

# THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Holy Family

Service of Antecomunion

St. John's Episcopal Church

Ithaca, NY 14850

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Hymns can be found at the end of the bulletin.

**Prelude** *Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern* (How bright appears the morning star) - Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

**Hymn:** The earth has many a noble city (*Stuttgart*)

**Hymnal # 127**

**Opening Acclamation**

**BCP 355**

**Gloria**

**Hymnal S-278**

## Collect of the Day

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.*

## First Lesson

**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.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

**ANTHEM:** Christmas Joy - Text by Howard Thurman (1899-1981)

Music by Mark Schweizer (1956-2019), arr. by David Griggs-Janower (1953-2013)

When the song of the angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky has withdrawn,  
When the kings see their prophecy rightly fulfilled,  
When the princes and shepherds have gone;  
Then the true work of Christmas begins:  
to find the lost,  
to heal the broken hearts,  
to feed the hungry,  
to free the prisoner,  
to rebuild the nations,  
to bring peace among all brothers,  
to make music in the heart.

**Epistle****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.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

**Hymn How bright appears the Morning Star** (*Wie schön leuchtet*)**Hymnal # 497, omit vs. 2****Gospel****Mark 1:4-11**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*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.

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

**Sermon****The Rev. Megan Castellan****The Nicene Creed****BCP 358****Prayers of the People: Form III****BCP 387**

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.*

For the special needs and concerns of our congregation, and especially for:

Wes	Julee	Louis	Jimmy	Lisa	Dick
Jean	Lorraine	Kay	Ruth	Keith	Karen
Susan	Edith	Joyce	June	Shella	Lorraine
Joan	Libby	Sue	Clare	Alana	
CeCe	John	Skip	Joell	Jeanne	
Elizabeth	Kathleen	Virginia	Linda	Josephine	
Richard	Theodore	John	Mary	Fred	
Dhara	Paul	Mary	james	Amy	

For those celebrating the anniversary of their birth this week: Virginia Fenton, Cassady Richardson

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**BCP 364**

**Hymn:** The sinless one to Jordan came (*Solemnis haec festivas*)

**Hymnal # 120, omit vs. 6**

**Peace**

**Dismissal**

**Postlude** *Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern* (How bright appears the morning star) - Max Reger (1873-1916)

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Epiphany

1 Earth has man - ya no - ble ci - ty; Beth - le - hem, thou dost all ex - cel:  
 2 Fair - er than the sun at morn - ing was the star that told his birth,  
 3 East - ern sa - ges at his cra - dle make ob - la - tions rich and rare;  
 4 Sa - cred gifts of mys - tic mean - ing: in - cense doth their God dis - close,  
 5 Je - sus, whom the Gen - tiles wor - shiped at thy glad e - piph - a - ny,

1 out of thee the Lord from hea - ven came to rule his Is - ra - el.  
 2 to the world its God an - nounc - ing seen in flesh - ly form on earth.  
 3 see them give, in deep de - vo - tion, gold and frank - in - cense and myrrh.  
 4 gold the King of kings pro - claim - eth, myrrh his sep - ul - cher fore - shows.  
 5 un - to thee, with God the Fa - ther and the Spi - rit, glo - ry be.

Words: Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius (348-410?); tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, alt.  
 Music: *Stuttgart*, melody from *Psalmodia Sacra, oder Andächtige and Schöne Gesänge*, 1715;  
 adapt. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870); harm. K. D. Smith (b. 1928)

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## Canticle 20

Glory to God *Gloria in excelsis*

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -  
 might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we  
 praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,  
 on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;  
 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For  
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
 7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the  
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of  
 God the Fa - ther. A - - men.

Setting: William Mathias (b. 1934)

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Jesus Christ our Lord

1 How bright ap - pears the Morn - ing Star, with mer - cy beam - ing  
 2 Though cir - cled by the hosts on high, he deigned to cast a  
 3 Re - joice, ye heavens; thou earth, re - ply; with praise, ye sin - ners,

from a - far; the host of heaven re - joic - es;  
 pit - ying eye up - on his help - less crea - ture;  
 fill the sky, for this his In - car - na - tion.

O right - eous Branch, O Jes - se's Rod! Thou Son of Man and  
 the whole cre - a - tion's Head and Lord, by high - est ser - a -  
 In - car - nate God, put forth thy power, ride on, ride on, great

Son of God! We, too, will lift our voic - es:  
 phim a - dored, as - sumed our ve - ry na - ture;  
 Con - quer - or, till all know thy sal - va - tion.

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Je - sus, Je - sus! Ho - ly ho - ly, yet most low - ly,  
 Je - sus, grant us, through thy mer - it, to in - her - it  
 A - men, a - men! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!


draw thou near us; great Em - man - uel, come and hear us.  
 thy sal - va - tion; hear, O hear our sup - pli - ca - tion.  
 Praise be giv - en ev - er - more, by earth and hea - ven.

Words: William Mercer (1811-1873), after Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608)  
 Music: *Wie schön leuchtet*, melody att. Philipp Nicolai, (1556-1608);  
 arr. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)


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Epiphany


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1 The sin - less one to Jor - dan came,  
 2 Up - ris - ing from the wa - ters 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 tem - ta - tion's hour.  
 6 that with you died, and with you rose.

Words: George B. Timms (b. 1910), alt.  
 Music: *Solemnis haec festivas*, melody from *Graduale*, 1685

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**CYBER CHOIR** will be open to new members in late January. We'd welcome a few more fearless, fun-loving singers willing to lend their voices to our parish in worship, Contact Karen Hindenlang through the church office for more information, and ask any of our current participants for encouragement.

**PHOTOS** add a special dimension to Karen's prelude and postlude videos in worship. Please contribute local, seasonal, favorite images to this worthy cause by sending them to the church; thank you!

**ANNUAL MEETING** will be January 17th following the 10:30 service via Zoom. The packet and the Zoom link will be sent in an email this week.

If you would like to contribute to our ministries, you may [make a secure donation here](#). Thank you!

Sign up for our weekly newsletter [The Fledgling](#) by contacting the church office.

**Please Join Us**

Coffee Hour, today at 11:30 on zoom <https://zoom.us/j/91221585167>

Join us for Morning Prayer weekdays at 9:30 on [FaceBook](#) & [YouTube](#).

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