

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
JANUARY 12, 2020

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Lectionary Year A Daily Office Year 2

Welcome!

We are people of the Incarnation! The birth of the God-man, Jesus Christ initiated the fulfillment of the Old Testament Prophecies about the Messiah and the coming Kingdom of God.

God thrust God's self into human history so that humankind could experience unity with God. God did that through the Incarnation of Jesus Christ. This is love beyond our wildest dream.

God loves each human person regardless of race, ethnic origin, sexual orientation, social position, wealth or the lack thereof. God loves all of us with the same depth and intensity and calls each person to hear God's voice to come to God and to grow into the God who waits for us.

The love of God is so far beyond our comprehension that we cannot and will never be able to fathom it in its entirety. The best we can do is to try to understand it from the perspective of human love—one toward one another.

We invite you to fill out a Visitors Information Card and stay for hospitality after worship. Information is available about the Episcopal Church on our website or you can ask one of the clergy. Website, Email information and telephone numbers are found on the back of the bulletin.

- If you are interested in the Sacrament of Baptism, Confirmation, or being received into the Episcopal Church please see one of the clergy.
- Before you leave, please pray for us as we carry out the ministry of the love of God and service in our communities.

This congregation is committed to being an open, affirming and welcoming church to all who come here.

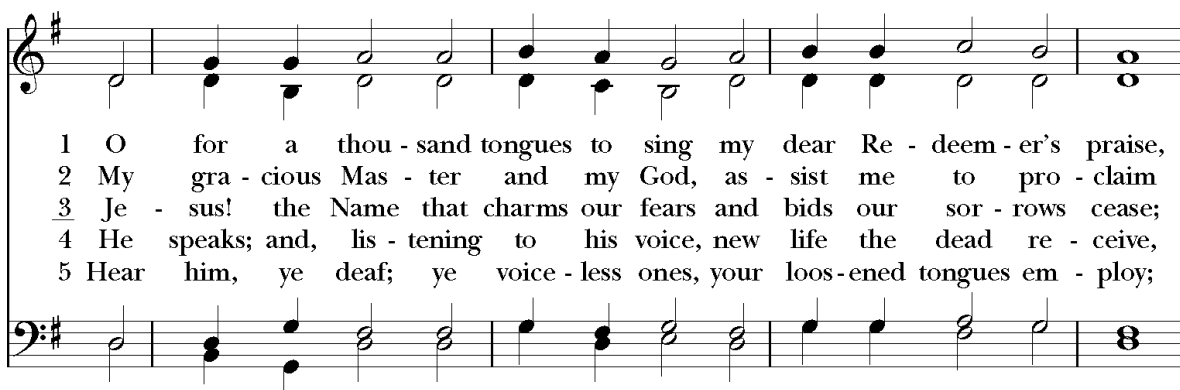
The Holy Eucharist

Prelude

All stand

Gathering Hymn O for a thousand tongues to sing Hymnal 493

8:00 am Verses 1—3 10:15 am All Verses



1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim
3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;
4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,
5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;



1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!
2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.
3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
4 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.
5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

6 Glory to God and praise and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the Church in earth and heaven.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: *Azmon*, Carl Gotthilf Gläser (1784-1829); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

The Word of God

The people standing, the Celebrant says

The Lord has shown forth his glory.
Come let us adore him.

The Celebrant says

BCP 355

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.**

We say or sing Glory to God

8:00am

BCP 356

**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.**

10:15 am

Hymn of Praise

Glory to God in the Highest

Hymnal S280



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly



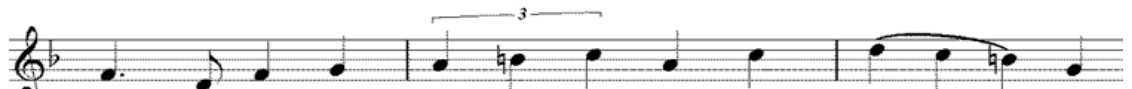
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we



give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus



Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you



take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy



on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -



ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,



you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most

High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day

BCP 214

This prayer collects or gathers together our individual thoughts into one prayer. The Celebrant first greets the people and the people greet the minister.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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.**

A Prayer for God's Will

All together say

Loving God, we pray that your will for us and for St. Francis' Church be done. Rid our minds of personal goals and expectations, doubts and fears so that we may be vessels for your will and your expectations. We pray that your will for St. Francis' Church be made manifest to us; and give us the courage to carry out your will whatever it is. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ, who always lived out your will in his life. Amen

All sit for the Lessons. The Reader says

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

42: 1—9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. ²He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; ³a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. ⁵Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, ⁷to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. ⁹See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

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

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29 *Afferte Domino Attribute to the Lord*

BCP 620

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Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)

The musical notation consists of two staves, treble and bass clef, in a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The treble staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The bass staff begins with a bass clef and a key signature of one flat. The music is written in a simple, homophonic style with block chords and rests. The first staff has four measures, and the second staff has four measures. The music ends with a double bar line.

