



*Christ Episcopal Church
1521 N. Patterson St.
Valdosta, GA*



January 10, 2021

10:00 AM

Baptism of our Lord

Rite II

Welcome to Christ Church!

For this Service we will use the Red Book of Common Prayer (BCP) and the Blue Hymnal

THE WORD

Opening Hymn – *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

Hymnal 616

Opening Salutation:

BCP 355

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

Response: ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.***

Collect for Purity

BCP 355

Gloria

Hymnal S280

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.

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.

- 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.**

Second Lesson

Acts 19:1-7

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.

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 Rev. Dr. Jim Pace

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

The Prayers of the People, Form IV

BCP 388

Please join in saying the Prayer attributed to St. Francis

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Confession of Sin

BCP 360

The Peace

BCP 360

Announcements

Doxology

Hymnal 380 vs. 3

THE EUCHARIST

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

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| Sanctus (spoken) | BCP 362 |
| The Lord's Prayer | BCP 364 |
| Fraction Anthem (spoken) | BCP 364 |
| The Communion | BCP 338 |

Spiritual Communion

When we are unable to receive the Bread and Wine of the Holy Sacrament because of extreme sickness, physical disability, or, as in our present cause, the cancelation of public service to prevent the spread of infection, we can be assured that all the benefits of Communion are received. The follow prayer from the Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament, or some other prayer, may be said.

In union, dear Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Let me never be separated from you. Let me live and die in your love. Amen.

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| Prayer of Thanksgiving | BCP 365 |
| Hymn – <i>O Love How Deep</i> | Hymnal 448 |
| Dismissal | |
| Response: <i>Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!</i> | |
| Postlude – <i>Woodbird</i> | David Schelat |