

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



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Welcome to all worshippers today.

No matter where you come from or what you're going through

No matter what you believe or what you doubt

No matter what you feel or just don't feel today

No matter whom you love

You are welcome into this space to be met by a God

Who knows you by name, who knows your heart,

Who knows your mind, and

Who wants to have a relationship with you.

Book of Common Prayer (red book) is abbreviated **BCP**, The Hymnal (blue book) is abbreviated **H**, and Wonder, Love and Praise (green book) is abbreviated **WLP**.

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Prelude

Liturgy of the Word

Opening Hymn *“On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry”* **H 76**

People Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
 And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.
 Amen.

The Presider says

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.*

Gloria (8:00 am spoken; 10:30 am sung) **H S280**

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
 we worship you, we give you thanks,
 we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
 have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
 receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
 Jesus Christ,
 with the Holy Spirit,
 in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

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

A Reading from the prophet Isaiah

43:1-7

Thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and

honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth--everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

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

Psalm 29

- 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.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

8:14-17

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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

Gospel Hymn

"Baptized in water"

WLP 767

Holy Gospel

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

All stand.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according
to Luke.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

People I will, with God's help.

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

People I will, with God's help.

Presider 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.

The Presider says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. *Amen.*

Prayers of the People

Deacon As we celebrate the baptism of Christ, let us offer prayers to God who calls us to a baptism of repentance.

Leader By the baptism of the Son of God in the river Jordan.

Lord, have mercy.

For Scott our bishop and all bishops, Susanna and Sam, our priests and all priests, for Dan and John our deacons and all deacons, and for all the holy people of God. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who seek Christ, and for the conversion of the whole human race. **Lord, have mercy.**

For mercy, peace, and justice throughout the world

Lord, have mercy.

For all those in danger and need: the sick and the suffering, the hungry and the oppressed, and those in prison. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the dying and the dead. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need.

Lord, have mercy.

Presider

God, who breathed across the waters of creation, accept the prayers we offer on this joyful feast, and lead us by your Spirit from darkness into light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin *All kneel.*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
Silence.

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 Priest stands and 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.*

Peace

Announcements and Celebrations

Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

Choir

Presentation Hymn “Praise God from whom all blessings flow”

The people remain standing.

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

The Presider 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:

Sanctus

H S130

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand OR kneel.

The Presider continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Presider continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.*

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

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.

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

Whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

You are invited to the sacrament of the Lord’s Table. If you need communion brought to you, please let the usher(s) know.

After Communion, the Presider 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.

Blessing

Closing Hymn

“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”

H 616

Dismissal

Postlude



*Our worship is ended:
Our service begins.*



*Altar Flowers are given
in memory of Antoinette Stara
by Dennis and Nancy Stara*



Serving Today



Lectors

8am Marcia White
10:30am Bob Halverson
Amy Bloomquist

Chalice Bearers

8am Marcia White
10:30am Mary Lu Long
David Bloomquist

Tellers Terry Edwards
Jane Janesch

Greeters

8am Sally Bates
10:30am Sue Everett

Ushers (10:30 only) Sally Bates

Altar Guild Jane Janesch & Karla Bahm

Coffee Shepherd Mary Kohl

This week at Holy Trinity

***Reminder Dinka party today
in the Parish Hall after the
1:30 Service!***

Thu Jan 17, 2019

8am Holy Eucharist
6:15pm SCC Exercise Class

Mon Jan 14, 2019

9:30am Exercise Class (PH)
6:15pm SCC Exercise Class
7pm Vestry

Fri Jan 18, 2019

9:30am Exercise Class (PH)
7:30pm AA (U)

Tue Jan 15, 2019

12pm Private Meeting (M)
6:15pm SCC Exercise Class
8pm AA (U)

Sat Jan 19, 2019

9am DoK

Wed Jan 16, 2019

9am Bible Study (MR)
9:30am Exercise Class (PH)
10:15am Community Ministry
12pm AlAnon (MR)
6pm Bell practice
6:15pm SCC Exercise Class

Sun Jan 20, 2019

8am Holy Eucharist
9:30am Choir Practice
10:30am Holy Eucharist
12pm Family Funday Sunday
1:30pm Worship (Dinka)
3pm Bookmarks Club (M)



Holy Trinity Events and Activities



Super Bowl of Caring is coming!!

The Super Bowl of Caring will start on January 20, 2019 and continue through Super Bowl Sunday, February 3, 2019. Look for our display in the Foyer. Food and proceeds will go to Matt Talbot Kitchen and Outreach. ~ Deacon Dan & Nancy Coffman



Family Sunday Funday

January 20th @ Noon

Lunch, activities and prayers!

All in one great event!

All Used and Unused Christmas Cards Needed!



St. Monica's Elves would like to recycle your used Christmas cards to decorate gift bags next year. On the back side we put good wishes from Holy Trinity to the women of St.

Monica's. Please put your used cards in the St. Monica's box in the foyer. Thank you. Questions? Linda Cumming 402-488-8556.



Altar Flowers for 2019

A lot of openings in February!!

