

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
MACON, GEORGIA



THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Sunday, January 10, 2021 at Home

WELCOME!

Welcome in the Lord's name to St. Paul's Episcopal Church. No matter who you are and where you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome! You bless us with your presence. We have been gathering for over 150 years as a community to worship God and demonstrate our faith in our daily lives. We are currently gathering online, each in our own space, yet praising God together. We are delighted you are joining us, and hope to see you at future parish events.

ABOUT EPIPHANY

The third season of the church year is Epiphany. The word means "making God manifest". It is the church's response to God's Christmas. The primary theme is Baptism, beginning with the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord. A similar idea is reflected with the response of the magi who journeyed far to worship Jesus at Bethlehem. This season begins on the Day of the Epiphany and lasts until Ash Wednesday at the beginning of Lent. The liturgical color used on vestments is generally green, representing the green things of God's earth and referring to growth of the spirit of God within us in response to His coming at Christmas tide.

COVER ART

John Baptizing Jesus - Carving on Baptismal font

Carving located at the Cathedrale Notre-Dame de Taiohae in Taiohai, Nuku Hiva (French Polynesia)

and peace to his people on earth.

2. Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

3. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,

4. you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;

5. you are seated at the right hand
of the Father:
receive our prayer.

6. For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,

7. you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father, Amen.

***The Collect**

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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.

People: Amen.

Please be seated for the lessons.

THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading

Genesis 1:1-5

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

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.**

Gradual: Psalm 29

Afferet Domino

- 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

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

***Gospel**

Mark 1:4-11

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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 Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Bryan Hinson

***The Renewal of Baptismal Vows**

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The Celebrant may first address the people in these or similar words, all standing

Let us 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.

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.

Celebrant: 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.

People: Amen.

Please be seated

Prayers of the People

In the waters of baptism, we were called to be God's children and to minister to one another. Let us therefore pray for ourselves, for one another, and for all those in need of prayer, saying: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the church, that it may stand fast in the one faith to which it has been called. We pray especially for: ++Michael, +Rob, and +Don our bishops; Bryan+ and Gary+ our priests; for the bishop and people of our companion and partner, Diocese of Cape Coast, Ghana; and for all congregations seeking new or renewed direction. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the world, that our conflicts may cease and that peace may reign in this new

year. For our ministries with: Appleton Episcopal Ministries, Campus Ministry, Daybreak, Haitian Hope, Loaves and Fishes, Path to Shine, St. Paul Apartments and Village, and Weekend Lunch. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Let us pray for all Christians who have been baptized into the one family of faith, that our lives reflect the forgiveness and love which was first shown to us. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Let us pray for all who are blind to the injustices of our world, that their eyes may be opened and that they may work for an end to oppression and injustice. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the sick and for those in any need, that their sickness may be turned to health, their despair into hope and that they may once again join us in our work and worship. We pray especially for those on our long and short-term prayer lists. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the faithful who have gone before us, that we may follow the example of their lives and be reunited with them in the joy of everlasting life. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Omniscient God, you know our thoughts and needs better than we ourselves. Accept the prayers which we now offer, and strengthen us to do your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

The Peace

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

***The Great Thanksgiving** *Eucharistic Prayer A* **BCP, p. 361**

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

***Sursum Corda**

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 him thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds adding the proper preface.

Celebrant: “Therefore we praise you ... proclaim the glory of your Name:”

***Sanctus**

Spoken

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The People may be seated, then the Celebrant continues.

Memorial Acclamation

Celebrant: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:
**All: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

The Celebrant continues

“We celebrate the memorial of our redemption...”

The Great Amen

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Celebrant: “... all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.”

All: AMEN.

The Lord’s Prayer

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

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, 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.**

***Breaking of the Bread**

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

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Invitation to Holy Communion

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Post Communion Prayer

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Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: 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 Blessing

*Closing Hymn

“As with gladness men of old”

Hymn 119

1. As with gladness men of old
did the guiding star behold;
as with joy they hailed its light,
leading onward, beaming bright;
so, most gracious Lord, may we
evermore be led to Thee.

2. As with joyful steps they sped
to that lowly manger-bed;
there to bend the knee before
him whom heaven and earth adore;
so may we with willing feet
ever seek the mercy-seat.

3. As they offered gifts most rare
at that manger rude and bare;
so may we with holy joy,
pure and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring,
Christ! to thee, our heavenly King.

4. Holy Jesus! every day
keep us in the narrow way;
and, when earthly things are past,
bring our ransomed lives at last
where they need no star to guide,
where no clouds thy glory hide.

5. In the heavenly country bright,
need they no created light;
thou its light, its joy, its crown,
thou its sun which goes not down;

there forever may we sing
alleluias to our King.

***Dismissal**

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The Deacon, or Celebrant, sends us forth into the world; the people respond

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

*Please consider joining us for Drive-Through Communion in the Parish House
parking lot. Available from 11—11:30 am.*

*Don't forget to visit www.stpaulsmacon.org/AnnualMeeting
to participate in this year's Annual Meeting*



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CLERGY

The Rt. Rev. Robert C. Wright, *Bishop*
The Rt. Rev. Don A. Wimberly, *Assisting Bishop*
The Rev. Bryan Hinson, *Priest-in-Charge*
The Rev. Dr. Gary Abbott, *Retired Priest-in-Residence*

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Teri Kramer
Nancy Ogilvie

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Thank you for joining us in worship.

We pray for those on our parish prayer list: Annelise, Betty, Bubber, Carol, Dawson, George, Jamie, Jim, Kaleb, Kay, Kimberly, Richard, Terri

We pray for those on our long term parish prayer list: Beatrice, Betty, Blair, the Broome family, Brother, Cathy, the Coley family, Donna, Frank, George, the Gregory family, Jim, Judy, Mike, Rebecca, Richard, Vernon