



*First Sunday after the Epiphany*  
*The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ*  
January 10, 2021  
9:00 am Service

***St. Andrew's Episcopal Church***  
*Centered in God, Focused on Others*  
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Good Morning and Welcome to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church here in Hanover! We are glad you are with joining us online this morning. We pray that worshipping with us will give you a sense of fellowship with Christ and with us as God's people. If you would like more information about St. Andrew's, please email [office@standrewshanover.org](mailto:office@standrewshanover.org)

THE WORD OF GOD

Entrance Hymn #76

*On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry (v 1-3)*

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.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

***And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

HYMN OF PRAISE #295

*Sing praise to our Creator (Christus, der ist mein Leben)*

1 Sing praise to our Cre - a - tor, O you of Ad-am's race—  
2 To Je - sus Christ give glo - ry, God's co - e - ter - nal Son;  
3 And praise the Ho - ly Spi - rit poured forth up - on the earth;

God's chil - dren by a - dop - tion, bap - tized in - to his grace.  
as mem - bers of his Bo - dy we live in him as one.  
who sanc - ti - fies and guides us, made strong in our re - birth.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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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.***

THE LESSONS

Scripture 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.

The word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

The people respond with the words in ***bold italics.***

Psalm: **Psalm 29** (read responsively by whole verse)

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 forevermore.**

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.

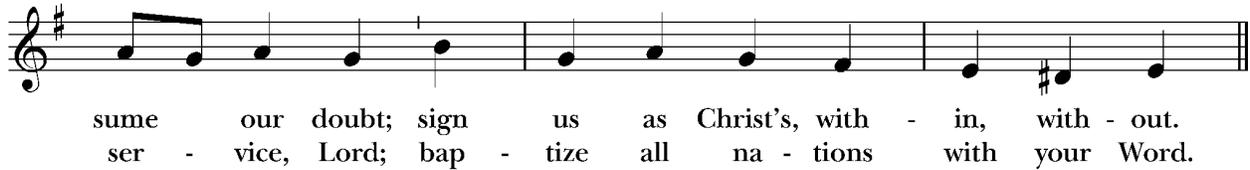
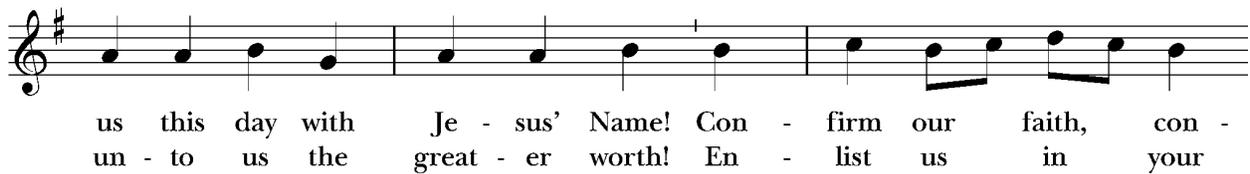
The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn #297

*Descend, O Spirit, purging flame (Erhalt uns Herr)*

1 De - scend, O Spi - rit, purg - ing flame, brand  
2 For - bid us not this sec - ond birth; grant



Gospel: **Mark 1:4-11**

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

***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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

The Reverend Kevin Holland Sparrow

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Dear People of God: In Holy Baptism we follow the pattern of our Lord Jesus Christ. As he came up from the water he was anointed by the Spirit of God and designated as God's Son. So we also are anointed by that same Spirit in baptism; we are reborn and adopted as sons and daughters with whom God is well pleased. Let us know, therefore, renew our own baptismal covenant.

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.***

The people respond with the words in ***bold italics.***

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.***

Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect the beauty and integrity of all creation?

***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 his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. ***Amen.***

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Through Christ we are anointed with the Holy Spirit in baptism. May the same Spirit inspire us as we offer our prayers, responding, "Hear us, God of Glory."

For an overflowing gift of generosity, that we may reflect God's abundant care for all of creation, lifting others out of systemic poverty, increasing the mission work of our churches, and reaping the joy of a philanthropic life; let us pray.

***Hear us, God of Glory.***

For the courage to walk through the tranquil and turbulent waters of life, knowing that in our baptism we died with Christ in darkness and joined him in the risen light; let us pray.

***Hear us, God of Glory.***

For Donald, our President, Joe our President-elect and all who exercise authority in the nations of the world, that they will faithfully establish justice on earth, and carry the torch of freedom and peace into all their deliberations; let us pray.

***Hear us, God of Glory.***

For the Church and her leaders, especially Michael our Presiding Bishop, Alan and Gayle our Bishops, that it may bear witness to Jesus' forgiveness and love, offering to those outside its walls the light that illumines all darkness and releases humanity from the grip of sin; let us pray.

***Hear us, God of Glory.***

That we may know our identity through the voice of God, who claims us as beloved children, and invites us to share in the Church's earthly mission; let us pray.

***Hear us, God of Glory.***

For all of the faithfully departed, especially those we name now, either silently or aloud; let us pray.

