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Deacon's Mass

The First Sunday after the Epiphany
The Baptism of Our Lord

Sunday Jan. 9, 2022

Sunday Worship: 10:00AM

Office Hours: 8:10am until 2:30pm Mon., Wed. & Thu.

Serving Montrose and surrounding communities
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DEACON'S MASS

Announcements

The Prelude *See amin the winters snow* tune; HUMILITY arr. Douglas Wagner
The Gathering Hymn *On Jordan's bank, the baptist's cry* Hymn 76 v1-3 & 5

THE WORD OF GOD

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

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

Collect for Purity

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The Gloria

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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 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

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 First Lesson: Isaiah 43:1-7

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: The Word of the Lord

***People:* Thanks be to God**

The Response: Psalm 29

- 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.

**Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen!**

The Epistle: Acts 8:14-17

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

The Sequence Hymn

Shall we gather at the river

LEVAS 141

The Gospel

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

People: **Glory to you Lord Christ**

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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**

The Homily

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Dear People of God, through our Baptism into the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we have been reborn into new life in him. I call upon you, therefore, as we celebrate his Baptism, to renew the solemn promises and vows by which we once renounced Satan and all his works and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

Celebrant Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and
renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People **I do.**

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.**

The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor As we celebrate the baptism of Christ, let us offer prayers to Jesus, the Beloved Son, in whose name we have been baptized, saying: By your holy baptism, *Hear us, we pray.*

For the Church, especially for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Kevin, our bishop, Liz, our Deacon and the local clergy who support us, Charles and Melinda, that our lives may be empowered by the Spirit to follow where God leads us. By your holy baptism, *hear us, we pray.*

For this Parish Family, and those of Christ Church and St Marks, that we who are baptized may open our hearts to God's presence in surprising places. By your holy baptism, *hear us, we pray.*

For a new dawning of peace and reconciliation, that those who strive for peace may not tire, and that God will open new opportunities for opponents to recognize the good in one another. By your holy baptism, *hear us, we pray.*

For an end to the worldwide pandemic, that God will free us from this dangerous virus, strengthen those who labor for our health, and give us grace to strive for the common good. By your holy baptism, *hear us we pray.*

For those in need of our prayers, remembering especially,, that God will strengthen and sustain them with a shepherd's care. By your holy baptism, *hear us we pray.*

For those suffering from addiction and for those who love and support them, that we share God's healing love through our unity in witness and action. By your holy baptism, *hear us we pray.*

For those who have died, remembering especially,, that having been reborn in baptism, they may rejoice in the radiance of God's glory. By your holy baptism, *hear us we pray.*

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary, the God-bearer, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves, and one another, to the living God through Christ. ***To you, O Lord our God.***

Celebrant Gracious and loving God, you have anointed your people with the waters of Baptism and made us your beloved children. Hear our prayers and fill us with your Spirit that we may share the work of your Son, bringing blessing and light to all in the world, through Jesus Christ our Savior. ***Amen.***

Confession and Absolution

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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 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 Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

HOLY COMMUNION FROM THE RESERVED SACREMENT

The Officiant may begin the Offertory with one of the sentences on page [376](#), or with some other sentence of Scripture.

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| The Offertory | <i>O love, how deep, how broad, how high</i> | Hymn 449 v1-3 |
| The Doxology: | <i>Praise God from whom all blessings flow</i> | Hymn 380, v3 |

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The 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,
for ever and ever. Amen.***

The Communion

All Baptized Christians are invited to the Lord's Table to receive the Sacrament.

The Hymn during Communion

The Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

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**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 Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

The Parting Hymn

Songs of thankfulness and praise

Hymn 135

The Postlude

How brightly shines the morning star by J.C. Bach arr. Geoffrey Edwards

Our Ministers Today:

Presider and Preacher: The Rev. Elizabeth Grohowski, Deacon

Organist: Catherine Hammons

Altar Guild: Mary & Ben Zalewski

Announcements: Lynne Graham

Camera & Broadcast: Andrew Wurth

Acolyte: Benjamin Zalewski or Sean Eckert

Lector: Lynne Graham