

Christ Episcopal Church
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The First Sunday after
the Epiphany
January 10, 2021



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Sundays at 10:00am

Service: Holy Eucharist (In-Person)

Wednesdays at 10:30am

Service: Holy Eucharist (In-Person)

Tuesday —Saturday

Evening Prayer 5:30pm

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Holy Eucharist

Wednesdays at 10:30am

In-Person & Facebook Live

Collect

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.*

First Reading: Genesis 1:1-5

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.

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.**

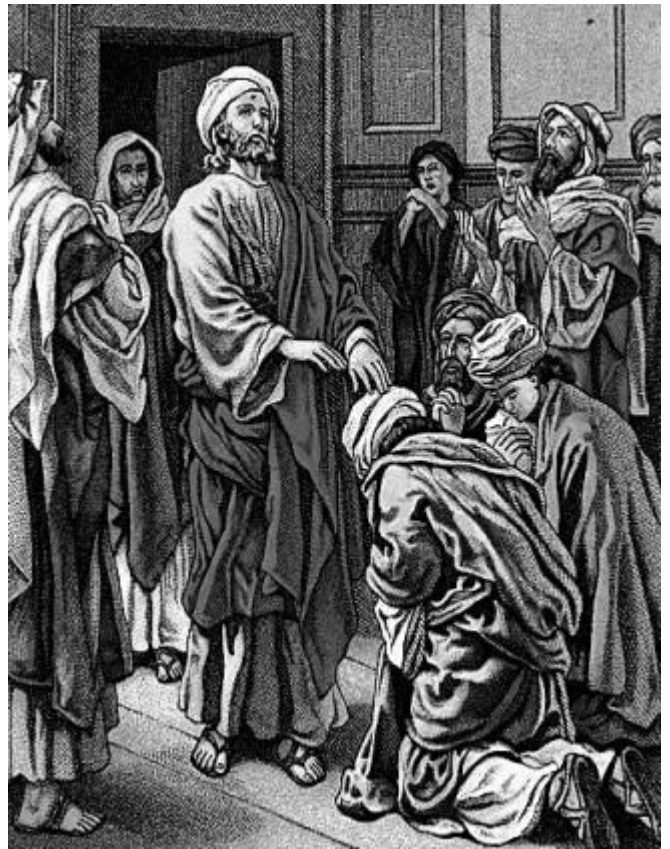
9 And in the temple of the LORD *
all are crying, "Glory!"

**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.

Second Reading: Acts 19:1-7

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—altogether there were about twelve of them.



Hymns

Entrance: Hymnal No. 139

Gradual: Hymnal No. 121

Post Communion: Hymnal No. 296

Recessional: Hymnal No. 135

Service Music:

Gloria, Hymnal S-278

Sanctus, Hymnal S-128

Christ our Passover, Hymnal S-155

Agnus Dei, Hymnal S-164

- *Prayers of the People Form III (BCP 387)*
- *Eucharistic Prayer B (BCP 367)*
- *Post Communion Prayer (PCP 365)*

Epiphany Season

A season of four to nine weeks, from the Feast of the Epiphany (Jan. 6) through the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. The length of the season varies according to the date of Easter. The gospel stories of this season describe various events that manifest the divinity of Jesus. The coming of the Magi is celebrated on the Epiphany. The Baptism of our Lord is observed on the Sunday after Epiphany. The gospels for the other Sundays of the Epiphany season describe the wedding at Cana, the calling of the disciples, and various miracles and teachings of Jesus. The Last Sunday after the Epiphany is always devoted to the Transfiguration. Jesus' identity as the Son of God is dramatically revealed in the Transfiguration gospel, as well as the gospel of the baptism of Christ. We are called to respond to Christ in faith through the showings of his divinity recorded in the gospels of the Epiphany season.

The Gospel Mark 1:4-11

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."





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