



## The First Sunday after the Epiphany:

### The Baptism of Our Lord

8 January A.D. 2017

7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist

(The Rev.) Randy Lord-Wilkinson, *Rector*  
The Rev. Javier García Ocampo, *Assistant to the Rector*  
Jason Cutshall, *Seminarian*  
Jerrold Tidwell, *Minister of Music*

*Welcome to Ascension!*

*For more information about our community, fill out a welcome card, found at either end of the pews, or take one of our welcome packets from one of the members of the Welcome Team or the table next to the Church Office door.*

*We meet for coffee, tea, and snacks in the Narthex after each service.*

*The Nursery in Room 2 is open from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.*

*Within the bulletin, the people read the parts in bold print*

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### THE WORD OF GOD

Blessed be God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.

Holy God,  
Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,  
**Have mercy upon us.**

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.  
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. Amen.

**Isaiah 42:1-9**

But here is my servant, the one I uphold;  
my chosen, who brings me delight.  
I've put my spirit upon him;  
he will bring justice to the nations.  
He won't cry out or shout aloud  
or make his voice heard in public.  
He won't break a bruised reed;  
he won't extinguish a faint wick,  
but he will surely bring justice.  
He won't be extinguished or broken  
until he has established justice in the land.  
The coastlands await his teaching.  
God the Lord says—  
the one who created the heavens,

the one who stretched them out,  
the one who spread out the earth and its offspring,  
the one who gave breath to its people  
and life to those who walk on it—  
I, the Lord, have called you for a good reason.  
I will grasp your hand and guard you,  
and give you as a covenant to the people,  
as a light to the nations,  
to open blind eyes, to lead the prisoners from prison,  
and those who sit in darkness from the dungeon.  
I am the Lord;  
that is my name;  
I don't hand out my glory to others  
or my praise to idols.  
The things announced in the past—look—they've already happened,  
but I'm declaring new things.  
Before they even appear,  
I tell you about them.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 29

You, divine beings! Give to the LORD—  
**give to the LORD glory and power!**  
Give to the LORD the glory due his name!  
**Bow down to the LORD in holy splendor!**

The LORD's voice is over the waters;  
**the glorious God thunders;**  
**the LORD is over the mighty waters.**  
The LORD's voice is strong;  
**the LORD's voice is majestic.**  
The LORD's voice breaks cedar trees—  
**yes, the LORD shatters the cedars of Lebanon.**  
He makes Lebanon jump around like a young bull,  
**makes Sirion jump around like a young wild ox.**  
The LORD's voice unleashes fiery flames;  
the LORD's voice shakes the wilderness—  
**yes, the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**  
The LORD's voice convulses the oaks,  
strips the forests bare,  
**but in his temple everyone shouts, "Glory!"**  
The LORD sits enthroned over the floodwaters;  
**the LORD sits enthroned—king forever!**

Let the LORD give strength to his people!  
**Let the LORD bless his people with peace!**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew [3:13-17]

**Glory To You, Lord Christ.**

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

(The Rev.) Randy Lord-Wilkinson

### The Baptismal Covenant

*Celebrant*  
*People*

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

*Celebrant*  
*People*

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.**

*Celebrant*  
*People*

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.**

*Celebrant*  
*People*

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?  
**I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant*  
*People*

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?  
**I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant*  
*People*

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?  
**I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant*  
*People*

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?  
**I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant*  
*People*

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?  
**I will, with God's help.**

## Prayers of the People: Form VI

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;  
**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;  
**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;  
**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, Mariann our Bishop, Randy and Javier, our clergy, Jason, our seminarian, and all bishops and other ministers;  
**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. You may add your own prayers at this time silently or aloud.

We pray for all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially Sandy Boynton, Joann Gertig, Diane Goldman, Sarah Rubin, Roz Silver-Marcotte, Janet Spencer, Fran Spina.

We pray for peace in the world and all who are serving our country here and abroad, especially those in harm's way, and their families.

Compassionate God and Father of all, we are horrified at violence in so many parts of the world. It seems that none are safe, and some are terrified. Hold back the hands that kill and maim; turn around the hearts that hate. Grant instead your strong Spirit of Peace – peace that passes our understanding but changes lives.

Equip us and empower us to be witnesses to your love – as advocates and as servants, as ministers of welcome and of hope for refugees and all affected by natural disasters, violence, and war.

We pray for all special intentions, and those on our extended Healing Prayer List.

Hear us, Lord;  
**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. You may offer your own prayers of thanksgiving at this time.

We give thanks for the baptisms today of Alexis and Raegan Karvar, twin daughters of Patrick and Jennifer Karvar.

