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THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

January 8th, 2023

6:00 p.m.

A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated unto you; and then use us, we pray, as you will, and always to your glory and the welfare of your people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

ORDER OF SERVICE

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

WELCOME

HYMN: 135, "Songs of thankfulness and praise"

SALZBURG

THE WORD OF GOD

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

All **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY *Said by all*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your

Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE: "Arise and shine" *Sung by all*

WAREHAM

1 A - rise and shine, the pro - phet sang;
2 God's ris - ing sun will light the way,
3 You will not need the sun by day

your light has come, the mes - sage rang.
as peo - ple by stream to dawn - ing's ray.
nor moon by night, to light your way;

The shroud of dark - ness stripped a - way,
Your o - pen gates will nev - er close,
God's glo - ry and e - ter - nal might

God's glo - ry brings a bright new day.
in bus' - ling day or night's re - pose.
will be your ev - er - last - ing light.

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Music: Wareham, melody William Knapp (1698-1768), alt.; harm. *Hymns: Ancient and Modern*, 1875,
after James Turle (1802-1882).

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.**

All are invited to be seated.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Afferte 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 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy

Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN: 121, “Christ, when for us you were baptized”

CAITHNESS

GOSPEL: Matthew 3:13-17

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Timothy B. Safford

Silence for reflection.

All are invited to stand, as able.

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Priest Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

All **I do.**

Priest Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

All **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 the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Priest Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All **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.**

Priest Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

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

Priest Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

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

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

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

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

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

Priest Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

All **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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM VI

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Mark, our Bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

All may offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

All may add their own thanksgivings, either silently or aloud.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

All may add their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

PEACE

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.
All **And also with you.**

All may greet one another in the Name of Christ.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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please place your offering in the envelope in your pew and leave the
envelope in an offering plate on your way out.



HOLY COMMUNION

ANTHEM: *Tomorrow shall be my dancing day*

John Gardner
(1917-2011)

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day: I would my true love did so chance to see the legend of my play, to call my true love to my dance: *Sing O my love, O my love, my love, my love; this have I done for my true love.* Then was I born of a virgin pure, of her I took fleshly substance; thus was I knit to man's nature, to call my true love to my dance: *Sing O my love...* In a manger laid and wrapped I was, so very poor this was my chance, betwixt an ox and a silly poor ass, to call my true love to my dance: *Sing O my love...* Then afterwards baptized I was; the Holy Ghost on me did glance, my Father's voice heard from above, to call my true love to my dance: *Sing O my love...*

GREAT THANKSGIVING (Eucharistic Prayer 1, from *Enriching Our Worship*)

All are invited to stand, as able.

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 God thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

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, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS *Sung by all* Calvin Hampton
(1938-1984)

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. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. —

Celebrant

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

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

LORD'S PRAYER *Said by each in their own language*

**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.**

**Notre Père qui es aux cieux,
que ton Nom soit sanctifié,
que ton règne vienne,
que ta volonté soit faite
sur la terre comme au ciel.
Donne-nous aujourd'hui notre pain de ce jour.
Pardonne-nous nos offenses
comme nous pardonnons aussi
à ceux qui nous ont offensés.
Et ne nous laisse pas entrer en tentation,
mais délivre-nous du mal.
Car c'est à toi qu'appartiennent le règne,
la puissance et la gloire,
pour les siècles des siècles. Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

AT THE FRACTION

Christ our Passover, Gerald Near

(b. 1942)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is
sac - ri - ficed for us; There-fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION

L'hospitalité eucharistique est offerte à toute personne, quelle que soit sa confession ecclésiale.

*All are welcome to share in the Eucharist, the feast of the Lord's Supper. Communion will be administered today in front of the altar rail. **Please follow the directions of the ushers.***

You are invited to stand to receive communion. Please receive the bread (wafer) in the palm of your outstretched hands. In accordance with current guidelines provided by the Bishop, we are offering wine at communion. You are invited to take a small sip; please do not dip your wafer in the wine.

Please inform an usher if you need communion brought to your pew.

This is a big city and we are concerned about theft; please take your coat, purse, and other belongings with you as you leave the pew.

PRAYER FOR PRIVATE DEVOTION DURING COMMUNION

Lord Jesus, you give us yourself in the bread and wine of communion that becomes your Body and Blood. Grant that we may receive you spiritually today into our hearts, minds and souls, and that we may have confidence in your promise to be with us always. Amen.

