

# ST. STEPHEN'S

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## First Sunday after the Epiphany January 10, 2021

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Welcome! We are excited to share in this service with you. You can see in our order of worship that you too can participate through presence and response.

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### The Word of God

*One* Arise, shine, your light has come.  
*All* **And the glory of God has risen upon you.**

*One* There is one Body and one Spirit;  
*All* **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

*One* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;  
*All* **One God, Creator of all.**

### The Collect of the Day

*One* God be with you.  
*All* **And also with you.**

*One* 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.

*All* **Amen.**

### First Reading

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.

## Psalm 29

- 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 Gospel

Mark 1:4-11

*One* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
*All* **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."

*One*            The Gospel of the Lord.  
*All*             **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **The Response**

The Rev. Drew Downs

### **Renewal of Baptismal Vows**

*One*            As we celebrate Christ's Baptism, let us renew our baptismal promises and vows.

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

*All*             **I do.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,

in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin,

repent and return to the Lord?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people,

and respect the dignity of every human being?

**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.**

## **Prayers of the People**

*Deacon* As we celebrate the baptism of Christ, let us offer prayers to God who calls us to a baptism of repentance.

*Leader* By the baptism of the Son of God in the river Jordan.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

For Michael our presiding bishop, Jennifer our bishop,  
Drew our priest, Deby our deacon, Joanna our transitional deacon,  
for all bishops, priests, and deacons,  
all who minister in Christ,  
and for all the holy people of God.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia,  
the Dioceses of Brasilia, Haiti, and South Sudan,  
St. Peter's, Lebanon, and our 7th Street neighbors.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For mercy, peace, and justice throughout the world.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all those in danger and need: the sick and the suffering, the hungry and the oppressed, and those in prison.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the dying and the dead, including Martha Layton.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need,  
and for those who have asked our prayers:

Sheila Carl, Sally Newlin, Ray Snyder, Linda Hegedus, Robin Rolt, Megan Price,  
Richard Hillier, Jonnee Western, Terry Persinger, John Bonner, Martha Hafner,  
Ellie Thomas, Joe Kuhn, Justin Mendoza, Aaron Campbell, Kay Griswold,  
David Mier, Patrick Murphy, Jeff Vicars, Dave Thomas, Matt Goodwin and John  
Newlin.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For ourselves, our families, and all those we love,

those celebrating birthdays,

especially Kelsey Bryan (1/10), Beth Myers Woodall (1/11),

James Bryan (1/12), Deby Veach (1/14), and John Hegedus (1/16),

those celebrating baptismal anniversaries,

especially Katie Streeter (1/10),  
those celebrating confirmation anniversaries,  
especially Bill Denton (1/10),  
and those celebrating wedding anniversaries,  
especially Sheila and Doug Carl (1/11).

**Lord, have mercy.**

Remembering the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

**To you, O Lord.**

*Presider* God, who breathed across the waters of creation, accept the prayers we offer on this joyful feast, and lead us by your Spirit from darkness into light; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

*One* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,  
*All* **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

## **Prayer**

*One* God of love and new life, you have given us the greatest gift in the incarnate Christ, and offered him to us in the most humble way. Lead us to know the divine presence in our mundane lives, spark our wonder so that we may see you in our neighbors, and enlighten our hearts to proclaim with joy his presence, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*All* **Amen.**

## **Blessing**

*Presider* May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth.  
*All* **Amen.**

## **Dismissal**

*One* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!  
*All* **Thanks be to God!**



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