



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL
HOUSTON, TEXAS

The First Sunday after Epiphany: The Baptism of Our Lord
January 10, 2021
11 a.m.

We welcome you to Christ Church Cathedral. Since 1839, this Christian community has gathered for worship.

Welcome to Christ Church Cathedral! We are so pleased you have chosen to worship with us. Bishop Doyle has issued guidelines to keep us all safe in this season of COVID-19, so in-person worship will look and feel different from the worship to which we are accustomed.

If you must leave the service for any reason, please exit through the east transept door and return through the bell porch door.

You will be seated at least 6 feet from any individuals not in your household to ensure physical distancing guidelines. Due to evidence of community viral spread through singing, a soloist or small choral ensemble will provide sacred music. We ask that you experience the music without singing along. At the Holy Eucharist, only bread will be shared. This is called “Communion in one kind,” and it is a full measure of grace.

Know that as you worship in the Cathedral, you are joined in real-time by hundreds of fellow worshipers through livestreaming technology. If you have concerns about your health or safety, or that of the people in your household, worshipping with the Cathedral online will continue to be an option. We love you and want you to do what is best for you and those you love!

Let us prepare our hearts to worship the Lord!

The Holy Eucharist: Rite One

THE VERY REV. BARKLEY S. THOMPSON, *Dean*
Celebrant

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam, BWV 684

J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

CHORAL INTROIT

Tone VII

- V. On a throne exalted I beheld, and lo, a man sitting, whom a legion of angels
worship, singing together:
R. Behold, his rule and governance endureth to all ages.

HYMN 76

Winchester New

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.

Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), after John Chandler (1806-1876); alt.
Music: *Winchester New*, melody from *Musicalishes Hand-Buch*, 1690; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), alt.

The Word of God

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

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

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS S 204

Old Scottish Chant

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan didst proclaim him thy beloved Son and anoint 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 thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Genesis 1:1-5

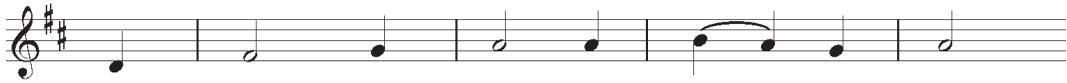
In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 120

Solemnis haec festivitas



1 The sin - less one to Jor - dan came,
2 Up - ris - ing from the wat - ers there,



1 and in the riv - er shared our stain;
2 the Fa - ther's voice did then de - clare



1 God's right - eous - ness he thus ful - filled,
2 that Christ, the Son of God, had come



1 and chose the path his Fa - ther willed.
2 to lead his scat - tered peo - ple home.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:4–11

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

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Becky Zartman,
Canon Missioner for Evangelism and Formation

THE NICENE CREED

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 man.

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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, for Andrew, Jeff, Kai, and Hector, our Bishops;
and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

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.

Almighty God, who has given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech you that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of your favor and glad to do your will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought here out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in your Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to your law, we may show forth

thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in you to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

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 Priest stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.

Matthew 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3:16

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Holy Communion

AT THE OFFERTORY

ANTHEM

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924)

Christ, when for us you were baptized,
God's Spirit on you came,
As peaceful as a dove and yet
as urgent as a flame.

God called you his beloved Son,
called you his servant too;
His kingdom you were called to preach,
his holy will to do.

Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord,
your cross on us be signed,
That, likewise in God's service, we
may perfect freedom find.

— *Francis Bland Tucker (1895–1984)*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts;
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The People kneel or stand.

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Celebrant and People

**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

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.

The Episcopal Church invites all baptized persons to receive Communion. Please remain in your pew, and priests will bring Communion to you. If you do not wish to receive Communion, cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing. Gluten-free communion wafers are available for persons with dietary restrictions. Notify the priest during the administration and one will be offered.

AT THE ADMINISTRATION

ANTHEM

Peter Hallock (1924–2014)

Jesu autem hodie regressus est a Jordane.
Jesus now returns today to the Jordan.

When Jesus Christ baptised was,
the Holy Ghost descended with grace;
The Father voice was heard in the place.

Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende.
This is my Son, listen to him.

There were Three Persons and one Lord,
the Son baptised with one accord,
the Father said this blessed word:

Now, Jesu, as thou art both God and man,
and were baptised in from Jordan,
at our last end, we pray thee, say then:

— *c. 8th cent. English Medieval carol*
Fredy Bonilla, soloist

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy

favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Tocatta on *Winchester New*

Bruce Neswick (b.1956)

Vocal Quartet: Katya Gruzglina, Joshua Chavira, Sean Stultz, Fredy Bonilla

Music Notes

Published within *Clavier-Übung III* in 1739, *Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam* is included along with other chorales covering the Lutheran catechism. It is said that Bach included both large settings (for the teaching of adults) and small settings (for the teaching of children) of chorale preludes covering The Ten Commandments, The Creed, The Lord's Prayer, Baptism, Penitence, and Communion. The setting of "Christ, our Lord, came to Jordan" heard this morning is the larger setting, based on a 16th century chorale melody, and Bach musically depicts the flowing waters of the river Jordan in the left hand along with a commonly used musical figure representing the sign of the cross in the right hand. The chorale melody is heard in the pedal, but sounding in the tenor range at 8 foot pitch, between the left hand and right hand, and Peter Williams speculates this could perhaps symbolize Jesus as the mediator of baptism. — DR

The Book of Remembrance

This week we remember Nathan Mark Avery.

The Beauty of Flowers

The flowers on the Cathedral Altar are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Scott Cawley by his family.

Welcome

Sunday, January 10, 2021

Announcements

❖ TODAY

- ❖ **Explore the gospel of Mark at the Dean's Hour Matinee** • At 2 p.m. on Zoom and Facebook Live, Canon Becky Zartman will begin her two-part Dean's Hour series titled "Reading Mark: An Introduction to the First Gospel." Learn more and register on our "Adult Classes" page.
- ❖ **Walking the Mourner's Path begins January 25** • This eight-week program is designed for those who are working through the grief of a loved one who died more than a year ago. Learn more on our "Cathedral Events" page or reach out to Jody Gillit, minister for pastoral care.
- ❖ **Cathedral Youth explore racial reconciliation on January 18** • On Martin Luther King Jr. Day at 10 a.m., Cathedral Youth grades 6-12 are invited to attend a Racial Healing Day on Zoom. Visit our "Cathedral Events" page to learn more and register.
- ❖ **Join the Justice & Peace Council for a screening of "Just Mercy"** • On January 20, the Justice & Peace Council will host a film discussion on Zoom of the award-winning movie "Just Mercy." This event will serve as a lead-up to the February Symposium on Race. Register in advance on our "Cathedral Events" page to attend the discussion.
- ❖ **The Annual Parish Meeting is January 24** • At 2 p.m. on Zoom, listen to the annual report of the vestry and exercise your right to help determine the future of the church. Learn more on our "Cathedral Events" page.
- ❖ **How to make a donation online** • Visit christchurchcathedral.org/give for a variety of ways to make a gift to the Cathedral, including via PayPal as well as a new "text-to-give" option. Simply text "Give" to 888-998-1634, and follow the instructions. If you have questions, contact Minister for Stewardship Karen Kraycirik at kkraycirik@christchurchcathedral.org or 713-590-3338.

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