ANTHEM: *Epiphany Carol*

Bruce Neswick
(b. 1956)

Sing of God made manifest in a child robust and blest, to whose home in Bethlehem where a star had guided them, magi came and gifts unbound, signs mysterious and profound: myrrh and frankincense and gold grave and God and king foretold.

Sing of God made manifest when at Jordan John confessed, “I should be baptized by you, but your bidding I will do.” Then from heav’n a double sign dove-like Spirit, voice divine—hailed the true Anointed One: “This is my beloved Son.”

Sing of God made manifest when Christ came as wedding-guest and at Cana gave a sign turning water into wine; further still was love revealed as he taught, forgave, and healed, bringing light and life to all who would listen to God’s all.

Sing of God made manifest on a cloud-capped mountain’s crest, where the Law and Prophets waned so that Christ alone remained: glimpse of glory, pledge of grace, giv’n as Jesus set his face t’wards the waiting cross and grave, sign of hope that God would save. [Text: Carl P. Daw, Jr.]

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING

All are invited to stand, as able.

HYMN: 448, “O love, how deep, how broad, how high”

DEUS TUORUM MILITUM

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

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SERVING TODAY: *Celebrant:* The Rev. Canon Nathaniel Katz; *Preacher:* The Rev. Timothy B. Safford; *Canon for Music:* Zachary Ullery; *Organist:* Andrew Dewar; *Choir:* The Cathedral Choir; *Lectors:* Andrew Aitken, Sabine Jaccard; *Ministers of Communion:* Michel Ranson, Laurence Moachon, Thomas-Xavier Martin; *Ushers:* Xavier Chanay, Alex Brassert; *Production:* Gaël de Fournas.

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Prayer List

We pray for those in need of healing, who are in grief, or have any special needs, especially Karen, Henri, JL, Kinesley, Louise, Barbara, Carol, Eleanor, Laurel, Sue, Bob, Harriet, Melissa, Peiro, Barbara, Donald, Jeremy, Françoise, Eleanor; and for those who have died, especially Gail Worth, Brian, Martha Virginia Champagne, Shen De Ming, Alice, Théodore, Michel Schilliger, Anna; and for all those affected by COVID-19.

Prayer requests may be sent to us at: communications@americancathedral.org We will offer them to God at our daily service of Noonday Prayer.

Our Search for a New Dean

The members of the **Discernment Team** have reviewed all 44 of the applications they received on December 1st for our next Dean! One review conference has taken place already to begin the work of narrowing the field, and another is scheduled for after the holidays. Thanks to the team whose hard prep work has allowed them to handle these applications carefully and efficiently! Questions? Contact our Transition Consultant the Rev. Canon Linda Grenz at transitions@tec-europe.org.

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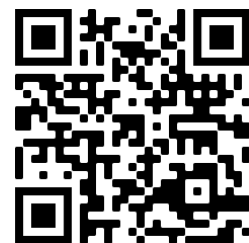
As the year draws to its close and we prepare for the bustling Christmas season, we would like to **thank you for supporting the Cathedral throughout this year.** Thanks to your faithful commitment and generosity, our ministries continue to thrive and develop during these challenging times. As we think about charities to help with your Christmastide donations, the Cathedral's ministry merits more than a thought. **Visit www.amcathparis.com/donate or scan this QR code to donate.**



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Three Things to Know

Join us **this Tuesday** for an **Organ Colloquium!** Come **learn how our organ works** and find out what is ailing it. A stellar **group of experts will be sharing their knowledge**, including Philipp Klais, the fourth-generation organ builder who will (assuming a successful Capital Campaign) be restoring it. We'll also hear from outstanding organists Frédéric Blanc, Samuel Liégeon, Dr. Carolyn Shuster Fournier, and Johann Vexo, as well as our own Zach Ullery and Andy Dewar. Join us on **Tuesday, January 10th at 7:30 p.m.** in person or online. The event is free and open to the public. An informal reception will follow.

Please **help keep our neighbors safe and warm this winter** by donating your new or lightly used winter gear to our **winter clothing drive**. We will offer collected items to our Sandwich Ministry guests and associations working with refugee communities and people living on the streets of Paris. Essentials: coats, sweaters, long sleeve shirts, pants, hats, gloves, scarves—in sizes 16 to adult. Small tins of food (tuna, sardines, etc.) are also very welcome. **Drop-offs Sunday mornings and Monday-Friday from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.** More details to follow.

Do you have **questions about the Cathedral's finances?** Join Edward Bates and members of the Finance Committee for a Zoom with the Treasurer on **Monday, January 16th at 7:00 p.m.** Please register at amcathparis.com/events.

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