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
**Who put their trust in you.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*All kneel. Silence may be kept.*

*Leader and People*

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown,  
things done and left undone;**

**and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Celebrant alone 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**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

**Announcements**

*Please stand at the presentation of the money and food offerings.*

## HOLY COMMUNION

**Eucharistic Prayer B**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God 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.

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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:

**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.**

*You may stand or kneel during the Eucharistic Prayer.*

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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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**

*As our Savior Christ  
has taught us,  
we now pray,*

Our Father in heaven,  
holy is 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.

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

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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

*Administration of the Sacrament:* All are welcome to the Lord's Table at Ascension. To receive communion, come to the communion station at the direction of the Welcome Team. Receive the bread in the palm of your hand. Eat the bread and then drink from the cup when it is offered to you, or you may hold the bread and dip it into the wine when the cup is offered to you. Gluten-free wafers are also available. Make your need known to the Clergy by holding up three fingers. If you wish to receive a blessing rather than receive communion, please join in the movement to the communion station and cross your arms over the front of your chest - this will alert the Clergy of your desire to be blessed. If you need communion brought to you please let a member of the Welcome Team know.

*Healing Prayers:* If you would like to receive the laying on of hands for healing for yourself or another, go to the prayer annex beside the pulpit after receiving communion. A healing minister will be there to pray with you.

*When there is a Eucharistic Visitor present*

We send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those whom you visit may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

*People:* **We who are many are one body because we all share one bread and one cup.**

Let us pray.

**Prayer after Communion**

**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**

Life is short, and we do not have too much time  
to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us.  
So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind.  
And may the blessing of the one who made us,  
who journeys with us,  
who breathes us into life moment by moment,  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit,  
be upon you  
this day and always.

**Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

		<b>This Week</b>	<b>Next Week</b>
<b>Reader:</b>	<b>7:45 a.m.</b>	Enid Cole	Leslie Sanya
	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Andrew Greene Barbara Mansfield	Gary McLaughlin Sue Snay
	<b>11:15 a.m.</b>	Peedy Terry	Peg Ruppel
<b>Prayers:</b>	<b>7:45 a.m.</b>	Enid Cole	Leslie Sanya
	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Susan McLaughlin	Christian Simpson
<b>Chalicians:</b>	<b>7:45 a.m.</b>	Leslie Sanya Sharon Hayden	Enid Cole Wadai Dennis
	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Sari Stoddard Swithin Kwamena-Poh	Jake Yalley-Ogunru Winsome Palmer
	<b>11:15 a.m.</b>	Rimie Sicard Kirk Fitch	Avin Lalmansingh Anika Lalmansingh
<b>Healing Prayer Ministers:</b>			
	<b>7:45 a.m.</b>	Lisa Murdock	Meredith Horan
	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Paul Whitmore	Javier Ocampo
	<b>11:15 a.m.</b>	Laura Shay	Peg Ruppel
<b>Acolytes:</b>	<b>7:45 a.m.</b>	Ron Hayden Aidan Douglas	Raymond Chin Aidan Douglas
	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Nuelle Johnson Manny Johnson Gary McLaughlin	Paul Whitmore Alfred Wasikye Bob Waters
<b>Welcome Team:</b>			
	<b>7:45 a.m.</b>	Meredith Horan Florence Sirleaf	Herald Douglas Lisa Murdock
	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Esther Allotey-Taylor Bev Stennett Christine Kroma Josephine Clarke	Dorett Sutherland James Black Jonathan Black
	<b>11:15 a.m.</b>	Avin Lalmansingh Karl Didavi Clark Didavi	Alex Langley Alice Padmore Kendall Anderson
<b>Flower Delivery:</b>		Hawa Clemens Eliane Dunn-Johnson	Alice Padmore Esther Sawyer
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	<b>7:45 a.m.</b>	Leslie Sanya Wadai Dennis	Jan Georgette Wadai Dennis
	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Dorett Sutherland, Adoma Baffoe Dotty Pfadenhauer	Dorett Sutherland Dotty Pfadenhauer
	<b>11:15 a.m.</b>	Laura Shay	Anika Lalmansingh Avin Lalmansingh
<b>Weekly Altar Guild Team:</b>		7:45 a.m. Team	9:00 a.m. Team
<b>Eucharistic Visitors:</b>		Jean Cohn	Kate Foley Meredith Horan
<b>Song Leader</b>	<b>11:15 a.m.</b>	Betsy Hasegawa	Sue Snay
<b>Hospitality Angels</b>	<b>7:45 a.m.</b>	Enid Cole	Jean Cohn
	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Robertine Urey	Fe Wlotzko
	<b>11:15 a.m.</b>	Anthony Lalmansingh	Ped Ruppel

