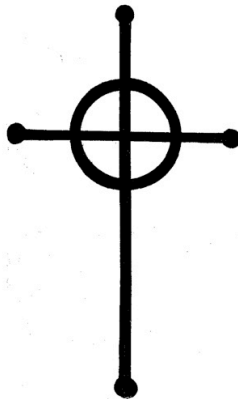


**Morning Prayer**  
**The First Sunday After The Epiphany**  
**The Baptism Of Our Lord Jesus Christ**

**9:30 a.m.**

**January 10, 2021**



**Via Facebook Live**

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## Prelude

Christ unser Herr zu Jordan kamm

Dietrich Buxtehude

## Hymn

"When Jesus went to Jordan"

Hymn 139

Christ unser Herr

1 When Je - sus went to Jor - dan's stream his Fa - ther's will o -  
3 He came by wa - ter and by blood to heal our lost con -  
bey - ing, and was bap - tized by John, there came  
di - tion; he cleans - es, rec - on - ciles to God,  
a voice from hea - ven say - ing, "This is my dear be -  
and gives the Great Com - mis - sion. Then let us not heed  
lov - èd Son up - on whom rests my fa - vor."  
world - ly lies nor rest up - on our mer - it,  
And till God's will is ful - ly done he will not bend or  
but trust in Christ who will bap - tize with wa - ter and the  
wa - ver, for he is Christ the Sa - vior.  
Spi - rit that we may life in - he - rit.

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Music: *Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam*, melody from *Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn*, 1524; harm. Lucas Osiander (1534-1604)

## *Opening Sentences*

From the rising of the sun to its setting my Name shall be great among the nations, and in every place incense shall be offered to my Name, and a pure offering: for my Name shall be great among the nations, says the Lord of hosts. *Malachi 1:11*

## **Confession of Sin**

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Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People together*

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 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.*

**Welcome**

## The Invitatory and Psalter

*All stand*

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

*People* And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*Officiant and People*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## The Psalms

**Venite** *Psalm 95:1-7*

Jack Noble White

BCP p. 82

Come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the caverns of the earth,  
and the heights of the hills are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it,  
and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

**Psalm 29** *Afferte Domino*

Carl Daw/Kevin Hackett

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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.
- Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

### **The First Lesson**    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.

**Canticle 11**

Arise, Shine    *Surge Illuminare*    Herbert S. Oakeley

1. Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.
  2. For behold, darkness covers the land;  
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.
  3. But over you the Lord will rise,  
and his glory will appear upon you.
  4. Nations will stream to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawning.
  5. Your gates will always be open;  
by day or night they will never be shut.
  6. They will call you, The City of the Lord,  
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.
  7. Violence will no more be heard in your land,  
ruin or destruction within your borders.
  8. You will call your walls, Salvation,  
and all your portals, Praise.
  9. The sun will no more be your light by day;  
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.
  10. The Lord will be your everlasting light,  
and your God will be your glory.
- Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

**The Gospel**    Mark 1:4-11

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 Sermon**

The Reverend Curtis A. Kennington

**The Apostles' Creed**

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I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;

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.

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. Amen.

## The Prayers

*The People stand or kneel*

*Officiant*      The Lord be with you.

*People*          And also with you.

*Officiant*      Let us 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.

## Suffrages A

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. And grant us your salvation.

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R. Let your people sing with joy.

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. For only in you can we live in safety.

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

R. Your saving health among all nations.

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.



V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

*The Collect of the Day*

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 Collect for Sundays*

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*For the Human Family*

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*A Collect for the Renewal of Life*

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People may offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.*

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Kevin our Bishop and Curt our priest. We pray for this gathering; and for all other ministers and people.

Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. We pray for Donald our President; Joseph, our President-Elect, and all other leaders in our community. Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. We pray for those named on our prayer list, and for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence*

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. *Amen.*

## Announcements

### Choral Anthem      *Come Down, O Love Divine* Hilary Tadman-Robins

Come down, O love divine, seek thou this soul of mine,  
and visit it with thine own ardor glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear,  
and kindle it, Thy holy flame bestowing.

