

First Sunday after Epiphany

The Baptism of Our Lord



January 12, 2025

10:00 a.m.

**The Episcopal Church
of the Epiphany
Crestview, Florida**

Instructions for participating in the service appear in italics in the body of this bulletin. Hymns used today come from the 1982 Hymnal and the Epiphany Songbook (the Bluebook; hymn number preceded by BB-)

Prelude

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Entrance Hymn 127 Earth has many a noble city

The Word of God

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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant 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.

The Gloria (Hymn S-280) *Sung by all*

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.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray together.

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 (insert)

The people sit

The First Lesson: Isaiah 43:1-7

Reader The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

Psalm 29

The Second Lesson: Acts 8:14-17

Reader The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

Gospel Hymn 121 Christ, when for us you were baptized

The people stand

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. David M. Clothier

A period of silence for quiet contemplation

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Stand or kneel. Pray responsively.

The Prayers of the People (Form III)

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church, and in the diocesan cycle of prayer, The Church of the Nativity, Dothan; and the Commission on Racial Justice and Reconciliation;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world, and in the diocesan cycle of prayer, the Okaloosa County Jail, Crestview.

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

For Addice, Adley, Amanda, Amy, Anthony, Barbara, Betty, Bill, Brenda, Buni & Steve, Charlotte, Debbie, Dennis, Donna, Florie, Jacob, Janice, Jeff, Judy, Julie, Sung Ki, Lynn, Mary, Maureen, Michael, Missy, Nancy, Phyllis, Sharon, Sybil, Tara, and Terry.

(The people may add their own petitions, either silently or aloud.)

The Celebrant concludes with

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Stand or kneel

Silence

All say

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.

Celebrant

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.*

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

Response And also with you.

The people may exchange the Peace with one another

Announcements

Offertory

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offering and come into his

Offertory BB-15 Fear not, for I have redeemed you

Blessing of the Offering

People sing All things come of thee O Lord,
and of thine own have we given thee.

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharist Prayer B

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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 S-125 *All sing*

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

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Silence

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Response Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Invitation

This is the table of our Lord.

It is made ready for those who love him,
and those who want to love him more.

So come, you who have much faith and you who have little,
You who have been here often and you who have not been here long
You who have tried to follow and you who have failed.
Come, because it is the Lord who invites you.

It is his will that the people who want him should meet him here.
These are the gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you
and feed on him in your hearts by faith and with thanksgiving.

Communion Hymns 513 Like the murmur of the dove's song

508 Breathe on me, Breath of God

510 Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray,

People 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.

The Blessing

Celebrant

May the peace of God that surpasses all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and his Son our savior Jesus Christ. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be amongst you and remain with you always.

The Procession into the World

Hymn 294 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit

The Dismissal

Go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the spirit.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Response Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude

Please remember in your prayers:

Addice Thomas, Adley Hipwell, Amanda & Jacob White,
Amanda Spradlin, Amy & Anthony Lehatto, Barbara Murrell,
Betty Schwartzkopf, Bill Jones, Brenda Faulkner,
Buni & Steve O'Brien, Charlotte Boutwell, Debbie Evans,
Dennis Jackson, Donna Andrews, Florie Angelini, Janice Tyler,
Jeff Evans, Judy Tinsley, Julie Hill, Kei'Mari Martin,
Kim Sung Ki, Lynn Smith, Mary Meehan, Maureen Marcotte,
Michael Mazzerat, Missy Jones, Nancy Delierre, Phyllis Alles,
Sharon Lundy, Sybil King, Tara Colondres, and Terry Algood

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

The Church of the Nativity, Dothan Alabama;
Commission on Racial Justice and Reconciliation; and
the Okaloosa County Jail, Crestview

Announcements

- Vestry meeting today
- Bible study
- Altar Guild
- Updated the prayer list
- Quilting Guild (First Tuesday/Third Saturday)
- Body by Grace Exercise/Balance class
- Zumba Class on Wednesday
- January Clarion
- Check out the Parish Hall Bulletin Board for more events
- Friday morning fellowship each week: Altar Guild at 9:30 a.m., followed by choir rehearsal.

*Your presence is a blessing to the Church of the Epiphany!
We hope you will experience the grace and love of God here
with us, whether you have been a part of our church for years,
or are walking through our doors for the first time.*

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Our Mission Statement

The mission of the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany is to offer a home for all those who are seeking God's unconditional love.