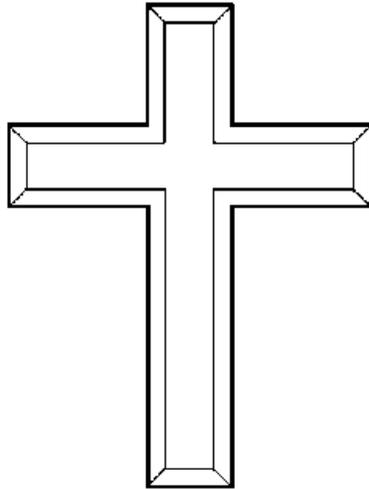


# Church of the Holy Cross



## The First Sunday after Epiphany *The Baptism of our Lord*

January 10, 2021  
10 a.m.

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# Gathering of the People

## Prelude

## Welcome

## Opening Hymn H 76 On Jordan's bank

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -  
2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make  
3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our  
4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and  
5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,  
2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -  
3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we  
4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy  
5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.  
2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.  
3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.  
4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.  
5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

## Call to Worship

*Presider* We meet in the name of God, Creator of the universe, source of true humanity, Mother and Father of all. **Amen.**

*Presider* We meet in the name of Jesus, Word made flesh, Savior of fallen humanity, lover of all. **Amen.**

*Presider* We meet in the name of the Holy Spirit, Lord and giver of life, midwife of new humanity, inspirer of all. **Amen.**

*Presider* Come then eternal God.

**People** **Be present here, befriend us here, renew us here.**

**Hymn of Praise** MHSO 11 *Glory to God*

*Cantor*



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high - est!

*Congregation*

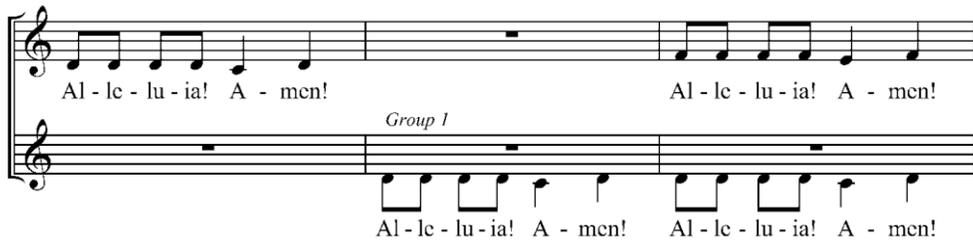


Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high - est!

*Cantor* *Congregation*



To God be glo-ry for-ev - er! To God be glo-ry for-ev - er!



Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

*Group 1*

Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

*Group 2* *Group 3*

Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



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**Collect of the Day**

*Presider* God be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

God 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.**

**Hebrew Scripture**

Genesis 1:1-5

*Reader* A reading from 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* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
**People** **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 29

*The congregation will read the verses in bold.*

Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, \*  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; \*  
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders; \*  
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; \*  
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; \*  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

**He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

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.

**The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe \*  
and strips the forests bare.**

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

**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.**

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

## New Testament

Acts 19:1-7

*Reader* A reading from Acts.

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* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
**People** **Thanks be to God.**

## Holy Gospel

Mark 1:4-11

*Presider* 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."

*Presider* The Gospel of the Lord.

**People** **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## Sermon

The Rev. Ian Reed Twiss

### Renewal of the Baptismal Vows

*Presider* Let us who have committed ourselves to Christ renew our baptismal vows. Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

**People** **I do.**

*Presider* Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

**People** **I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 God. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Presider* 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.**

*Presider* 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.**

*Presider* 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.**

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

**People** **I will, with God's help.**

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

**People** I will, with God's help.

*Presider* Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

**People** I will, with God's help.

*Presider* 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.

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 God's grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

## Passing of the Peace

*Presider* The peace of Christ be always with you.

**People** And also with you.

## Liturgy of the Table

### About Communion

*All who wish to partake of bread and/or wine are invited to:*

- Set your own table or desk at home with a piece of bread and/or a small cup of wine for each.
- Elevate your bread and/or wine as the Presider does.
- Take the bread and/or wine, saying the words written, during the distribution of bread and wine.

*Is this "real" Communion? Does the blessing of the elements on the altar extend to the bread and wine of those gathered virtually? Who knows? Communion is a mystery. We are operating on the faith that "with God all things are possible" (Matthew 19:26) and leaving the rest up to the Holy Spirit.*

*If you don't have bread and wine, or you'd rather not participate in this way, just be in prayer.*

### Offertory Sentence

**Offertory Music** Great are you, Lord

*The Offertory is performed while the Presider sets the table. If you are able to, please*

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- **write the church a check:** Holy Cross Episcopal Church, 40700 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375  
~ Thank you!

**Communion Prayer** (from Evangelical Lutheran Worship Prayer VII & laughingbird.net)

*Presider* God be with you.

**People** And also with you.

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

**People** We lift them to the Lord.

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Presider* Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal: you we praise and glorify, you we worship and adore. You formed the earth from chaos; you encircled the globe with air; you created fire for warmth and light; you nourish the lands with water. You molded us in your image, and with mercy higher than the mountains, with grace deeper than the seas, you blessed the Israelites and cherished them as your own. That also we, estranged and dying, might be adopted to live in your Spirit you called to us through the life and death of Jesus.

