

The First Sunday after the Epiphany:

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

January 12, 2025 | Christ Episcopal Church, Dayton



Welcome!

Welcome to Christ Church! If you've never been to an Episcopal service before we promise in time you'll get the hang of it. When in doubt, follow along in this program or watch the priest (aka "The Celebrant.") When they sit, you sit; when they stand, you stand!

Where to find things . . .

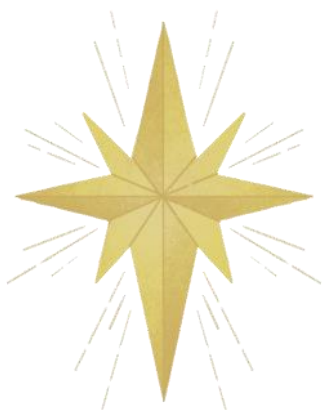
If you'd like a name tag or a visitor card, one of our Ushers would be happy to assist you. Pronoun stickers to apply to your name tag are available on the board at the front entrance. Restrooms, children's bulletins with crayons, and a quiet space with rocking chairs are all located in the Narthex, the red-carpeted space outside the sanctuary.

Please stick around for Coffee Hour after the 10:30 service! Together we'll enjoy fellowship, coffee and snacks in the Parish Hall.

What is the season of Epiphany?

The Episcopal tradition has seasons throughout the church year (Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Pentecost). You may have seen the church year visualized as a wheel; every year we cycle back again through the same seasons of the church. We do the same things over and over again a lot in the church, and the reason is because every time we do something, *we are different*. We enter each season of the church as a different person from when we last experienced it, and we get to encounter God and our faith in new and deeper ways.

The Season of Epiphany is one of two periods in the Church calendar known as "ordinary time." However, there's nothing unimportant or uninteresting about it! During Epiphany, we focus on the mission of the Church to reach all the peoples of the earth and the great gift of God's grace in revealing healing truth and light to the world.



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Prelude: "Fountain Reverie"

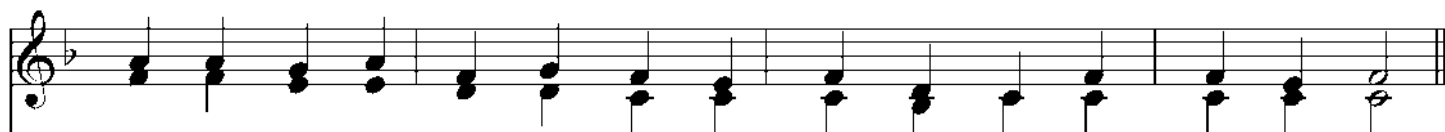
Percy E. Fletcher

Opening Hymn: 127 "Earth has many a noble city"

Stuttgart



1 Earth has man - ya no - ble ci - ty; Beth-lehem, thou dost all ex - cel:
 2 Fair - er than the sun at morn - ing was the star that told his birth,
 3 East - ern sa - ges at his cra - dle make ob - la - tions rich and rare;
 4 Sa - cred gifts of mys - tic mean - ing: in - cense doth their God dis - close,
 5 Je - sus, whom the Gen - tiles wor - shiped at thy glad e - piph - a - ny,



1 out of thee the Lord from hea - ven came to rule his Is - ra - el.
 2 to the world its God an - nounc - ing seen in flesh - ly form on earth.
 3 see them give, in deep de - vo - tion, gold and frank - in - cense and myrrh.
 4 gold the King of kings pro - claim - eth, myrrh his sep - ul - cher fore - shows.
 5 un - to thee, with God the Fa - ther and the Spi - rit, glo - ry be.

Welcome & Call to Worship

Celebrant Blessed be the One, Holy and Living God.

People **Glory to God, for ever and ever.**

Collect for Purity

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.

Song of Praise: S236 "Glory to you"

John Rutter



1. Glo - ry to you, Lord



God of our fa - thers; you are wor - thy of praise;



glo - ry to you. 2. Glo - ry to you

— for the ra - di - ance of your ho - ly Name; — we will
 praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. —
 3. Glo - ry to you — in the splen - dor of your
 tem - ple; — on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to
 you. — 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -
 ween the Cher - u - bim; — we will praise you and
 high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. —
 5. Glo - ry to you, — be - hold - ing the
 depths; — in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to
 you. — 6. Glo - ry to you, — Fa - ther,
 Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; — we will praise you and
 high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. —

