

Liturgy of the Word, Rite Two

(A Service of Ante-Communion)



Baptism of Our Lord

January 10, 2021



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Prelude

THE WORD OF GOD

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Words

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

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Song of Praise

Gloria

Steffey

Prayer of the Day

(The people remain standing)

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

(In unison) **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.**

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.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 29

(to be read responsively by whole verse)

- 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

Second Reading: Acts 19:1-7

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Song

When Jesus went to Jordan's stream

Hymn 39

Gospel: Mark 1:4-11

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People: **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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Very Rev. Susan Hartzell

The Renewal of Baptismal Vow

BCP 292

Celebrant: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People: **I do.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

People: **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: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: **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: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

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

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

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

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

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

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

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

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: **I will with God's help.**

Celebrant: 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

Leader: Joining our voices with the song of the angels, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Leader: Glorious God, fill your church with joy. Let your faithful people live as beacons of your

hope and redemption. Give wisdom and courage to your church, that it may boldly embody your mercy and love. Hear us O God,

Your mercy is great.

Leader: Show us your faithfulness in the rising and setting of the sun. Place wonder in the hearts of those who search the skies and explore the heavens. Help us curb waste and pollution, that all might have clean air to breathe and water to drink. Hear us O God,

Your mercy is great.

Leader: Bring all nations and rulers to the splendor of your kingdom. Inspire our President Donald, our Governor Ralph and the leaders of the nations to be generous with abundance, that all people might live in stability and freedom. Hear us O God,

Your mercy is great.

Leader: You bring consolation to those who weep. Embrace those who feel afraid, lonely or defeated. Accompany those living with chronic and invisible illness. Heal the sick, sustain the caregivers, strengthen the weak and weary. Especially ...**Brett, Tammy, Mike, Sharon, Kim, Patty, Fred, Sharon, Arleta, Helen, Bob, Bill, Desiree, Karen, David, Stephanie, Jack, Bruce, Bob.** Hear us O God,

Your mercy is great.

Leader: You overflow with grace upon grace. We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays, Especially.. **Cameron Jewell** and anniversaries ... Hear us O God,

Your mercy is great.

Leader: For the congregation gathered here, for students returning to school, in person or online, for families and those seeking renewal in their daily work, that all may experience your grace and peace. Hear us O God,

Your mercy is great.

Leader: We remember all who have died and now rest in your glory, especially ...**Charlie Andrews and Wayne Mohr** and those who have given their lives in service to our country, especially ... We remember with gratitude those who have died in the faith of Christ and those whose faith is known to you alone. Hear us O God,

Your mercy is great.

Celebrant, Concluding Collect:

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior. **AMEN.**

The Confession of Sin

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant & 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.**

Declaration of Absolution

Celebrant: At every moment, you are held in existence by the love of God; renewed by the Spirit within and among you; and made alive again in Christ. Receive this assurance in Jesus' name: you are forgiven and freed to live for the healing of the world. **Amen.**

The 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Postlude

January 10, 2021 Announcements & Events

Please go to weekly E-news for links and more information.

Sunday Coffee Hour Zoom @ 11 AM – Virtual fellowship hour

Join Rev. Susan, Rev. G and your church friends via Zoom this morning at 11. We can “see” each other, check in, share our news and support one another!

Sundays at Noon - Beginning this week we discuss Bishop Curry's new book Love is the Way.

Discussion will be on the intro and chapters 1 & 2.

Annual meeting on Zoom. Jan. 17th – We need everyone’s participation. Ministry highlights, elect new vestry members, approve budget, update Building Love Campaign,

Cocoa and Compline Zoom on Jan. 17th at 5 PM - We will have our third C&C service on zoom.

Our young people and young families are encouraged to connect with this integrated service that will include songs in Haitian creole, costumes, and more!

Let guimondpl8@gmail.com know that you can join us!

Who’s Who Youth directory - We need your help creating a Who’s Who directory for SPW Youth & Families. Especially with Rev. G being new and not able to see you in person! Your info will be kept for internal use only, nothing will be shared online. Please see e-news for more information.

Virtual Connection Committee - Seeking SPW Ambassadors! - Join us **January 14th at 4 PM** as we organize ways to keep connecting with our folks during this extended period of time apart.

Let Rev. G know you can attend, guimondpl8@gmail.com **All are welcome!**

Thursdays at 8 AM Our discussion of Living Buddha, Living Christ, by *Thich Nhat Hanh* continues.