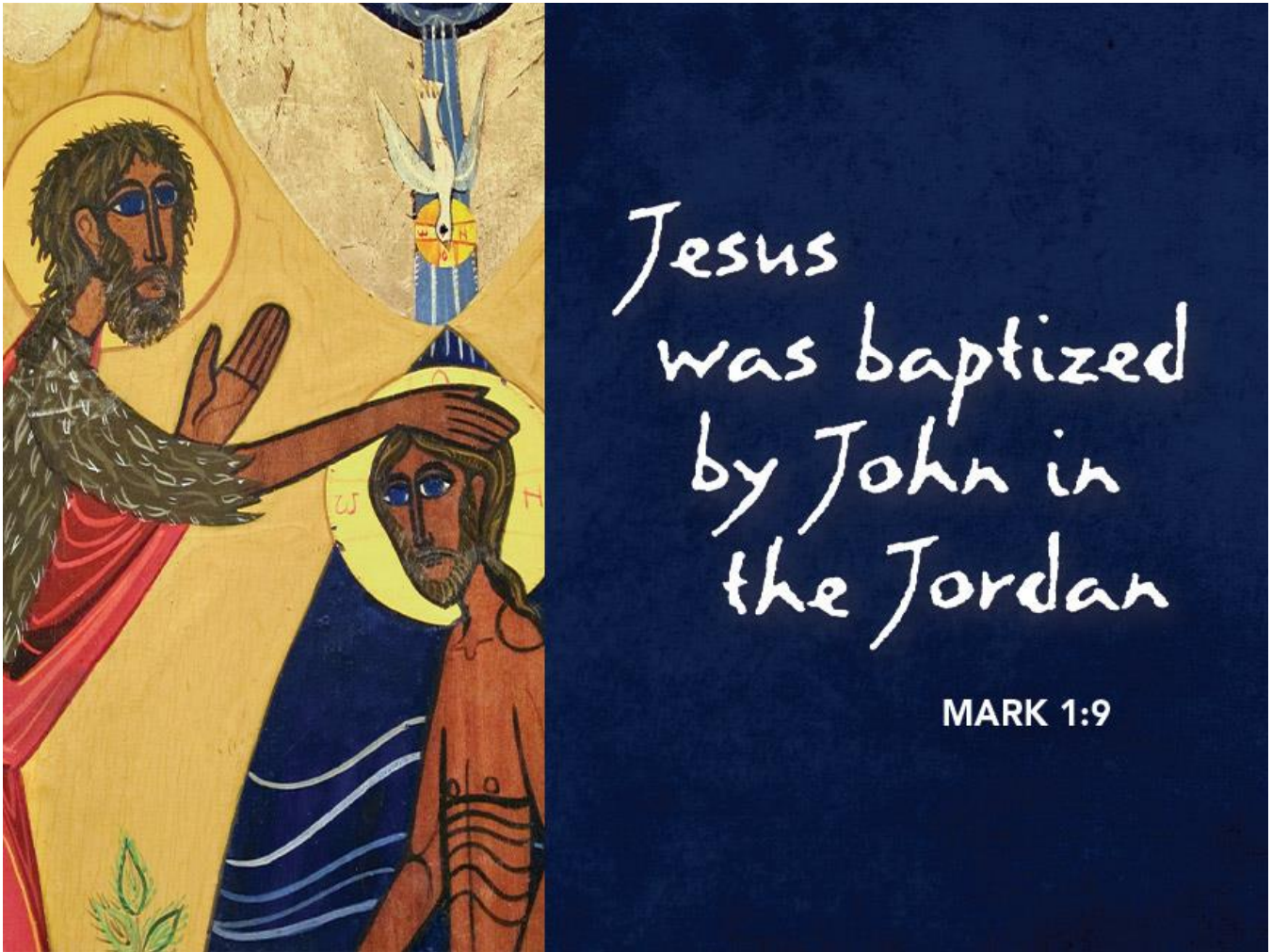


FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 10, 2021 ♦ 9:00 am



GATHERING

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

☞ In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

☞ **Amen.**

☞ Let us come into the light of Christ, confessing our need for God's mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God of peace,
C we confess that we are not at peace—with others or with ourselves.
We bring to you all that tears us apart:
discord in our families, violence in our world, our own conflicted hearts.
In your mercy, mend us. Reconnect us to one another and to you.
Let peace reign over all the earth, through the Prince of peace,
our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

P In the Word who has come to dwell with us, God has given us grace upon grace:
 forgiveness that is stronger than our sins, love that can heal every broken heart.
 Hear this word of God's pardon and peace:
 in the name of † Jesus our Savior, you are free from all your sins.
 Rise, shine, for your light has come.

