



St. John's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



God thinks you are fabulous,
and so do we.

The First Sunday After the Epiphany
The Baptism of our Lord Jesus
Morning Prayer, Rite I
January 7, 2024



OPENING HYMN- *Shall we Gather at the River* **LEVAS 141**
(Red and Black Hymnal)

OPENING SENTENCE (BCP p. 75)

The Officiant says

I will give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my
salvation unto the end of the earth. *Isaiah 49:6b*

CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP p. 79)

The Officiant says to the congregation:

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and Congregation together, all kneeling, standing, or sitting, as able:

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 officiant says:

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Invitatory and Psalter

VERSICLE (BCP p. 80)

All stand

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

Congregation *And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.*

Officiant and Congregation

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. Alleluia.

ANTIPHON S 293B

Officiant:

The Lord hath manifested forth his glory: O come, let us adore him.

INVITATORY- Venite (BCP p. 80)

Officiant and Congregation:

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!

The people sit.

The Psalm Chanted by the Cantor and Congregation.



- 1 Ascribe to the¹LORD, you¹gods, *
ascribe to the¹LÖRD¹glory and¹strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory¹due his¹Name; *
worship the¹LORD in the¹beauty of¹holiness.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
the God of¹glory¹thunders; *
the LORD is up¹on the¹mighty¹waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a¹powerful¹voice; *
the voice of the¹LORD is a¹voice of¹splendor.

- 5 The voice of the LORD¹ breaks the¹ cedar trees; *
the LORD¹ breaks the¹ cedars of¹ Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon¹ skip like a¹ calf, *
and Mount Hermon¹ like a¹ young wild¹ ox.
- 7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the LORD¹ shakes the¹ wilderness; *
the LORD¹ shakes the¹ wilderness of¹ Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the LORD makes the¹ oak trees¹ writhe *
and¹ strips the¹ forests¹ bare.
- †9 And in the¹ temple of the¹ LORD *
—¹ all are¹ crying, ¹“Glory!”
- 10 The LORD sits enthroned a¹bove the¹ flood; *
the LORD sits enthroned as¹ King for¹ ever¹ more.
- 11 The LORD shall give¹ strength to his¹ people; *
the LORD shall give his¹ people the¹ blessing of¹ peace.

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Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit

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As it was in the beginning is now, and will be forever, Amen.

THE LESSONS

FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1-5

Jane Graham

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.

Reader *The Word of the Lord.*

People *Thanks be to God.*

Silence may follow.

Canticle C (EOW): The Song of Hannah *1 Samuel 2:1-8*

Officiant and Congregation:

My heart exults in you, O God; my triumph song is lifted in you. My mouth derides my enemies, for I rejoice in your salvation. There is none holy like you, nor any rock to be compared to you, our God. Do not heap up prideful words or speak in arrogance; Only God is knowing and weighs all actions. The bows of the mighty are broken, but the weak are clothed in strength. Those once full now labor for bread, those who hungered now are well fed. The childless woman has borne sevenfold, while the mother of many is forlorn. God destroys and brings to life, casts down and raises up; gives wealth or takes it away, humbles and dignifies. God raises the poor from the dust; and lifts the needy from the ash heap To make them sit with the rulers and inherit a place of honor. The pillars of the earth are God's on which the whole earth is founded.

SECOND READING: Acts 19:1-7

Carol Nabeel

The people sit.

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—⁷altogether there were about twelve of them.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Silence may follow.

Canticle N (EOW): A Song of God's Love- *1 John 4:7-11*

Officiant and Congregation:

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is Love. In this the love of God was revealed among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through Jesus Christ. In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us * and sent his Son that sins might be forgiven. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we ought also to love one another. For if we love one another, God abides in us, and God's love will be perfected in us.

GOSPEL READING: Mark 1:4-11

The people remain seated.

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."

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

Reflection, Silence or Homily may Follow

THE APOSTLES' CREED (BCP p. 96)

Officiant and People together, all standing.

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

SALUTATION (BCP p. 97)

The people stand or kneel

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 97)

Officiant and People, sung with the Shruti Box

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our

dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
 as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
 us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
 from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
 and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

SUFFRAGES (BCP p. 97)

Officiant: Show us your mercy, O Lord;

Congregation: And grant us your salvation.

Officiant: Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

Congregation: Let your people sing with joy.

Officiant: Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

Congregation: For only in you can we live in safety.

Officiant: Lord, keep this nation under your care;

Congregation: And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Officiant: Let your way be known upon earth;

Congregation: Your saving health among all nations.

Officiant: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

Congregation: Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Officiant: Create in us clean hearts, O God;

Congregation: And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY (BCP p. 98)

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan didst proclaim him thy beloved Son and anoint 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 thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen*

COLLECT FOR SUNDAYS (BCP p. 98)

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.*

COLLECT FOR PEACE

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PRAYER FOR MISSION (BCP p. 100)

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.*

Officiant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

We pass the peace by greeting one another in the name of the Lord.

PEACE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY HYMN- *Amazing Grace-* **Blue Hymnal 671**

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING (BCP p. 101)

Officiant and People

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 Attributed to St. Francis of Assisi

Officiant and People:

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.*

CLOSING HYMN- *All Creatures of our God & King*- Blue Hymnal 400 VS. 1, 5 and 7

CONCLUDING VERSICLE (BCP p. 102)

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CONCLUDING SENTENCE (BCP p. 102)

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen. Ephesians 3:20, 21*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The alter flowers are given in loving memory of Phillip Sewell by his wife Maureen Sewell.

Confirmation Group Begins Next Sunday after Church - If you are interested in becoming confirmed, please plan on attending next Sunday after church (about ½ after the 10 AM service ends). We will be meeting online and in person. We will also be using a “flipped classroom” model not entirely dependent upon group meetings, so anyone who cannot attend every meeting will still be able to participate. If you would like a “refresher” or to learn more about your church, you are also

invited to take part. We will be using, (as a starting point), *Your Faith, Your Life- An Invitation to the Episcopal Church*, by Jennifer Gamberand Bill Lewellis and *Inwardly Digest- The Prayerbook as a Guide to Spiritual Life*. Look for a schedule and more information before next Sunday in your weekly email. Contact Father Tim for more information at 404-275-2665 or priest@stjohnscollegepark.org Our Crismon tree must come down after church on Sunday. Volunteers would be appreciated for this endeavor.

Wednesday Night Supper & Bible Study will resume January 10, 2024. Supper will start at 530 and bible study at 630.

Thanks to everyone who brought gifts for Emmaus House.

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Online Prayer and Fellowship Groups: "Second Cup" – fellowship time- Mondays 11:00 AM – Noon – 869 7767 5734 Password: 752305 / Morning Prayer on Zoom Tuesday and Thursday- 10 AM - Meeting ID: Meeting ID: 869 7767 5734 Password: 752305 / Compline Night Prayer Thursday – 7:00 pm Meeting ID: 843 7684 4017 Password: 848486 Make Prayer Requests Online: <https://forms.gle/UTa6iMfrukhfurgD8>

Please send in your pledges for 2024. It is never too late to pledge. Everyone on the mailing list got a pledge card in the mail, but if you need another, please email info@stjohnscollegepark.org and we will send you one. Give by Texting- Just text 73256 and enter our code 3480. You will be taken to the giving page where you can make your selections.

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