If you will have a special occasion in 2019 or wish to remember a loved one, consider offering flowers for the altar. If you have a particular date in mind, please let Nancy Stara know and she will work with you. In addition, Easter is later in 2019 than it was in 2018,

which means that we have additional Sundays in February and March before Lent begins. Many of these Sundays are available if you wish to make a gift of altar flowers during that time. The church incurs a cost of \$75 each week for altar flowers, but please give only that amount with which you are comfortable. If you are interested, please call Nancy Stara, 402-489-0739 for more information.

ANNUAL MEETING



**Annual Meeting
of the Parish
with Lunch
Sunday, January 27,
2019 at 11:00 am**
PLEASE NOTE
Only ONE Worship
Service
at 10:00 am

Our Annual Meeting is Sunday, January 27 after the 10:00 service. Luncheon will be served. This is when we vote for new vestry members and review the year that has passed as we move into the new year.



A Month of Kindness

In keeping with my article in the newsletter and thanks to Marcia White for the idea, I will be highlighting kindness and good news every week through January. (Should we keep it going further?) We will include an event or a resource to highlight compassion and kindness in the acts of ordinary people; if you have something you wish to share please contact me directly. This week we highlight an article about a neighbor who left his little neighbor, Cadi, 14 years of Christmas gifts when he died recently. Each year until she is 16, Cadi will have a gift from this man who cared so much about this little girl. You may read about this on the New York Times Good News site:

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/12/19/world/europe/presents-neighbor-dying-christmas.html>

thank YOU

It has been brought to our attention that we owe a huge thanks to the members of the Altar Guild that produced our glorious Christmas display of flowers and trees. We extend a tardy and very hearty thanks to these women for their hard work that shone so brightly on Christmas and beyond: Sue Everett, Karla Bahm, Babette Dickinson, Sherry Kent and Nancy Stara. And thanks also to those who maintained it and then took it down: Sue Everett, Jane Janesch and Karla Bahm.

Cold and Flu Season is here!



During this time of year, common colds and influenza make their rounds in our community. We advise you to stay home if you are sick and take care of yourself; drink lots of fluids and rest. We'll see you next week. If you are concerned, you

can make some choices within our worship that will alleviate or mitigate contagion. First, during the passing of the peace (a sacramental act dating from the very beginnings of our Christian worship) please feel free to bump elbows or to indicate your peace



with the two fingered salute (). Secondly, during communion you may elect to avoid the common cup (wine) or intinction (dipping the host into the wine). Receiving in one kind (in this case bread) is receiving completely. We also place hand sanitizer at the first pew for you to use as you come forward for communion. Let's keep our colds to ourselves and wish everyone a healthy new year.



In Our Prayers This Week

This week we pray for: Martha G; Shavonna L; Linda; Harry; Dick; Nancy S & family; Fleetwood; Diane W; Don A; Vivian C; Isaac; Austin, Teri, and Kade; Beth; Mike; Laura W; Mary; Will; Sara; Sue F.; Harve & Theresa E.; Dorris J; Jane; Liam; Jim C.; Mary K.; Mary Ann B.; Al M.; Kathy J; Nancy M. & Family; Jackie S.; Lena; Bill; Millie; Walter L.; Pastor Tim B.; Candace F; Sue Z; Fr. Sam; Linda & Ed; Laura S; Sue; Laura P; Loretta L.; Susan S.; Tiffany; Jane; Jerry and Mary Alice T.; Pam and family; Diane; Jim; Ron O.; Laura; Mary P. D.; Lonny; Bob, & Kayleen; Laura; Maggie and Megan; Bev F.; Halley H; Patti; Suzanne; Phyllis B; Laura; Ray C.; Tracy F; Mary L; Marilyn E; Linda W.; Barb H.; Rosemary; Susan W; Carolyn C; Aron; Brad; Dick H; Jane H; Bonnie B.; Ann W.; Glenda H.; Brandi H; Evelyn T.; Brenda W.; Don; Linda D.; Laura P; Dick; Joan J.; Jeff and his father Don; Molly; Ann H.; Fr. Gearhart; Michael B.; Emma; Wilma W.; Anne G.; Jane F.; Aaron; Wayne; Janet G; Ann T.; Dick Bost; Jordan

In Thanksgiving for those celebrating birthdays this week: Jann Horeis, Mary Jo Tietjen, & Terry Edwards.

For those serving in the military, especially: Will; Ryan; Adam S, Jeremy, Karyn, Ben, Blair, Wes, Nate, Patrick, Sam, Douglas, Gregg, Ward, Jan, Clay, Mason, Brynn, Taylor, Jared, Jonathan, Josh and Mitchell.

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for: St. Martha's, Papillion • The Rev. Ernesto Medina • Deacon Nancy Huston • Deacon Wes Agar Diocese Disaster Preparedness Education for Ministry

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for: the Anglican Church of Australia; The Most Revd Philip Leslie Freier - Archbishop of Melbourne & Primate of Australia.

To Request Prayer: Prayer requests for Holy Trinity's prayer chain are always welcome. Our plan is to include them on our list for a total of four weeks unless more time and prayer are needed, and we certainly understand that is sometimes the case. Please keep us updated concerning those for whom you request prayer by contacting Marilyn Dorf at (402) 489-3104 or cricketink@windstream.net or the church office.