Let holy charity mine outward vesture be,  
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;  
True lowliness of heart, which takes the humbler part,  
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

O let it freely burn, til earthly passions turn  
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
And let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight,  
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,  
shall far outpass the power of human telling;  
For none can guess its grace, till they become the place  
wherein the Holy Spirit finds a dwelling.

—*Bianco da Siena*

## **The General Thanksgiving**

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Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

## **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

## **The Blessing**

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit, and the blessing of God Almighty: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you now, and remain with you always. *Amen.*


# The Dismissal

Hymn


“Hail to the Lord’s anointed”

Hymn 616

*Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein*



1 Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!  
4 Kings shall bow down be - fore him, and gold and in - cense bring;



1 Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!  
4 all na - tions shall a - dore him, his praise all peo - ple sing;



1 He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free;  
5 the tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;



1 to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.  
5 his Name shall stand for ev - er, his change - less Name of Love.

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 72

Music: *Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein*, German folk song; adapt. and harm. *A Student's Hymnal*, 1923, after Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941)

Postlude

*Fantasia in G*

Johann Sebastian Bach

## Serving in the Liturgy

<i>Officiant &amp; Preacher</i>	The Reverend Curtis A. Kennington
<i>Lector</i>	Colten Fleu
<i>Music</i>	Steven Patchel, <i>Organist and Choirmaster</i>
<i>Intercessor</i>	Hollie Skaggs

## Parish Intercessions

*This week we pray especially for:*

- The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia
- Christ Church, Milford; Vestry Leadership & Parish
- Faith Center
- Our Wardens and Vestry
- All serving the needs of the world during the Covid-19 pandemic
- Those in need of our prayers for strength, guidance or healing: Joan Huber, Richard Wack, Cathy Callahan, Leslee Moore, Eve English, Keith Kennedy, Barb Van Winkle, Judith Moon, Carol Greer, Janet Baird
- George Karney, Carolyn Karney, Maren Welles, Maron Welles, Maryann & Edward, Zack, Diana Swartz, Don, Sandi, Jimmy, Chris, Roz duPont, Courtney & Family, Corry Lee & Family, Tim Wyatt & Family, Sharon, Rob, Kevin Kelle, Francis duPont, Joyce Kee, Zac, Christelle, Esther, Kathleen, Fernanda Sargent, Bucky, Ronnie, Joe, John, Sophie, Al Thomas, Nancy Kusik, Harry Gillen, Donald Hobson, Connor, Cameron Welles, Dickie, Amy, Rick, Dudley, Nalani, Meghan, Tina, Craig Stuart, Ronald, Jerome, Katie & Mary Bennett, Steven Adams and family, Anne Mascola, Jim Murray, Sor (Sister) Irene, The Volko Family, Erna Thompson & Family, Elliot, Noelle, Kirk, Cole, The Sturgis Family, Charles Hay, Dot Hay, Dawn Czerny, Al Thomas, Richard Kusik and all those we now mention either silently or aloud
- Those who actively serve in our armed forces throughout the world: Major Scott Harra, John Yarusso
- Those who have died and for the comfort of their families, and all who have died from the COVID-19 virus

## This Week's January Birthdays



### Birthdays

January 11 Maria duPont

January 13 Alison Bennett

January 13 Barb Volko

January 16 Melissa Molter

*IMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH, HIGHLANDS, WELCOMES ALL. IT IS OUR PLEASURE TO HAVE YOU JOIN US TODAY. WE JOYFULLY GATHER TO PRAY, WORSHIP, LEARN AND SERVE AS WE SEEK TO FOLLOW JESUS. WE WELCOME SEEKERS AND DOUBTERS. WE INVITE ALL PEOPLE ON A JOURNEY OF HOPE AND TRANSFORMATION. EMBRACING THE EXAMPLE OF JESUS, OUR WELCOME KNOWS NO BOUNDARIES OF RACE, AGE, ETHNICITY, SEXUAL IDENTITY, EDUCATION, SOCIO-ECONOMIC STATUS, RELIGIOUS BACKGROUND, OR PHYSICAL AND MENTAL ABILITY.*

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