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8:00 am *The Reader reads the first verse to the asterisk and then all say the remainder of the psalm together.*

10:15 am Psalm is chanted by all.

**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 Ka / desh.**

**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 ever / more.**

**11 The LORD shall give strength to his / people; *
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of / peace.**

Then Peter began to speak to them: ‘I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.’

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

Thanks be to God.

The people stand

Hymn before the Gospel

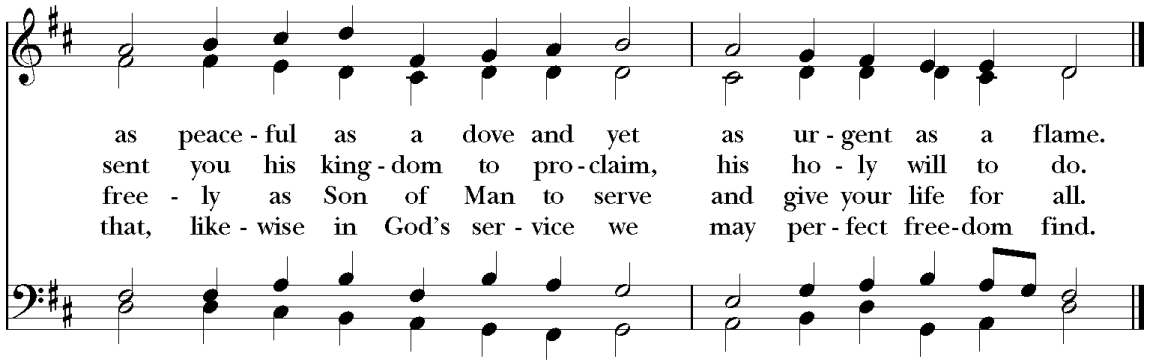
Christ when for us you were baptized

Hymnal 121

All Verses

The image shows the musical notation for the hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spi - rit on you came,
 2 God called you his be - lov - ed Son, called you his ser - vant true,
 3 Straight - way and stead - fast un - til death you then o - beyed his call
 4 Bap - tize us with your Spi - rit, Lord, your cross on us be signed,



as peace - ful as a dove and yet as ur - gent as a flame.
 sent you his king - dom to pro - claim, his ho - ly will to do.
 free - ly as Son of Man to serve and give your life for all.
 that, like - wise in God's ser - vice we may per - fect free - dom find.

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The Gospel

In the absence the Deacon the Celebrant assumes those responsibilities

The Deacon reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, ‘I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?’ ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, ‘Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.’ Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.’

3:13—17

The Gospel of our Savior.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The People sit

The Sermon *Children when present and Adult*

Fr. Alfred Jewson

After the sermon all sit for a while in silent reflection.

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

BCP 292

The Celebrant first addresses the people in these words, all standing

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.



Then the Celebrant says

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

The people respond

I do.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

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

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

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

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.**

**St. Francis' Church is a Two Rule Church:
Love God, Love Each Other!**

Prayers of the People

Adapted from Prayers by Deacon Ormond Platter

The Deacon calls the people to prayer

As we join the wise men from the East and humbly offer gifts at the feet of Jesus, let us offer prayers to God who shows the glory of Christ in all the world.

Intercessor

By the manifestation of the King of the Jews to the shepherds and the magi.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, Wayne our Bishop, Deon our Bishop elect, Alfred our priest and Rebecca our deacon. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer for the people and ministry of St. John's Episcopal Church, Eolia, and Calvary Church, Louisiana, and Pat, their Rector. In our companion Diocese of Lui we pray for Delengwa Parish, and Sylvia, their priest.