Collect of the Day

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

Generous One, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 43:1-7

Reader A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.
Because you are precious in my sight,
and honored, and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.
Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;
I will say to the north, "Give them up,"
and to the south, "Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth--
everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 29

"A Women's Lectionary for the Whole Church Year A" (Gafney, 2021)

- 1 Render unto SHE WHO IS, O divine ones,
render unto SHE WHO REIGNS, glory and strength.**
- 2 Render unto She Who Is Glory, the glory of her name;
worship SHE WHO IS HOLY in majestic holiness.**
- 3 The voice of SHE WHO THUNDERS is above the waters;
The God of glory thunders,
SHE WHO THUNDERS is above the mighty waters.**
- 4 The voice of SHE WHO IS POWER is powerful;
the voice of SHE WHO IS MAJESTY is full of majesty.**
- 5 The voice of SHE WHO THUNDERS breaks the cedars;
SHE WHO THUNDERS breaks the cedars of Lebanon.**
- 6 She makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.**
- 7 The voice of SINAI'S FIRE
sunders flames of fire.**
- 8 The voice of SHE WHO THUNDERS
makes the wilderness writhe as though giving birth;
SHE WHO THUNDERS
makes the wilderness of Kadesh travail as though giving birth.**
- 9 The voice of SHE WHO SPEAKS CREATION
causes the oaks to arch as though giving birth,
and strips the forest bare;
and in her temple, all say, "Glory!"**
- 10 SHE WHO IS MAJESTY sits enthroned over the flood;
SHE WHO REIGNS sits enthroned as Sovereign forever.**
- 11 May SHE WHO IS MIGHTY give strength to her people!
May SHE WHO IS PEACE bless her people with peace!**

Second Reading: Acts 8:14-17

Reader A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for

them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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***No Children's Chapel Today**

Children are invited to stay in the service; Ms. Jen will sharing today's Godly Play lesson as the sermon.

Sequence Hymn: 120 "The sinless one to Jordan came" (v. 1, 2, 3*4, 5, 6)

Solemnis haec festivitas



1 The sin - less one to Jor - dan came,
2 Up - ris - ing from the wat - ers there,
3 A - bove him see the heaven - ly Dove,



1 and in the riv - er shared our stain;
2 the Fa - ther's voice did then de - clare
3 the sign of God the Fa - ther's love,



1 God's right - eous - ness he thus ful - filled,
2 that Christ, the Son of God, had come
3 now by the Ho - ly Spi - rit shed



1 and chose the path his Fa - ther willed.
2 to lead his scat - tered peo - ple home.
3 up - on the Son's a - noint - ed head.

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

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

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4 How blest that mis - sion then be - gun
5 O Christ, may we bap - tized from sin,
6 On you may all your peo - ple feed,



4 to heal and save a race un - done!
5 go forth with you a world to win:
6 and know you are the Bread in - deed,



4 Straight to the wil - der - ness he goes
5 grant us the Ho - ly Spi - rit's power
6 who gives e - ter - nal life to those



4 to wres - tle with his peo - ple's foes.
5 to shield us in temp - ta - tion's hour.
6 that with you died, and with you rose.

Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant 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.**

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

People **I will, with God's help.**

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

People **I will, with God's help.**

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

People **I will, with God's help.**

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

People **I will, with God's help.**

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

People **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers of the People Form III

Creator, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
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, deacons, and explorers;
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;
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.

Concluding Collect

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins and 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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements & Blessings

Prayer For a Birthday

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offertory Anthem: "Come to the Water"

John Foley/arr. Jack Schrader

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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

Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your children, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

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: WLP 850 "Holy, holy, holy, Lord"

Jonathan Dimmock

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
hea-ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - San - na in the high- est.
Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na,
Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high-est, the high- est.

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Parent of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Light Eternal, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

