

*Celebrating Christ's Presence  
In a Changing World*

*St. Paul's Episcopal Church*



*First Sunday after the Epiphany  
January 10, 2021*

*10:30 am*

*(The words to the hymns are printed on the last two pages of this bulletin.)*

**Prelude:** *Baptized in Water*

David Christiansen (1957-)

**Welcome by the Rev. Sarah Hurlbert, Rector**

**Opening Hymn:**           **Worship & Rejoice Hymnal #679**  
*Baptized in Water*

*Celebrant*     Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
*People*        **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

*Celebrant*     There is one Body and one Spirit;  
*People*        **There is one hope in God's call to us;**  
*Celebrant*     One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;  
*People*        **One God and Father of all.**

**Hymn of Praise**           *God is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him*

**God is Love: let heav'n adore him;  
God is Love: let earth rejoice;  
let creation sing before him,  
and exalt him with one voice.  
God who laid the earth's foundation,  
God who spread the heavens above,  
God who breathes through all creation,  
God is Love, eternal Love.**

*-The Hymnal 1982 #379 (verse.1)*

**Collect of the Day**

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

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.**





**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,  
he resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

*Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the 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 Prayers of the People**

*Intercessor* Please respond to each petition with "Hear our prayer."

*Intercessor* As the prophet Isaiah proclaimed, "Arise, shine; for your light has come"; empower your  
Church, O God, proclaim the Good News of the Light of your son Jesus, which pierces  
even the deepest darkness. Lord, in your mercy,  
*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* As a star rose high to draw the nations to the Christ-child; send your blessing, O God, on  
this nation, especially our first responders, and teachers, and draw the whole world to  
your peace and truth. Lord, in your mercy,  
*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* As John the Baptist guided people to the edge of the wilderness and baptized Jesus in the River Jordan, we pray that you would guide our country and our leaders to the ways of justice and righteousness. Lord, in your mercy,  
*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Like the Magi who traveled from afar to bring gifts and celebrate the Savior's birth; we pray for this church, the discernment of our own gifts and how best to use them. Lord, in your mercy,  
*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* As Jesus climbed the mountaintop, and proclaimed blessings upon all people; we pray for the sick, the distressed and the poor in our community. Especially----;  
and all residents of our local shelters. Lord, in your mercy,  
*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* As Jesus called his disciples to leave their nets and boats and follow him; we pray for those who have answered your call to follow Jesus in ministry, presiding Bishop Michael, Bishop Bonnie, Sarah our Rector, Melissa our Curate, and our Vestry. Give them your peace. Lord, in your mercy,  
*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant & People to say together:*

**Lord, open unto me**  
**Open unto me – light for my darkness.**  
**Open unto me – courage for my fear.**  
**Open unto me – hope for my despair.**  
**Open unto me – peace for my turmoil.**  
**Open unto me – joy for my sorrow.**  
**Open unto me strength for my weakness.**  
**Open unto me – wisdom for my confusion**  
**Open unto me – forgiveness for my sins.**  
**Open unto me – love for my hates.**  
**Open unto me – thy Self for my self.**  
**Lord, Lord, open unto me!**

*(Howard Thurman)*

### **Announcements:**

Christian education for children and youth will resume for all groups this evening at 6 pm, and there will be a Zoom game night for kids of all ages Jan. 23, 6:30-8PM. Check the parent Facebook page for more info.

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held via Zoom this year on Sunday, January 24th. Watch your mail & email for more info (time & Zoom link) to come soon.

Join Pastor Sarah each Wednesday at 8pm on Facebook live for the service of Compline.

Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity in returning your pledges for 2021.

Please remember to call or email Pastor Sarah with news of anyone who is sick in our congregation and reach out for help when you need it. Diana Sinclair is gathering our prayer requests each week so make sure you email or call her with your requests.

Thanks to all who are helping make this worship happen and thank you all for being here!

The Peace of the Lord be always with you!

**Meditation:** *Borning Cry*

Robert A. Hobby (1962-)

## **The Holy Communion**

*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 our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing (say):

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth filled with your glory:  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord;  
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we

failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life. \*

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*All*            **Christ has died.**  
                  **Christ is risen.**  
                  **Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues,*

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with [\_\_\_\_\_and] all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,  
**Our Father...**

[Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]**

*Celebrant*    Behold what you are. Become what you receive; the body and blood of Christ.

**Communion Hymn:      Worship & Rejoice Hymnal #680**  
*Borning Cry*

*Celebrant*    Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People:*

**We pray with those worshipping with us online and here with us:**

**Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.**

**God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**The Blessing:**

Life is short...

**Closing Hymn:              Worship & Rejoice Hymnal #595**  
*They'll Know We Are Christians*

*Celebrant*    Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude:**    *Fugue in F*

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

- ❖ ALTAR FLOWERS for today are given TO THE GLORY OF GOD and IN LOVING MEMORY of our parents Emeliana & Donato Galpo and Maria & Feliciano Alipit by John and Jo Alipit; AND IN LOVING MEMORY of my wife Judy by Don Clark.
  
- ❖ THE AUMBRY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK to the Glory of God and IN LOVING MEMORY of my husband Kendall by Janet Wesch.

***Thank You for worshipping with us today!***

*Worship Ministers: The Reverend Sarah Hurlbert; The Rev. Dcn. Melissa Congleton  
Julie Baglien, Organist; Christy Randall, vocalist;*

*Joe Lathrop, 1st Reader; Melaina Magnusson; 2nd Reader & acolyte; Eric Magnusson, Intercessor; Zoë Magnusson, acolyte  
Special thanks again go to our tech team for their faithfulness & expertise!*

**Opening Hymn: #679**  
**“Baptized in Water”**

Baptized in water,  
sealed by the spirit  
cleansed by the blood of Christ our king;  
heirs of salvation,  
trusting his promise -  
faithfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptized in water,  
sealed by the Spirit,  
dead in the tomb with Christ our king;  
one with his rising,  
freed and forgiven  
thankfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptized in water,  
sealed by the Spirit,  
marked with the sign of Christ our king;  
born of one Father,  
we are his children -  
joyfully now God's praise we sing.

Words: Michael Saward (1932-)

Music: Gaelic Melody



**Communion Hymn: #680**  
**“Borning Cry”**

I was there to hear your borning cry,  
I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,  
To see your life unfold.  
I was there when you were but a child,  
With a faith to suit you well;  
In a blaze of light you wandered off  
To find where demons dwell.

When you heard the wonder of the Word  
I was there to cheer you on;  
You were raised to praise the living God,  
To whom you now belong.  
If you find someone to share your time  
And you join your hearts as one,  
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme  
From dusk 'till rising sun.

In the middle ages of your life,  
Not too old, no longer young,  
I'll be there to guide you through the night,  
Complete what I've begun.  
When the evening gently closes in,  
And you shut your weary eyes,  
I'll be there as I have always been  
With just one more surprise.

I was there to hear your borning cry,  
I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,  
To see your life unfold.

Words: John Ylvisaker (1937-)

Music: WATERLIFE

**Closing Hymn: #595**  
**“They’ll Know We Are Christians”**

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;  
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;  
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.

Chorus: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;  
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;  
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.

Chorus: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will work with each other, we will work side by side;  
We will work with each other, we will work side by side;  
And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride.

Chorus: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come;  
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son.  
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one.

Chorus: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

Words and Music: *Peter Scholtes, (1938-)*

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*And a voice came  
“from heaven,  
You are my Son,  
the Beloved;  
with you I am  
well pleased.”*

*Mark 1:11, NRSV*



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