



## Epiphany Sunday & Holy Baptism

January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 ~ 10AM

*We have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him*  
Matthew 2:2

### Entrance Hymn

#616 ~ *Hail to the Lord's Anointed (verses 1-3)*

Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son!  
Hail, in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free;  
to take away transgression, and rule in equity.

He comes with succor speedy to those who suffer wrong,  
to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;  
to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,  
whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth,  
and love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth:  
before him on the mountains shall peace, the herald, go;  
and righteousness in fountains from hill to valley flow.

### Opening Words

Officiant     Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
People        **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**  
Officiant     There is one Body and one Spirit;  
People        **There is one hope in God's call to us;**  
Officiant     One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;  
People        **One God and Father of all.**

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.

The Collect

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth:  
Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to  
face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one  
God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Old Testament

[Isaiah 60:1-6](#)

Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.  
For darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the LORD will arise upon you,  
and his glory will appear over you.  
Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.  
Lift up your eyes and look around;  
they all gather together, they come to you;  
your sons shall come from far away,  
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.  
Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,  
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.  
A multitude of camels shall cover you,  
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense,  
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

### The Psalm

#### Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, \*  
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 **That he may rule your people righteously \***  
**and the poor with justice;**
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, \*  
and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 **He shall defend the needy among the people; \***  
**he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.**
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, \*  
from one generation to another.
- 6 **He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, \***  
**like showers that water the earth.**
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; \*  
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- 10 **The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, \***  
**and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.**
- 11 All kings shall bow down before him, \*  
and all the nations do him service.
- 12 **For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, \***  
**and the oppressed who has no helper.**
- 13 He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; \*  
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.
- 14 **He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, \***  
**and dear shall their blood be in his sight.**

### The New Testament

#### Ephesians 3:1-12

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles~ for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

**Gospel Hymn**      #121 ~ *Christ, When for us You were Baptized*

Christ when for us you were baptized,  
God's Spirit on you came,  
as peaceful as a dove  
and yet as urgent as a flame.

God called you his beloved Son,  
called you his servant true,  
sent you his kingdom to proclaim,  
his holy will to do.

Straight-way and steadfast until death  
you then obeyed his call  
freely as Son of Man to serve  
and give your life for all.

Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord,  
your cross on us be signed,  
that, likewise in God's service  
we may perfect freedom find.

**The Gospel**  
[Matthew 2:1-12](#)

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

    ' And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
        are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
        who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child;

and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

## Homily

The Rev. John Beach

### Presentation of the Candidate

Officiant	The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.
Parents and Godparents	<i>I present Caesyn Mathieson to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.</i>
Officiant	Will you be responsible for seeing that this child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?
Parents and Godparents	<i>I will, with God's help.</i>
Officiant	Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?
Parents and Godparents	<i>I will, with God's help.</i>
Officiant	Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?
Parents and Godparents	<i>I renounce them.</i>
Officiant	Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?
Parents and Godparents	<i>I renounce them.</i>
Officiant	Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?
Parents and Godparents	<i>I renounce them.</i>
Officiant	Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?
Parents and Godparents	<i>I do.</i>
Officiant	Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
Parents and Godparents	<i>I do.</i>
Officiant	Do you promise to follow and obey as your Lord?
Parents and Godparents	<i>I do.</i>

Officiant Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support  
Caesyn in her life in Christ?

People ***We will.***

Officiant Let us join with Caesyn in committing ourselves to Christ and renew  
our own baptismal covenant.

### **The Baptismal Covenant**

Officiant Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Officiant 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.**

Officiant 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.**

Officiant 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.**

Officiant 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.**

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

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

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

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

Officiant 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.**

Officiant Will you cherish the wondrous work of God and protect the beauty and integrity of  
all creation?

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

## Prayers for the Candidate

Let us now pray for Caesyn, who will receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open her heart to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send her into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Officiant Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

## Thanksgiving over the Water

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Creator, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Creator, and of the Christ, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **The Baptism**

Officiant      Caesyn, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

Heavenly Creator, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Let us welcome this newly baptized child.

People            **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

### **The Peace**

Officiant      The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
People            **And also with you.**

### **Communion Anthem**

#### **The Holy Communion**

### **Prayer over the Gifts**

Officiant      Gracious God, accept the offering of your Church, the hearts of your people joined in praise and thanksgiving, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.



## The Great Thanksgiving

Officiant           The Lord be with you.  
People               **And also with you.**  
Officiant           Lift up your hearts.  
People               **We lift them up unto the Lord.**  
Officiant           Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.  
People               **It is meet and right to do so.**

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

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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:

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**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 stand or kneel.*

*Officiant*       Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*Officiant* We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.**

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

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**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 Officiant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Officiant* Behold the gifts prepared by the Teacher who ate with sinners: Draw near to the banquet of mercy, partake of the feast of forgiveness.

### **Fraction Anthem**

**S 163 ~ Lamb of God - *Agnus Dei***

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

## The Invitation to Holy Communion

*A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.*

*The Officiant invites the following prayer to be said by all.*

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Behold the living bread come down from heaven: Those who eat of it will never die.

## Anthem during Communion

### Prayer after Communion

God of all the nations of the earth, guide us with your light. Help us to recognize Christ as he comes to us in this Eucharist and in our neighbors. May we welcome him with love, for he is Lord now and for ever.

## The Blessing

Officiant Eager to proclaim and share God's reconciling love, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

## Recessional Hymn #516 ~ *Come down, O Love divine*

Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine,  
and visit it with thine own ardor glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear,  
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn  
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
and let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight,  
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,  
shall far outpass the power of human telling;  
for none can guess its grace, till Love create a place  
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

### Weekly Prayer List

Mark Armentrout, Elin Babin, David Bell, Diane Brophy, Paul Brophy, Marie Conners, Barbara Cox, Don DiGiacomo, Oriol Pi-Sunyer, Jim Dockery, Janet Dunton, Beth (Manoogian) DuPlessie, Jim & Tim Eldridge, Joanne Felci, Paul Felci, Ruth Garrett, Peggy Gibbs, Carolyn Hashem, Tom Hashem, Bruce Higgins, Louis Hoelzl, Jeanne Kelly-Smith, Dennis Lancaster, Janet Lancaster, Robert Long, Ron Luongo, Janet Macrina, Matt, Lori M., Mary & Dante, Trudy Miller, Harriet Miraglia, Erica Moore, Gisela Moore, Jeanine Morris, Bonnie Muise, Fran Muise, Sara Murray, Bill, Sandy, and David St. Clair, Carla St. Germain, Nancy Scarry, Terrie Sevier, Kelly Shaw, Ray Shaw, Malcolm Silva, Gail Smith, Victoria Smith, Jennifer Sulyma, Meghan Tapley, Addison White, Walter, and Rachel.

### Flowers given in loving remembrance of:

PFC Richard D. Devine, Jr., and Robert & Anne Russell

### Announcements

#### Counting

This month we plan to count on the 22<sup>nd</sup>; kindly forward any memorial gifts, pledges, etc. to the office beforehand. *Thanks so much for your continued support!*

#### Vestry Meeting Today

The Vestry will gather after worship at 11:30. Observers are welcome; if you prefer to view it online, please use the usual Zoom worship link.

### Participants in this Service:

The Rev. John Beach, Priest-in-Charge  
Stephen Sikorski, Music Director  
Stephen Belyea, Verger, L.E.M., and Worship Leader

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