C Amen.

HYMN "O Morning Star" (Cantor sings stanzas 1 and 3; **ALL SING STANZA 4**)



1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's
 2 Come, heav'n - ly Bride - groom, light di - vine, and deep with - in
 3 Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there falls
 4 Al - might - y Fa - ther, in your Son you loved us, when



own truth and light, a - glow with grace and mer - cy!
 our hearts now shine; there light a flame un - dy - ing!
 from God a - bove a ray of pur - est plea - sure.
 not yet be - gun was this old earth's foun - da - tion!



Of Ja - cob's race, King Da - vid's Son, our Lord and mas -
 In your one bod - y let us be as liv - ing branch -
 Your word and Spir - it, flesh and blood re - fresh our souls
 Your Son has ran - somed us in love to live in him



ter, you have won our hearts to serve you on - ly!
 es of a tree, your life our lives sup - ply - ing.
 with heav'n - ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure!
 here and a - bove: this is your great sal - va - tion.



Low - ly, ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, all vic - to - rious, rich in
 Now, though dai - ly earth's deep sad - ness may per - plex us and dis -
 Let your mer - cy warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us! for you
 Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, to us giv - ing life for -




bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!
 tress us, yet with heav'n - ly joy you bless us.
 teach us God's own love through you has reached us.
 ev - er, keeps us yours and fails us nev - er!

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
A **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE “This is the feast . . .” (cantor sings verses; **ALL SING REFRAIN**)

Refrain




This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.




Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.




1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:




Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to




Refrain

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



Refrain

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

☞ Let us pray.

☞ **Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the 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. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that

the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

SECOND READING Acts 19:1-7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ²He 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." ³Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." ⁴Paul

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." ⁵On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied — ⁷altogether there were about twelve of them.

ALLELUIA VERSE (SUNG BY ALL)



Repeat alleluia



HOLY GOSPEL Mark 1:4-11

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

G **Glory to you, O Lord.**

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And 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. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He 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. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And 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. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

G **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN "Crashing Waters at Creation" (cantor sings stanzas 1 and 3; **ALL SING STANZA 4**)

(today's Old Testament Reading and the Gospel reading are both reflected in this hymn)



1 Crash - ing wa - ters at cre - a - tion, or - dered by the Spir - it's breath,
2 Part - ing wa - ter stood and trem - bled as the cap - tives passed on through,
3 Cleans - ing wa - ter once at Jor - dan closed a - round the one fore - told,
4 Liv - ing wa - ter, nev - er end - ing, quench the thirst and flood the soul.



first to wit - ness day's be - gin - ning from the bright - ness of night's death.
wash - ing off the chains of bond - age— chan - nel to a life made new.
o - pened to re - veal the glo - ry ev - er new and ev - er old.
Well - spring, source of life e - ter - nal, drench our dry - ness, make us whole.

APOSTLES' CREED

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

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 into hell. 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.

**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. Amen**

PRAYERS

(Response to each petition)

- Hear us, O God
- Your mercy is great.**

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

- The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us;
- We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.**

- Thanks and praise to you, heavenly Father, for the epiphany of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, the light shining in the darkness. In his baptism you proclaimed him to be your beloved Son and in him we know your grace and favor. Therefore, with angels and archangels, the saints in heaven and those on earth, we glorify your name, praising you and singing:

