THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Holy Family
Service of Antecommunion
St. John's Episcopal Church
Ithaca, NY 14850
January 10, 2020 Year B
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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When the star in the sky has withdrawn,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	Loraine
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

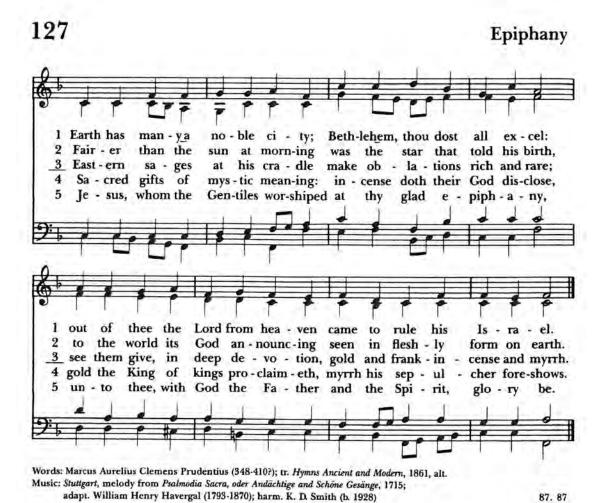
Hymn: The sinless one to Jordan came (Solemnis haec festivas)

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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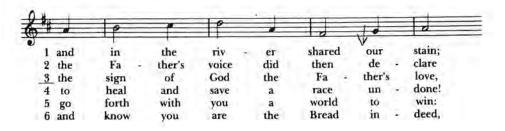


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If you need pastoral assistance, or just want to reach out to Mtr. Megan, please call her at 315-757-0251, or e-mail mtrmegan@stjohnsithaca.org.

CYBER CHOIR will be open to new members in late January. We'd welcome a few more fearless, funloving 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 <u>FaceBook & YouTube</u>.

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