Therefore we gladly join our voices to the song of the Church on earth and heaven:

**Sanctus** S129 *Holy, holy, holy*

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.\_\_\_\_\_

*Presider*

Blessed are you, O God of strength and vulnerability. You are the midwife of our lives, who pulls us, kicking, into life and breathes the Spirit into us.

Blessed is your servant Mary and blessed is the holy child of her womb, born into poverty and exile, to proclaim the good news to the poor, and freedom to all who are oppressed.

Blessed is your son, Jesus, who emptied himself of power and became foolishness for our sake: heaven's child laid in a manger; God's anointed laid in a tomb. Born again from the shuddering earth, he is embodied forever in his living creation and in these, its fruits of bread and wine.

On the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus, bone of our bone and flesh of our flesh, took bread, gave thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, saying "Take, eat, this is my body broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**All**

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

*Presider*

Therefore, here in this place, we celebrate the life that was born at Bethlehem, the life that Jesus has shared among his community through the centuries, and shares with us now.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and compassionate, send upon us and this meal your Holy Spirit, whose breath revives us for life, whose fire rouses us to love. Enfold in your arms all who share this holy food. Nurture in us the fruits of the Spirit, that we may be a living vine, sharing your bounty with all the world.

Benevolent God, receive our praise and petitions, as Jesus received the cry of the needy, and fill us with your blessing, until, needy no longer and bound to you in love, we feast forever in the triumph of the Lamb; through whom all glory and honor is yours, O Living One, with the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**AMEN.**

## The Lord's Prayer (by James Hamilton)

*Presider* As Jesus taught us, we now pray,

**All**            **Our Father who is heaven,  
Your name is Holy.  
Make us your kingdom on earth,  
Make us your will on earth,  
That our lives will be heaven in you.  
Give all who hunger daily bread.  
Forgiving and lifting those addictions that bind us  
That we might forgive other's addictions when they hurt us.  
Guide our feet away from temptation,  
And rescue us from evil,  
For all nations are yours,  
All power is yours,  
All beauty is yours,  
Now and always. Amen.**

**Fraction** – *Presider takes and breaks the bread.*

*Presider* He who was first held by Mary is held for us in the bread.

**People**    **He whose body was laid in a manger, is cradled in the cup.**

*Presider* These are Holy gifts for Holy people.

May your longing for God draw you closer to God,  
and, whether bread or wine touch your lips this day,  
may the consecration we have shared feed your spirit  
and strengthen your soul.

## The Communion of the People

*No one who comes to the bread and wine seeking Christ is turned away. The words of distribution are:*

The Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven. Amen.

The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation. Amen.

## Communion Hymn

H 121

*Christ, when for us you were baptized*

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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## Announcements & Blessings of Life Events

If you have an Announcement, Birthday, etc., please:

- Type it into the Chat **OR**
- Press the "Unmute" button (microphone icon in lower left) and speak up!

## Concluding Prayer

*Presider* Let us pray together.

**People** **O God of our ancestors, God of all people,  
before whose face the human generations pass away:  
We give thanks that in you we are for ever at home,  
and that the broken fragments of our history  
are gathered up in the redeeming act of your dear Son  
remembered in this holy sacrament of his body and blood.  
Now send us out in the power of your Holy Spirit  
to live and work for your praise and glory, now and forever. Amen.**

## The Blessing (An Irish Blessing)

*Presider* May the road rise up to meet you.  
May the wind be always at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face;  
the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again,  
may God, the Holy Trinity, the One in Three,  
hold you in the palm of God's hand. Amen.

## Recessional Hymn LEVAS 143 *Wade in the water*

Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa - ter, chil - dren,

**Fine**

Wade in the wa - ter, God's a - gon - na trou - ble the wa - ter.

1. See that host all dressed in white,  
2. See that band all dressed in red,  
3. Look o - ver yon - der, what do I see? God's a - gon - na trou - ble the  
4. If you don't be - lieve I've been re - deemed,

1. The lead - er looks like the Is - ra - elite,  
2. Looks like the band that Mo - ses led,  
wa - ter.  
3. The Ho - ly Ghost a - com - ing on me,  
4. Just fol - low me down to Jor - dan's stream,

**D.C.**

God's a - gon - na trou - ble the wa - ter.

## Going Into the World

*Presider* Alleluia, alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

***People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, ALLELUIA!**

## Postlude

*This brings the worship to a close.*

*All are invited to stay on Zoom for some social time in "break-out rooms" of 5-7 people following the service.*

### Ministers of Today's Service

Presider: The Rev. Ian Reed Twiss  
Responses: Pat Nielsen  
Reader 1: Bill Naughtin  
Reader 2: Bev Siirila  
Prayers: Silvia Huth & Bruce Hinkle

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Jenny Darrah, Jane Foote, Dean Gidlof,  
Larry Jansen, Matt Johnson, Ann Maher, Katie  
McLaughlin, Jason Paradowski, Marvin Toll,  
Ian Reed Twiss, Terry Webner

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Yvonne Toll - Trumpet

Zoom Host: Teri Landreth

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