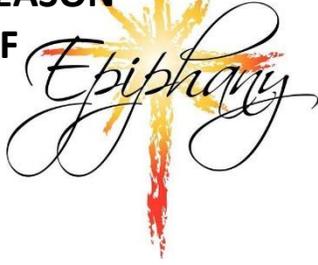


THE SEASON  
OF



## THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD JANUARY 10, 2021



### WELCOME

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
the fountain of living water,  
the rock who gave us birth,  
our light and our salvation.

**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.  
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

*The water is poured.*

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

**Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.**

Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.

**At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.**

By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

**We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.**

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

### HYMN PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

Praise and thanksgiving be to God our maker,  
source of all blessing, prodigal creator.

Baptized and made your own, now we come before you,  
and we adore you.

Not our own holiness, nor that we have striven  
brings us the peace which you, O Christ, have given.

Baptized and set apart, strengthen us, O Saviour,  
with grace and favour.

Come, Holy Spirit, come in visitation;  
you are the truth, our hope, and our salvation.  
Baptize with joy and pow'r, give, O dove descending,  
life never ending.

Praise to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:  
one Lord, one faith, one source of every merit.  
Here, now, renew your church through this symbol given;  
grant peace from heaven.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Creator Spirit, who hovered over the waters at creation's birth, who descended in the form of a dove at Jesus' baptism, who was poured out under the signs of fire and wind at Pentecost: Come to us, open our hearts and minds, so that we may hear the Word of life and be renewed by your power, for you live and reign with God and Christ now and forevermore.

**Amen.**

## **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.

## **ACTS 19:1-7**

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the inland 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.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: CELTIC ALLELUIA**

Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia, Alleluia.

**Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

## **GOSPEL: MARK 1:4-11**



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.'

## **SERMON "Home By Another Way"**

## HYMN: BAPTIZED AND SET FREE

We are people created, chosen by God.  
Then we're washed, ever gently, in mercy and love.  
Sin has power no more. Jesus opened the door  
to a fountain bringing healing, and wholeness and more.

We are fed and we're nourished, filled and refreshed.  
Then our hunger returns and again we are blessed.  
For whatever the need, God is greater indeed:  
endless ocean, always deeper than all of our need.

We are nourished by water, all living things,  
and by life that the Spirit abundantly brings.  
As we journey toward home, may your presence be known:  
precious river, ever-flowing, now carry us home.

Now with praise and thanksgiving, we join the song.  
All are welcome! We gather to sing loud and strong.  
Not enslaved, but set free! From now on, all will be  
one in Jesus, one in water, baptized and set free!



## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

### PEACE

### PREPARATION PRAYER

O God, receive these gifts as you receive us: like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide.  
Nourish us anew in your tender care and empower us in faithful service to tend to others with this same love,  
through Jesus Christ, our saving grace. **Amen.**



### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, Jesus took bread,  
gave thanks, broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat;  
this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying,  
"this is the new covenant in my blood, poured out for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, remembering these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice,  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on the gathered here and in our homes, and on our offerings of bread and wine.  
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,  
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

**By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes again and we feast at his heavenly banquet.**

Through your Son, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, all honour and glory are yours, almighty God, 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.**

**Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever.**

**Amen.**

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

*you are invited to eat your bread and drink your wine as you hear the words*

*"the body of Christ given for you"      "the blood of Christ shed for you"*

### **TABLE BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us always in his grace. **Amen.**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Christ Jesus, we have feasted on your very life and our strengthened for our journey. Send us from this banquet nourished in body and in spirit to proclaim your good news and to serve others in your name.

**Amen.**

### **BLESSING**

God the creator strengthen you; Jesus the beloved fill you;  
and the Holy Spirit the comforter + keep you in peace.

**Amen.**

### **HYMN: GOD, WHOSE ALMIGHTY WORD**

**God, whose almighty word chaos and darkness heard, and took their flight;  
hear us, we humbly pray, and, where the Gospel day sheds not its glorious ray,  
let there be light!**

**Christ, who once came to bring, on your redeeming wing, healing and sight,  
health to the troubled mind, sight where illusions blind; now to all humankind,  
let there be light!**

**Spirit of truth and love, life-giving holy dove, speed forth your flight;  
Move on the waters' face bearing the lamp of grace, and, in earth's darkest place,  
let there be light!**

**Holy and blessed three, glorious Trinity, Wisdom, Love, Might;  
boundless as ocean's tide, rolling in fullest pride, through the earth far and wide,  
let there be light!**

### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

**Thanks be to God!**

### **POSTLUDE**