For all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For our Discernment Team, for those discerning a call to ordained ministry, for Deaconess Anne House interns, for the ministry of the chaplains, staff and volunteers at Episcopal City and the children in detention and their families, and in thanksgiving for all believers who put their trust in the Incarnate Son of God.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For our political leaders and all in authority that their leadership may be in the best interest of all the people of this nation and for peace and justice.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

We remember first responders, those in the military, especially Kyle, travelers, those working abroad, especially Ryan and Lauren and those traveling.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

We lift up the oppressed, those in prison, patients, families, and communities affected by substance use disorders and those suffering from untreated and undertreated pain and chronic diseases.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

We remember those on our Prayer Rota: Noel, Barb, Doris, Bob, Sue John and Doris, and the sick and the suffering and special intentions and especially those who have asked for prayers. For parishioners: Roger, Jack, Annie, Darla, Sylvia, and Cheryl. For others who have asked for prayer: Dayna, Morgan, Sarah, Joan, Virginia, Charlie, Kristine and Bpb. Please name those you wish to remember, either silently or aloud. *Pause* For deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For the ministry of Friends of St. Francis Childcare Center, especially students: Charlie, Easton, Eli, Emerson, Ethan and teachers: Riley, Teri and Tracey. O God, we give you thanks for this ministry.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

We remember Lynn, Chet and all who have died. Please name those you wish to remember, either silently or aloud. *Pause* Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Remembering our most glorious and blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

To you, O Lord.

Celebrant:

God of the stars of night, accept the prayers we offer on this joyful feast. Fill our hunger with your word of truth and summon all who thirst to the banquet of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

EOW 56

The Deacon says

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept. Minister and People

**God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

We hear the words of **Absolution** and, knowing ourselves forgiven, are invited to share God's peace. The Celebrant says, **The Peace of Christ be always with you.** We answer together, **And also with you.** Then we share a sign of God's peace.

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of Jesus Christ. First welcome the visitor, then greet new friends, then greet old friends.

The Holy Communion

The Celebrant begins the offertory with these words

Sisters and brothers present yourselves as living sacrifices to the Lord.

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offering of bread and wine to the celebrant.

Offertory Hymn

The sinless one to Jordan came

Hymnal 120

All Verses



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



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,
 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,



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
 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



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.
 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.

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The Doxology

The people stand while the bread and wine and money offerings are presented and placed on the altar. The bread and wine will become the gift of Christ to us. Our money offerings will become one of the gifts we offer back to Christ.

**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.**

Tune of Hymn 380

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

The Celebrant says and the people respond

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds

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

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Savior.

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:

8:00 am

Celebrant and People

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

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

10:15 am Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus

Hymnal S129

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 he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Then 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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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;**

The Celebrant continues

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 the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph, St. Francis, Isaiah the Prophet, St. Peter, John the Baptist and 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.**

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

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

Celebrant and people

**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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.



8:00 am *The Celebrant says*

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

10:15 am

Fraction Anthem

Hymnal S154

This setting is not used in Lent.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Body and Blood of Christ are shared with all who are baptized. A blessing is given to anyone who would like to come forward but does not want to receive Holy Communion.

Communion Hymn

One bread, one body *All Verses*

LEVAS 151

One bread, ___ one bod-y, ___

___ one Lord of all, ___ one cup of

bles - ing which we bless. ___ And we, ___ though

man - y, ___ through-out the earth, We are one

Last time ⊕

bod - y in this one ___ Lord. ___

1. Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or
2. Man - y the gifts, man - y the
3. Grain for the fields, scat - tered and

1. free, wom - an or man, ___
2. works, one in the Lord ___
3. grown, gath - ered to one ___

D.S.

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|------|-----|-------------|-----|
| 1. — | no | more. _____ | One |
| 2. — | of | all. _____ | One |
| 3. — | for | all. _____ | One |

⊕ CODA

Lord. _____

The Sending Forth of Eucharistic Visitors

After the ablutions (washing) of the vessels used for Holy Communion, the Deacon sends Eucharistic Visitors forth to bring Holy Communion to the homebound and infirm

The Deacon says

In the healing name of Jesus, you the members of St. Francis' Church send forth *name* bearing these holy gifts of bread and wine that *name* may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

We who are many are one body, because we share one bread, one cup.

Prayer after Communion

BCP 366

The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Epiphany Blessing

BOS 24

The Celebrant blesses the People

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn Shall we gather at the river

LEVAS 141

All Verses

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.

Anniversaries Ernie and Rosie Benecke January 17

Announcements

Dismissal

The Deacon dismisses the people with these words

May Jesus be the heart of your Epiphany Season!

