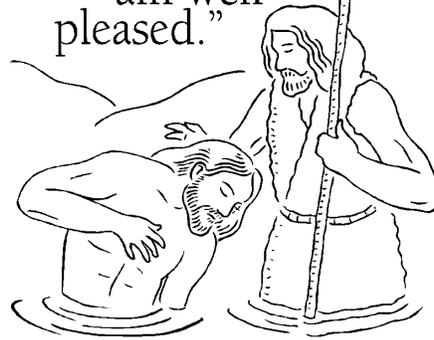


St. Christopher's Episcopal Church
Fairborn, Ohio

And a voice came from heaven:

“You are my Son,
whom I love;
with you I
am well
pleased.”



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The First Sunday after the Epiphany
The Baptism of Our Lord
January 13, 2019

The Celebration of Holy Communion
Ten o'clock in the morning

Adult Forum – 9:00 AM

Sunday School for Youth and Young Adults – 9:30 AM

Nursery Care, Sunday School for Pre-K through Middle School – 10 AM

The Prelude “The Lone, Wild Bird” by Nancy Grundahl Melody Kelley

Commentary

The Processional Hymn: # 7 “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

(in unison)

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.

Commentary

The Hymn of Praise: # 427 “When Mornings Gilds the Skies” vs. 1

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant 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.**

The First Reading **Isaiah 43:1-7**

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm: 29 *Afferte Domino*

- 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 Second Reading Acts 8: 14-17

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able

The Gradual Hymn: # 440 “Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word” vs 1-2

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Holy Gospel Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Gradual Hymn: # 440 “Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word” vs 3

The Nicene Creed

Please stand as you are able

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made fully
human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is
seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

Commentary

The Prayers of the People

Lector: The Lord shall give us the blessings of strength and peace. Beloved of God, Let us pray,
“Walk with us through the waters, O God; walk with us through the fire.”

Lector: Deliver your church, O God, from fear. Strengthen those you have redeemed by your presence.
Give us all the courage to keep our baptismal promises.

Silence

Lector: Walk with us through the waters, O God;

People: **Walk with us through the fire.**

Lector: O God, you have blessed us to be members of your household. Strengthen the unity of the
Church—those serving you in the east, west, north, and south.

Silence

Lector: Walk with us through the waters, O God;

People: **Walk with us through the fire.**

Lector: Your power, O God, is evident in the mysteries of our universe. By water and your Holy Spirit you have made us a new people. We give you thanks and praise.

Invite the congregation to add their thanksgivings, followed by silence.

Lector: Walk with us through the waters, O God;

People: **Walk with us through the fire.**

Lector: Break down the walls of division in our city and our nation. Bring us together as one human family, formed and made by your great hands.

Silence

Lector: Walk with us through the waters, O God;

People: **Walk with us through the fire.**

Lector: Heal and comfort your beloved children, O God. Be with the needy in their trials. May they know that they are precious in your sight. Hear our prayers for those in pain and distress: especially

Joanne, Carol, Toni, Lynda, Florence, Warren, Edwin, Jim and Ann,
Judy, Bob, Betty Jean and Mark, Melissa, Bob, the Carrey Family
Melody, Zada, Linda, Betty, Camden, and Deb.

Invite the congregation to add their petitions, followed by silence

Lector: Walk with us through the waters, O God;

People: **Walk with us through the fire.**

Lector: Heavenly Parent, you have accepted us as your children. You have made us heirs with Christ. In your great mercy, receive us, and all who have died, into glory everlasting.

Silence

Lector: Walk with us through the waters, O God;

People: **Walk with us through the fire.**

Commentary

The Confession and Absolution

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept

Minister and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Celebrant 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.**

Commentary

The Peace

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



The Celebrant gives the offertory sentence.

The Music at the Offertory “Kings in Glory” by Martin Shaw

The Doxology # 380 verse 3 “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Commentary

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant proceeds

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 in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

The Sanctus “Holy, Holy, Holy Lord” S125 (Sing in unison)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the New Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Christopher and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 Celebrant says

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

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

**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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

The Celebrant says

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*Prayers for healing are offered at the back of the church during Holy Communion
or at the front of the church after the service*

The Communion Hymns: # 324..... “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”
489..... “The Great Creator of the Worlds”
439..... “What Wondrous Love Is This”

Commentary

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray:

Eternal God, Heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of His Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

The Recessional Hymn: #497..... “How Bright Appears the Morning Star”

Announcements

The Dismissal

Minister: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Postlude “Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim” Melody Kelley

ANNOUNCEMENTS, REMINDERS

- ☆ **Sunday January 13** – 11:30 Vestry Meeting
- ☆ **Sunday January 20** – Discretionary Fund offering
- ☆ **Sunday January 20** – ECW used book sale
- ☆ **Sunday January 20** – **Annual meeting, elections, and Potluck.**
- ☆ **Monday January 21** – **HOLIDAY** Martin Luther King Jr.
- ☆ **Monday January 21** – Deadline for **February 2019 Lantern** articles and info.
- ☆ **Sunday January 27** – 4th Sunday for **FISH** donations.
- ☆ **Weekly Healing Service** – Tuesdays at noon a Healing Service with Holy Communion.
- ☆ **Thursdays** – 7:00 Choir
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- ☆ **Thursdays – 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice**
- ☆ **Check sign-up sheets** – On the counter in Christopher’s Corner there are sign-up sheets for **altar flowers**, sanctuary candles, fellowship, ECW/M activities, Prayer Chain, etc. ****Please consider signing up for Altar Flowers and/or to host Coffee Hour. Many dates are available!**
- ☆ **OUTREACH** – Please continue with donations for **FISH**;
They need shampoo, tooth brushes, cereal, peanut butter, deodorant, toilet paper, sugar, and other Food items. And feed your change to our bank – for 2 cents a meal.
- ☆ **Prayer Concerns**: Please call or email Joyce D’Alessandris to activate the Prayer Tree.
email: rjdallessandris@gmail.com, phone: 254-0005.
- ☆ **The January Lantern** is available at stchristophersfairborn.org. A printed copy is available upon request.

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to Our Neighbors in Body, Mind and Spirit.”**

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