

Order of Service for Sunday January 7, 2024 ~ Celebrating the Feast of the Epiphany ~ (1st Sunday after Epiphany) 10 am Holy Communion with Rev. Deb+ Vanover St. Martin's Episcopal Church, Lebanon, OR

(Without music, use this time for quiet meditation.)

Opening Hymn #128 "We Three Kings" (Three Kings are carried to the Crèche)

The Greeting:

Prelude

Presider

Presider: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. People: *And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

The Presider (please say together)

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.

The Gloria (please say together)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's 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.

Collect for today - *let us say together:*

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 Liturgy of the Word

First Lesson is a reading from Genesis 1:1-5

Lector

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.

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- Hear what the spirit is saying to God's People
- Thanks be to God

Psalm 29	Afferte Domino	(Said responsively, break at the "*")	Lector
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; * <i>the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.</i>			
	ice of the Lord make t rips the forests ba i	s the oak trees writhe * re.	
	the temple of the Lo e crying, "Glory!"	rd *	
¹⁰ The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; * the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.			
	ord shall give streng ord shall give his pe	th to his people; * cople the blessing of peace.	

The Second Lesson from the Acts of the Apostles 19:1-7

Lector

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.

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Gospel Hymn #112 "In the Bleak Midwinter"

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St Mark 1:4-11 Deacon

• 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."

- This is the Gospel of the Lord
- Praise to you, Lord Christ

Sermon

The Rev. Deb+ Vanover

The Nicene Creed (let us say together)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People,(A special Form for Epiphany)

PotP Reader

Reader: Illumined by the light of Christ, let us bring to God not only our needs, but the needs of the world and God's people everywhere.

Reader: For the Church, that it may faithfully proclaim the good news of salvation, made visible in Jesus, let us pray to the Lord.

<u>All:</u> Loving God, hear our prayer.

Reader: For St. Martin's parish family, that our lives may radiate Christ's light to all we meet and serve in our community, let us pray to the Lord.

<u>*All:*</u> Loving God, hear our prayer.

Reader: For an end to conflict in our troubled world: that the darkness of war and injustice may be replaced by the light of Christ's peace and love, let us pray to the Lord. *All:* **Loving God, hear our prayer.**

Reader: For those in need of our prayers: the homeless, the lonely; the hungry; the dying; the grieving, and all those undergoing personal trials and challenges, let us pray to the Lord. <u>All:</u> Loving God, hear our prayer.

Reader: For the sick, especially those we call to mind now, either silently or aloud (*pause...*), that their illnesses may be turned into health, and their sorrow into rejoicing, let us pray to the Lord.

<u>All:</u> Loving God, hear our prayer.

Reader: For all who have died, especially those among our families and friends, whose memories still bring light to our hearts, let us pray to the Lord. *All: Loving God, hear our prayer.*

Reader: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins:

Reader and People

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.

Presider:

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

The Peace

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

Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Offertory;

Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering & sacrifice to God. **Hymn of Presentation** *Doxology* (*sing to the tune Old One hundredth*)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above ye heavenly hosts: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

<u>The Liturgy of the Table</u>

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer C

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 God thanks and praise.

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Celebrant

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It is right, our duty and our joy, 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.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise. *Glory to you for ever and ever.*

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

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.

And therefore, we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Celebrant and People

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.

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Ancestors: God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, and Jacob, Rachel, and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthilv serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. Amen.

As our Savior has taught us, we now pray:

The Lord's Prayer (*let us say together*)

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.

Instrumental Music -- Tim Janis

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us: People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Communion of the People

Celebrant / Eucharistic Minister

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion

Communion Music

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Almighty and ever living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ: and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Praver for St. Martin's

God of Love, open our eyes and ears to perceive you at work in creation, the church, and our parish. Fill our hearts with your love that we may reach out in love to others. Stir up our imagination with your Holy Spirit that we may find new ways to live into life with you. Give us a vision of your mission that we may share your love and your spirit in all the places where we work and play and worship you. In Jesus' holy name, Amen.

Birthdays and Anniversaries (front cover of the red prayer book) **Traveling Mercies** Announcements

Seasonal Blessings

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

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Deacon

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Dismissal

DeaconLet us go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!PeopleThanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