Go in joy and peace in the name of Christ.

We will go and spread the Good News! Amen.

Something to Think About

Do you cheerfully give time, talent, and treasure for the continuing of God's work? It is through your joyful giving of time, talent, and treasure that St. Francis' Church is able to continue its mission to bring others to Christ.

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Bible Study Questions

Isaiah 42:1-9.

This is the first of four Servant Songs: 42:1-9; 49:1-6; 50:4-9; 52:13-53:12.

1. Read the other *Servant Songs*. In what ways do they speak to you? Who is this servant? What is the servant's mission? Why does God sign the praises of the servant?
2. In what ways does Jesus fulfill the role of God's servant portrayed in the *Servant Songs*?
3. Both Acts 13:47 and 2 Timothy 2:24-26 extend this image of the *servant* to include all disciples. If so, what does this passage say about: your mission, your work? How does this encourage and challenge you?

Acts 10:34-38.

1. What is the significance of the story of Cornelius to you and me?
2. How would you explain verses 34 and 35?

Matthew 3:13-17

1. Why do you suppose Jesus sought baptism from John (hint-look at the fourth *Servant Song*, Isaiah 53:12)?
2. In what ways has God told you that you are his son/daughter whom he loves?

United Thank Offering Ingathering

The Annual UTO Ingathering begins today, January 12 through February 23. Our offerings for the blessings we receive are turned into grants to help others.

Every household will be given a blue UTO box. Each day, families remember what blessings they've received and add coins or bills to the box. On February 23rd we'll gather all the boxes and send a check to UTO for the amount we have collected. The Diocesan and National UTO teams will offer grants to churches in need for special projects.

Kathleen McDonald has taken charge of this ministry.

Prayer Rota

Members of the congregation for whom we are asked to pray this week.
Noel Choweller, Barb Sacco, Doris & Bob Schaefer, Sue & John Schmidt
and Doris Schneider

Prayer List

Parishioners: Roger Reese, Jack Doerr, Annie Rayman, Darla Becker,
Tracey Oswald, Sylvia Ahmad and Cheryl Foster

Parish and Diocesan related requests: St Francis' Discernment Committee
and Friends of St. Francis' Childcare Center, especially students: Charlie,
Easton, Eli, Emerson, Ethan and teachers: Riley, Teri and Tracey. For those
working abroad: especially Ryan & Lauren Smith. For Deaconess Anne
House interns, for the children in the juvenile justice system and their
families and the ministry of Episcopal City Mission's chaplains, staff and
volunteers who bring them hope and healing. For those discerning a call to
ordained ministry. For patients, families and communities affected by
substance use disorders. For those suffering from untreated and
undertreated pain and chronic diseases.

Diocese: For the people and ministry of St. John's Episcopal Church, Eolia
and Calvary Church, Louisiana and Pat their priest.

Companion Diocese: For Delengwa Parish and Sylvia their priest.

For those who have asked for prayers: Deacon Dayna Jewson, Morgan,
Sarah, Joan Deuschle, Virginia Stemme, Charlie Ray, Kristine Hildebrandt
& Bob Kenny, for those deployed to Iran, especially Kyle Buchanan, friend
of Maddie, teacher at FOSF.

For those who have died: Lynn Stemme father of Cheryl Foster and Chet
Cooper, friend of Kathleen & Joe O'Reilly.

Annual Meeting with Pot-luck

The Annual Meeting will take place on Sunday, January 26 immediately following Holy Eucharist at 10:15 am. *There will not be a Eucharist at 8:00 am that day.*

Elections for Bishop's Committee and Delegates

Fr. Jewson has appointed the outgoing senior class (Paul Becker, Joe O'Reilly, Brenda Russell) of the Bishop's Committee to be the nominating committee for candidates for the above positions, each to serve a three-year term. If you know of someone or want to serve on one of the above posts, please see Paul, Joe or Brenda. The deadline for nominations to appear on the slate of candidates is January 12, 2020. Candidates may be nominated from the floor.

Qualifications for election to Bishop's Committee and Voting

Adult communicant (at least 16 years of age) in good and regular standing (faithful in corporate worship and working, praying, and giving for the spread of the Kingdom and not under the censure of the Bishop of the Diocese or the Rector/Vicar of the Congregation to which the person belongs.

Candidate has contributed regularly (contributor of record) to the support of the Parish at least six months immediately prior to the election, and is committed to the mission of the church;

Candidate must be conscientiously attached to the doctrine, discipline, and worship of the Church.