***Hear us, God of Glory.***

In companionship with the Blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints whose constant intercession strengthens our faith, let us continue our prayers as we remember those on our Prayer list, especially the Mahurian family and those we name now, either silently or aloud; let us pray.

***Hear us, God of Glory.***

For those on our diocesan cycle of prayer, Emmanuel Church, Boston; St. Augustine's & St. Martin's Church, Boston; Deans; Deanery Coconveners; and Greater Boston Interfaith Organization that they may be strengthened and guided by the light of your abiding presence; let us pray.

***Hear us, God of Glory.***

O God, who anointed your only Son with the Spirit at the river Jordan and so hallowed the waters of new birth to bring us forth to salvation: keep us strong in the life of grace, direct the ways of your people, and open the door of your kingdom to all who stand upon the threshold of faith, through Jesus Christ our Messiah and Savior. ***Amen.***

CONFESSION OF SIN

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Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

***Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.***

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. ***Amen.***

THE PEACE

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OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The people respond with the words in ***bold italics.***

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.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

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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.***

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, 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 Lord.

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:

## Sanctus #S130

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

The people respond with the words in ***bold italics***.



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.

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,

***We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;***

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. Andrew, 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.***

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

***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,  
forever and ever. Amen.***

*The Breaking of the Bread*

Fraction Anthem #S164

*Jesus, Lamb of God*

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

**SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

*For those not able to receive the Blessed Sacrament this morning, I invite you to join with me in this prayer for a spiritual Communion.*

In union, Blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day. I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the

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blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by our life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory.

I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. **Amen.**

*The Gifts of God for the People of God*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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Let us pray.

***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.***

BLESSING

May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord. **Amen.**

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth. **Amen.**

May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, who Creates, Redeems, and Sustains us, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN LEVAS #141

*Shall We Gather at the River*

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.

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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This service has been conducted in accordance with the diocesan guidelines for worship with careful attention to social distancing. We look forward to the time when we all can come together for worship.

*Special thanks to our schola cantorum (small choir) for providing music ministry this morning.*

The people respond with the words in ***bold italics***.

**PRAYER LIST** - If you would like to add someone to the Prayer List, please email or call the office. Please remember to keep these people in your daily prayers:

Carroll & Sue, Claire & Don, Tracey, Zack, Nancy, Bev, Beth, Steven, Susan, Hawk & Matthew, Karen, Erin Kate, Leah, Sophia, James & Judith, Lula Mae, Pam, AJ, Paul, Florence, Jamie, Janet M., Gayle, Jennifer, Tim, Katrina, Boppy, Delores, Jay, Ben, the Brennan Family, Sarah, Julie, Jackson, Eileen & Larry, Gerry, Michele, Jenn & family, Ken & Barbie, Gary, Phyllis, Meredith, the Howe family, Fr. Kevin, Frank, Jessica, Susan, Joan, Christine, Nancy, Bob, Janet G., Mark, Jerry, MaryAlice, Jackie, Harold & Joan, Celia, Max & Sarah, Bob & Mary, Barbara, Winnie, Huxley, Lori, the Dunphy family, and the Mahurin family.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ANNUAL REPORTS:** In preparation of our Annual Meeting, we have started gathering the various segments of the Annual Report. If you are in charge of a ministry area, please submit your report to the office no later than January 15, 2021. Stay tuned for more information about our upcoming *Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>* via Zoom.

### **CITY REACH - PART TWO!**

Hello Everyone,

I received an email from Common Cathedral thanking us for all the donations we brought into Boston in early December. Along with the other churches that brought donations there was enough to provide for more than 225 unhoused brothers and sisters who desperately needed the items they received to sustain them through the cold winter months.

It was so successful that they are having **another "Mini City Reach"** on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. They are specifically in need of:

- **New men's underwear (any size and boxers are preferred)**
- **Large bags, backpacks and suitcases with wheels.**

Dunkin Donuts gift cards ("Dignity Cards") are also welcome and will also be collected to be distributed as a meal, a warm place to eat, and use of the facilities are so important to the unhoused community.

The office at the CHUMC Fellowship center is open every Tuesday from 10:00AM to 5:00PM. If you are available on Tuesday, please stop by Fellowship Center and drop your donations off in the church office. If Tuesday is not good for you, please reach out to Mark Kingston at 781-264-7366 or [MKingston@easterninsurance.com](mailto:MKingston@easterninsurance.com), or Chuck Frary at [hloring.cfrary@verizon.net](mailto:hloring.cfrary@verizon.net), so that they can arrange a time for you. **All donations should be dropped off no later than Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup>.**

Donations can also be dropped off at the Norwell Council on Aging, **January 13-15 ONLY**, but *please call first* (781-659-7878) to be sure someone is available to take in your donation.

**PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE BAGS OF DONATED ITEMS OR GIFT CARDS OUTSIDE EITHER LOCATION!**

This is another opportunity for us to work together to support our most vulnerable sisters and brothers!

Thanks, Mark Kingston