



# the well

JANUARY 10, 2021  
5 P.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!

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL  
Houston, Texas

# The First Sunday after Epiphany: The Baptism of Our Lord The Holy Eucharist

*five o'clock in the evening*

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

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## OPENING MUSIC

TUNES BY TURLOUGH O'CAROLAN (1670–1738)

## HYMN “AS WITH GLADNESS”

*Dix*

Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898); Music: Tune: DIX - mel. Conrad Kocher (1786-1872); arr. William Henry Monk (1823-1899); harm. and OneLicense.net # 726591-A

## *The Word of God*

*The Celebrant begins*

Beloved in Christ, we come together to offer to Almighty God our worship and praise of thanksgiving, to confess our sins and to receive God's forgiveness, to hear God's holy Word proclaimed, to bring before God our needs and the needs of the world, and to pray that in the power of the Spirit we may serve God and know the greatness of God's love.

*Celebrant* The Lord is here.

*People* **God's Spirit is with us.**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST READING

Genesis 1:1–5

*Reader* A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

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 “BE THOU A SMOOTH WAY”

trad. Scottish Melody

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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 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.”

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## THE REFLECTION

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

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(The People may remain seated.)*

*The Leader begins*

Pray for this fragile earth, our island home. Pray that we would be its good stewards and it would withstand our abuse.

*Silence*

Pray for the Church. Pray that where it is right God will strengthen it, and where it is in error God will direct it. Pray that God will fill the Church with all truth and peace.

*Silence*

Pray for the joy of human life, with all its wonder and surprises. Pray we would remember that all people are created in the very image of God.

*Silence*

Pray for the poor, the destitute, and the dying, in the full knowledge that God looks with special favor upon those in greatest need.

*Silence*

Pray for our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

*Silence*

Pray in thanksgiving for all the blessings of this life, and for the promise of the next. Pray that we may live not by our fears but by our hopes, not only by our words but by our deeds.

## THE CONFESION AND ABSOLUTION

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins.

*The People kneel or stand.*

**God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that ensnares us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. Amen.**

*Celebrant*

Through the cross of Christ, God have mercy on you, pardon you, and set you free. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in life eternal. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

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

*People* **And also with you.**

*The People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

# *The Holy Communion*

## OFFERTORY SOLO “OVER FIELDS OF GREEN”

*Emily Premont, soloist*

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## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant* Be present, be present, Lord Jesus Christ our risen high priest. Make yourself known in the breaking of bread.

*People* **Wise and gracious God, you spread a table before us; nourish your people with the word of life, and the bread of heaven.**

*The People kneel or stand.*

Before time, you were. You created us, and when we strayed you drew us back to you with your saving grace. For the gift of your grace and in supplication and thanksgiving to you, we bring you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. On the night he was betrayed, Jesus Christ took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends 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, gave thanks to you, 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.” Father, we now celebrate the memorial of your Son. By means of this holy bread and cup, we show forth the sacrifice of his death, and proclaim his resurrection, until he comes again. Gather us by this Holy Communion into one body in your Son Jesus Christ. Make us a living sacrifice of praise. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory are yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

## THE LORD’S PRAYER

**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 forever. Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

## THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*Celebrant*

So, receive from this table, you who have much faith, and you who would like to have more; you who have been to this sacrament often, and you who have not been for a long time. You who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have fallen short. Come. It is Christ who invites you to meet him here.

*All are welcome and encouraged to receive Communion, whatever one's Christian tradition.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(The People stand.)*

*Celebrant and People*

**Strengthen for your service, Lord, these hands that holy things have taken; may these ears which have heard your Word be deaf to all clamor and dispute; may these tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may these eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may these bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you forever. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

## THE DISMISSAL

*Celebrant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## CLOSING MUSIC

### A TRADITIONAL IRISH REEL

Becky Baxter, *Music Coordinator and Harpist for The Well*

Kimberly Clark, *flautist*

Sally Keller, *cellist*

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*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

- ❖ **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](http://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](mailto:kkraycirik@christchurchcathedral.org) or 713-590-3338.

*For more information about these and other events at the Cathedral, visit [christchurchcathedral.org](http://christchurchcathedral.org), or [cccathedraltx](https://www.facebook.com/cccathedraltx)   *

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