From the Diocesan Canon: Title IV, Canon IV, Section 1a, b, d, e, g; Section 2; Section 3 a, b and St. Francis' Bylaws: Article III, & Article IV, Section A

Qualifications for election as Delegate to the Diocesan Convention

Same as for election to Bishop's Committee and also must be Confirmed or Received in the Episcopal Church. *Title IV, Canon IV, Section 3b*

Proposed budget for 2020

We will vote on the Annual Budget for St. Francis' Church for 2020. This budget will include expenses related travel and cost of moving the new vicar to the area; and expenses for stipend, housing, pension, health insurance, etc. for the new vicar.

Ministries

Deacon Rebecca and Father Al are working on a new approach for signing up for various ministries. In addition new ministries will be available for those interested. Please be sure to sign up for current and new ministry opportunities at St. Francis' Church

The Venerable Rebecca Barger

As part of her responsibilities as Archdeacon for the Diocese Deacon Rebecca will visit St. Mark's Church today. The Archdeacon visits congregations that have deacons assigned.

Grief Support Group Reunion

Monday, January 13 from 6:30—8:00 pm in the Children's Room

Diocesan Deacons Gathering

Saturday, January 25 from 10:00 am—2:00 pm
St. Francis' Church—Community Room

No pot-luck on January 19

Pot-luck Sunday will be on January 26 at the Annual Meeting

Bishop's Committee January 19

The meeting that day will be a closed meeting

This Week at St. Francis' Church

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| Sunday, January 12 First Sunday after the Epiphany The Baptism of our Lord | 8:00am 9:00 am 10:15am 11:45am 6:00 pm | Holy Eucharist Choir Practice Holy Eucharist Adult Forum– Racism in the Bible - Vernon Alexander <i>Al-Anon- Community Room</i> |
| Monday January 13 | 5:00 pm 6:30 pm | Evening Prayer & Intercessions Grief Support Check-in—Children's Room |
| Tuesday January 14 | 8:30 am 10:00am 6:00pm 7:00 pm | Morning Prayer <i>Al Anon—Children's Room</i> Discernment Committee—Children's Room <i>Overeaters' Anonymous – Com. Rm.</i> |
| Wednesday January 15 | 1:30pm 5:30 pm 6:30 pm | Crafternoon – Community Room Centering Prayer Tutoring-Community Room |
| Thursday January 16 | 8:30 am 1:00 pm 6:45 pm | Morning Prayer Staff Meeting—Children's Room <i>AA—Community Room</i> |
| Friday January 17 | 10:00am 10:00am | Bible Study – Community Room <i>OPEN OA Group—Children's Room</i> |
| Saturday January 18 | 7:00 am | <i>AA—Community Room</i> |
| Sunday, January 19 Second Sunday after the Epiphany <i>No pot-luck this Sunday</i> <i>Closed Bishop's Committee Meeting</i> | 8:00 am 9:00 am 10:15am 10:45am 10:45am 11:45am 6:00 pm | Holy Eucharist Choir Practice Holy Eucharist Adult Forum—What are Deacons? - Ven Rebecca Barger FOSF Board Meeting—Children's Room Bishop's Committee—Com. Room <i>Al-Anon- Community Room</i> |

Today's Ministers of Worship

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| Celebrant | The Rev. Alfred Jewson |
| Deacon | <i>Away</i> |
| Musician | Nick Schmidt |
| Choir Director | Max Starbuck |
| Christian Formation | Kathy Regnier |
| Altar Guild | Jeff Veenstra |
| Acolyte 8:00am | Amanda Broom-Morse |
| Lector & Intercessor 8:00am | Della Thompson |
| Announcements 8:00am | Jackie Selle |
| Greeter | Linda Doolittle |
| Usher | Chris Kinder |
| Acolyte 10:15 am | Jerry Smith |
| Lectors 10:15 am | Paddy Wrob & Bob Smith |
| Intercessor 10:15am | Michael Booker |
| Torchbearers 10:15 am | Barb Sacco & Arlene Underwood |
| Eucharistic Minister 10:15 am | Mary Ann Kinder |
| Eucharistic Visitor | Tracey Oswald |
| Tellers | Rich Mayfield & Joe O'Reilly |
| Announcements 10:15 am | Suzanne Jones |

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of time.

--Matthew 28:19-20

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