

Church of the Good Shepherd

MORNING PRAYER

THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD, JANUARY 10, 2021

Prelude "Brightest and Best of the stars of the morning"

Greetings

Hymn "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

Hymn #616

1 Hail to the Lord's Anointed,
great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free;
to take away transgression,
and rule in equity.

2 He comes with succor speedy
to those who suffer wrong,
to help the poor and needy,
and bid the weak be strong;
to give them songs for sighing,
their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying,
were precious in his sight.

3 He shall come down like showers
upon the fruitful earth,
and love, joy, hope, like flowers,
spring in his path to birth;
before him on the mountains
shall peace, the herald, to;
and righteousness in fountains
from hill to valley flow.

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

People And blessed be his Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Priest There is one Body and one Spirit;

People There is one hope in God's call to us;

Priest One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People One God and Father of all.

Priest The Lord be with you. *People* And also with you. *Priest* Let us pray.

Collect for 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.*

THE LESSONS

First 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.

Hymn "Christ, when for us was baptized"

Hymn #121

1 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.

2 God called you his beloved Son,
Called you his Servant too;
His kingdom you were called to preach,
His holy will to do.

3 Straightway and steadfast until death
You then obeyed his call,
Freely as Son of Man to serve,
And give your life for all.

4 Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord,
Your cross on us be signed,
That likewise in God's service we
May perfect freedom find.

Gospel

Mark 1:4-11

John the Baptist 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."

Sermon

The Rev. W. Terry Miller

BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Priest Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

People 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.

Priest Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People 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.

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

People I will, with God's help.

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

People I will, with God's help.

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

People I will, with God's help.

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

People I will, with God's help.

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

People I will, with God's help.

THE PRAYERS

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

Lord's Prayer

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, forever and ever. Amen.

Lord our God, O Holy One of Israel, to the waters you call all those who thirst, to the feast of your covenant you invite all the nations. As once at the Jordan your Spirit tore open the heavens, and your voice proclaimed Jesus your well-beloved son; lead us by your Spirit through the water and the blood, that our love for you may strengthen us to obey your commandments, and our love for one another be the victory that forever conquers the world. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Emmanuel, God with us, your Son who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Almighty God, who have given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly ask that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of your favor and glad to do your will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride

and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought here out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom we entrust the authority of government in your Name, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to your law, we may show forth your praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in you to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Merciful God, lover of souls, we pray for the Day family, Wayne Dodson, Tim Ridofi, Ruth Lund, Marshall and Susan Williams, Sarah Smith, Larry Kohmescher, Karleen Lovett, Vikki Curtis and others we name now, either silently or aloud.

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Prayer of St. Chrysostom (*together*)

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

Blessing

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. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. Amen.

Hymn "Down to the River to Pray/ Thou, Whose Almighty Word"

Hymnal #371

1 As I went down to the river to pray
Studying about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the starry crown
Good Lord, show me the way

2 O father, let's go down
Let's go down, come on down
O father, let's go down
Down to the river to pray

3 As I went down to the river to pray
Studying about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the robe and crown
Good Lord, show me the way

4 O mother, let's go down
Let's go down, come on down
O, mother, let's go down
Down to the river to pray

5 As I went down to the river to pray
Studying about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the starry crown
Good Lord, show me the way

6 O sinners, let's go down
Let's go down, come on down
O sinners, let's go down
Down to the river to pray

7 As I went down to the river to pray
Studying about that good ol' way
And who shall wear the robe and crown
Good Lord, show me the way

Dismissal

Priest Go forth in the name of Jesus, the Anointed One of God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Announcements

Update on Winter 2021 Adult Christian Education on-line course: The Study Guide, England's rousing alternate national anthem, "Jerusalem," and the first two course videos are now available for the "History of the Church of England". Visit the class page on the church website for links and downloads: goodshepherdichmond.org/christian-education/adult/

PS: If we have any technically inclined A/V experts in the congregation who would like to join our production crew, please contact Dick Hickman. richard.hickman.jr@gmail.com

Offering Envelopes are available for pick up at the church office beginning Monday, January 4. Office hours are 9 am-1 pm Monday-Thursday. If you cannot stop by during office hours, please contact Sallie Neblett at 804-330-9594 to arrange for pick up.

Prayer List

Vikki Curtis, Tim Ridolfi, The Day Family, Wayne Dodson, Larry Kohmescher, Karleen Lovett

Please note: Names given to the church for special intercessions will remain on our prayer list for four weeks. After that point, you may contact Sherry or Fr. Terry in order that an individual remain on the list for another four weeks.

Lay Ministers: Lectors: Sandi Bray & Brodie Wilson **Music Director:** Daniel Corneliussen