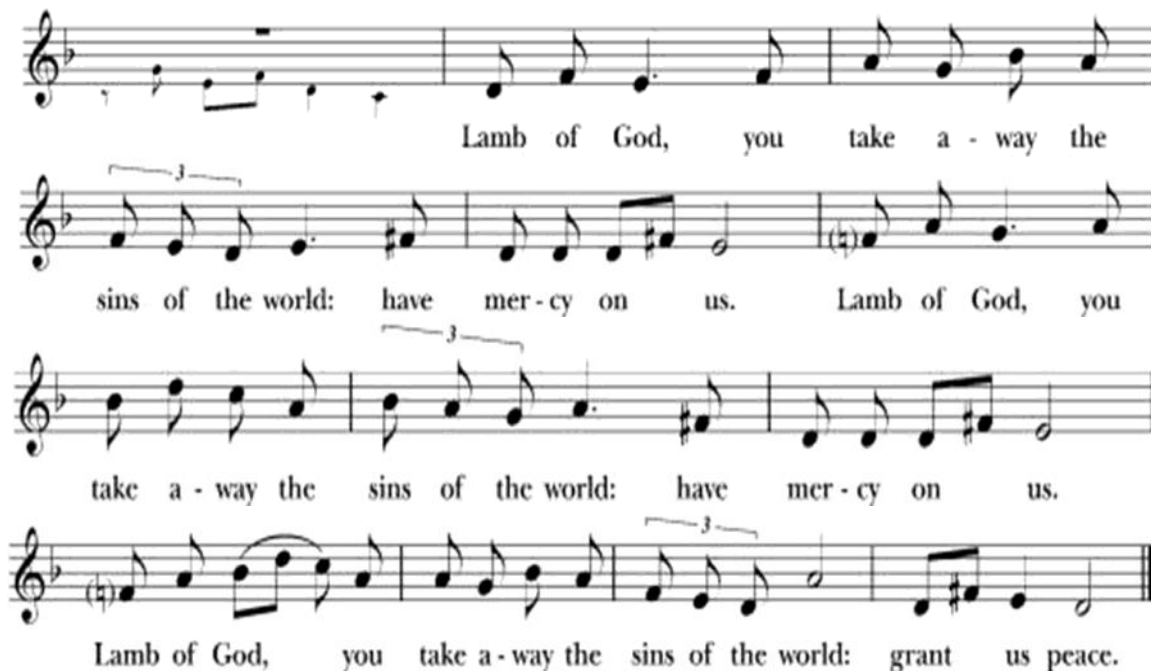
All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

**Our Father 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.**

Fraction Anthem: S163 "Lamb of God"

Robert Powell



Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The Invitation *Gluten-free wafers are available on request.

The table is set, the feast is prepared, come and be fed. Whoever you are, wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome here.

To receive communion, ushers will release each row. You're invited to come forward, down the center aisle and first receive the bread. After consuming the bread, continue to the side to receive the wine. The wine is in individual cups and the chalice, simply receive and drink the wine, then place the cup in the receptacle on the table. Receiving just the bread is considered full communion.

Communion Music: "Impromptu" Op. 90, No. 4

Franz Schubert

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Eternal God, Affirming Spirit, 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

Closing Hymn: LEVaSII 141 "Shall we gather at the river" Robert Lowry



1. Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, Where bright an - gel feet have trod; —
2. On the mar - gin of the riv - er, Wash - ing up its sil - ver spray, —
3. Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, Lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down; —
4. Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, Soon our pil - grim - age will cease, —



1. With its crys - tal tide for - ev - er Flow - ing by the throne of God?
2. We will walk and wor - ship ev - er, All the hap - py gold - en day.
3. Grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, And pro - vide a robe and crown.
4. Soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er With the mel - o - dy of peace.



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, The beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



Gath - er with the saints at the riv - er That flows by the throne of God.

Dismissal

The People respond **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Postlude: "Allegro maestoso" (from Water Music)

George Handel

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sundays

8 AM | Quiet Holy Eucharist Rite II

9 AM | Christian Formation

Adults in Parish Hall, Children & Youth in Education Wing on 2nd floor

10:30 AM | Holy Eucharist Rite II with Music

Live-Streamed

Coffee Hour in Parish Hall after 10:30 service

Weekdays

Church Office Hours

9 AM-1 PM | Monday—Friday

12-Step AA Meeting

12 PM | Monday, Wednesday, Friday in the Living Beatitudes Room

12-Step SA Meeting

9 AM | Wednesday, in the Parlor

Healing Prayer Service with Holy Communion

12:10 PM | Wednesday in the Chapel

TODAY'S SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Celebrant: The Rev. Peter Homeyer

Preacher: Ms. Jennifer Sammons

Organist & Director of Music: Yun Kim

Lector 8:00am: Alan Kimbrough

Ushers 8:00am: Leslie Nogle, Cathy Schaetzle

Eucharistic Ministers 10:30am: Marjo van Patten, Bruce Huntsbarger

Lectors 10:30am: Charles Cerny, Emily Joyce

Ushers 10:30am: Neal Huysman, Josh Plandowski

Production: Dave Knoll

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