

***Thanks be to God.***

## **PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE**

The Very Rev. D. Seth Donald, Celebrant and Preacher

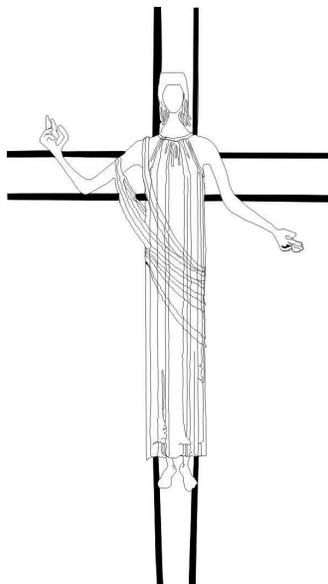
Colleen Fontenot, Lay Eucharistic Minister

Clara Heard, Lector

Susan Arrington, Pianist

Heather Ritchie, Violinist

Betty Kitt, Monet Brashear and Harriet Green, Altar Guild



**Expenses necessary for hurricane repair and reconstruction make your offering even more critical: <https://www.stmichaelslc.com/donate.html>  
The church relies on your generosity.**

## 2021 Stewardship: Repairers of the Breach

*Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins and will raise up the age-old foundations; you will be called Repairer of Broken Walls, Restorer of Streets with Dwellings. Isaiah 58:12*

**St. Michael's needs you.**

**Pledge for 2021 expenses and to rebuild our church.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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**In 2021, I/We commit to pledge: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

### One Time Gifts

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Donation to the Rebuilding Fund

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Donation to the Recovery House

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to learn more about planned giving through a will or trust

**Please return via mail to 123 W Sale Road Lake Charles, LA 70605 or email this information to [mail@stmichaelslc.com](mailto:mail@stmichaelslc.com)**

**We are grateful for the continued outpouring of love and support in the aftermath of hurricanes Laura and Delta. St. Michael's has been the recipient of prayers, gift cards, and donations from churches and dioceses around the country.**

*The Episcopal Diocese of Western Louisiana, Pineville, LA  
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Trinity Episcopal Church, Upperville, VA  
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