



A Service
of the Word

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
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10 JANUARY 2021 | 10 AM

¶ *The People's responses are in bold*

Voluntary

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright
I. Prelude

Walter Pelz (b. 1926)

The Introit

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day,
I would my true love did so chance,
To see the legend of my play,
To call my true love to my dance;
Sing O my love, O my love, my love, my love,
This have I done for my true love.

Then was I born of a virgin pure;
Of her I took fleshly substance.
Thus was I knit to man's nature,
To call my true love to the dance.
Sing O my love...

In a manger laid and wrapped I was,
So very poor; this was my chance,
Betwixt an ox and silly poor ass,
To call my true love to my dance.
Sing O my love...

Then afterwards baptized I was;
The Holy Ghost on me did glance,
My Father's voice heard from above
To call my true love to my dance.
Sing O my love...

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day...

Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day

Text & Music: Traditional English, arr. Richard Shephard (b. 1949)

¶ *The People stand*

The Word of God

✠ Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.**

¶ sung by the choir

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.

Setting: Peter Crisafulli

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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 People sit

The First Lesson

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.

1:1-5 (NRSV)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Response

¶ sung by the choir

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.
The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
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.
The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.
And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, “Glory!”
The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.
The Lord shall give strength to his people; the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Psalm 29

Setting: Percy Buck (1871-1947)

The Second Lesson

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?” They replied, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.” Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.” On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— altogether there were about twelve of them.

19:1-7 (NRSV)

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

¶ The People stand

The Sequence

¶ sung by the cantor

Alleluia. All of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. Alleluia.

The Gospel

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

1:4-11 (NRSV)

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

¶ The People sit

The Homily

The Right Reverend Kenneth L. Price, Jr.

¶ The People stand

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy catholic Church.

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?
I do.

Do you believe in God the Father?
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

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

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

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

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

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.**

¶ The People sit

Antem at the Offertory

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.

Straightway and steadfast until death
you then obeyed God's call,
freely as Son of God to serve
and give your life for all.

God called you "My beloved One,"
declared delight in you,
anointed you to preach and heal,
God's holy will to do.

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

Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized
Text: F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984), alt.
Music: William Bradley Roberts (b. 1947)

¶ The People stand

The Prayers of the People

We pray for the coming of God's kingdom.

¶ After each petition, the People say

O God, by your Spirit
usher in your kingdom.

¶ The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

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

May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord. **Amen.**

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth. **Amen.**

May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the ✠ Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright
III. Toccata

Walter Pelz

Participants in Today's Service

The Right Rev. Kenneth L. Price, Jr., *Officiant & Preacher*

Larry Hayes & Jean Lauterbach, *Readers*

Cheryl Eagleson, *Vergers*

The Christ Church Cathedral Choir

Stephan Casurella, *Canon Precentor & Director of Music*

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