SANCTUS (sung by cantor)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

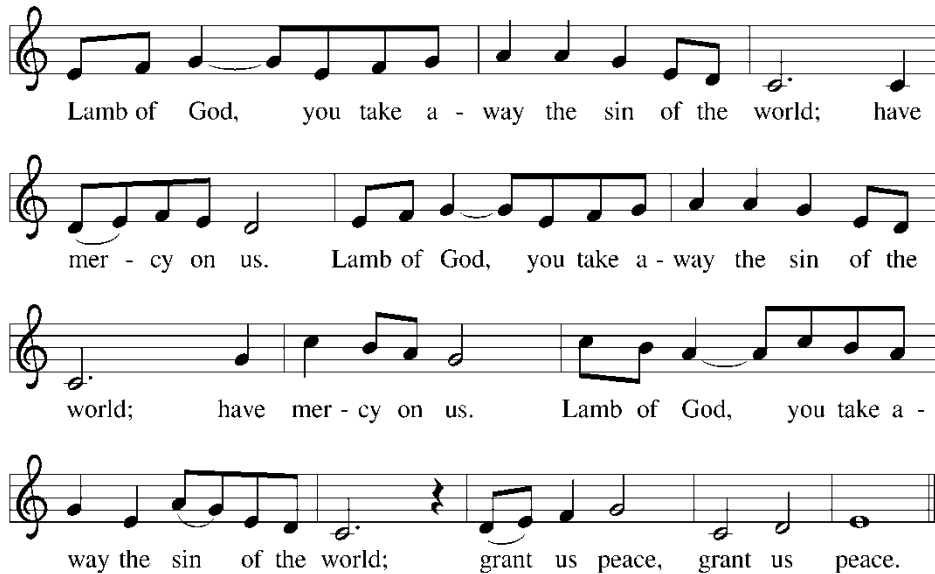
- For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
- Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

- To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.
- Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

**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, forever and ever. Amen**

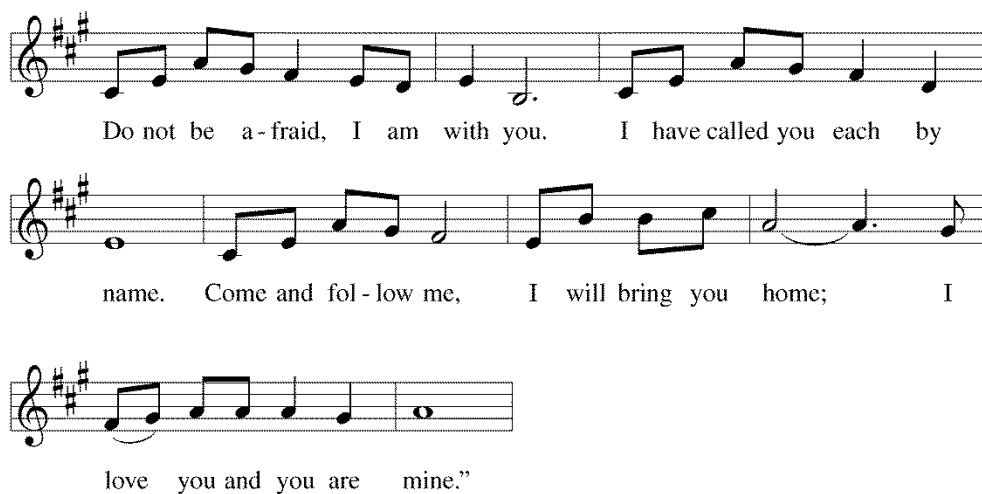
AGNUS DEI (SUNG BY ALL)



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

EATING AND DRINKING

SONG "You Are Mine" (SUNG BY ALL)



Do not be a - fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by
name. Come and fol - low me, I will bring you home; I
love you and you are mine."

DISMISSAL

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

P Let us pray:

C **We give you thanks, gracious God,
that you have once again fed us from your very self
with the body and blood of Christ.
Through this mystery, send us forth
to proclaim your promise to a world in need,
through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.**

BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C **Amen**

P Go in peace. Christ lives in you.

C **Thanks be to God.**

CLOSING HYMN

5 What joy to know, when life is past,
the Lord we love is first and last,
the end and the beginning!
He will one day, oh, glorious grace,
transport us to that happy place
beyond all tears and sinning!
Amen! Amen!
Come, Lord Jesus!
Crown of gladness!
We are yearning
for the day of your returning.

6 Oh, let the harps break forth in sound!
Our joy be all with music crowned,
our voices gaily blending!
For Christ goes with us all the way—
today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!
His love is never ending!
Sing out! Ring out!
Jubilation!
Exultation!
Tell the story!
Great is he, the King of glory!

REMEMBER TO SUPPORT OUR CONGREGATION with your offerings.

You may place them in the plate in the entryway this morning, mail it to the church or make your offering online.



hats&mittens

We will be collecting HATS and MITTENS during January and February.
Slightly used, new and homemade!
There will be a collection spot in the entryway of the church.

THANK YOU, GRACE OF GOD

For the prayers, the plant, the prayer shawl, the meals and the Christmas caroling!
All so appreciated!
Marlene Zuch



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