

**The First Sunday after the Epiphany**  
January 12, 2025

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The service begins in quiet and prayer.

**Prelude:** *Christ unser Herr, zum Jordan Kam, BuxWV 180*

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637–1707)

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**Processional Hymn 120:** *The Sinless One to Jordan Came*

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

*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*People* **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.**

**Canticle of Praise:** *The Third Song of Isaiah*

*Refrain*



A - rise, shine, for your light has come, his  
glo - ry is up - on you.

Arise, shine, for your light has **come**, \*  
and the glory of the Lord has dawned **upon you**.  
For behold, darkness covers the **land**; \*  
deep gloom enshrouds the **peoples**. *Refrain*

But over you the Lord shall **rise**, \*  
and his glory will appear **upon you**.  
Nations will stream to your **light**, \*  
and kings to the brightness of your **dawning**. *Refrain*

Your gates will always be **open**; \*  
by day or night they will never be **shut**.  
They will call you, The City of the **Lord**, \*  
The Zion of the Holy One of **Israel**. *Refrain*

Violence will no more be heard in your **land**, \*  
ruin or destruction within your **borders**.  
Your will call your walls, **Salvation**, \*  
and all your portals, **Praise**,

† The sun will no more be your light by **day**; \*  
by night you will not need the brightness of the **moon**. *Refrain*

**Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* 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 First Lesson:** *Isaiah 43:1-7*

Thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth-- everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 29**



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

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

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

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

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

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

**Choir** 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.

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

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

**ALL** The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
the LORD sits enthroned as King for ever more.

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

**The Second Lesson:** *Acts 8:14-17*

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only

been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn 139:** *When Jesus went to Jordan's Stream*

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

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

**The Gospel:** *Luke 3:15-17, 21-22*

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

*Reader* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon**

**The Renewal of Baptismal Vows**

*Celebrant* Let us renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we renounce Satan and all his works, and promise to serve God faithfully in God's holy Catholic Church. Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

*People* **I do.**

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.**

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.**

May Almighty God, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, and called us to ministry in Jesus Christ, keep us in eternal life by his grace; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Prayers of the People

*Please stand or kneel*

Sisters and brothers, our baptismal vows call us to compassion and mercy on behalf of those in need. We offer our prayers for the church and the world. *A brief silence*  
O God, you poured your Holy Spirit on Jesus at his baptism. Renew the baptized and bless all who aim to do your will. Give us inquiring minds, discerning hearts, the courage to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.

*People* **God of light, hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for all the blessings of this life: for the splendor of the whole creation, for the wonder of life, for the mystery of love, for family and friends, and for the loving care that surrounds us on every side. **God of light, hear our prayer.**

We pray for St. Andrew's Church, that we may continue to be a sign of your loving presence and hope. Help us support and encourage those who are facing painful and uncertain times. Use us as vehicles of your grace and love in the world. **God of light, hear our prayer.**

God of creation, we pray for all those affected the wildfires in California. Protect firefighters and emergency personnel, provides havens for those who have lost their homes, and strengthen those helping to rebuild. **God of light, hear our prayer.**

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of the Middle East, Ukraine, and all places torn apart by violence and war today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. **God of light, hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are hungry, out of work, or homeless. May we be generous with our resources in their time of distress. **God of light, hear our prayer.**

Renew and strengthen those who are ill, including those on our prayer list, and all whose suffering is known to you alone. *Pause* Surround them with your healing presence, and restore them to wholeness and health. **God of light, hear our prayer.**

Entrust to us an awareness of your grace in life and death. We remember Marilyn White and Allen Woodford, who died this week, and all our loved ones who have gone before us. We commend them to you, trusting in your mercy. **God of light, hear our prayer.**

Lord God, you revealed your Son in the waters of the Jordan and anointed him with the power of the Holy Spirit to proclaim good news to all people. **Sanctify us by the same Spirit, that we may proclaim the healing power of the gospel by acts of love in your name. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence*

**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.**

*Celebrant* 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

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

## Offertory Anthem: Epiphany Carol

Bruce Neswick (b. 1956)

Women of the St. Andrew's Adult Choir

## Children's Entrance Hymn 294: Baptized in Water

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so 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 him thanks and praise.

*The Celebrant offers our thanks to God for the grace and mercy made available to us in Christ.*

## Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

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

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry.

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

\*\*Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

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

*The people stand or kneel as the Celebrant gives thanks for the reconciling work of Christ through his passion and resurrection and prays over the bread and wine.*

*Celebrant* Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

*The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic prayer.*

*Celebrant* By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit of all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,  
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

## Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover

*Cantor* Al - le - lu - ia. *Choir* Al - le - lu - ia. *Congregation & Choir* 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.

*Please come forward and stand or kneel at the rail. The priest will place the bread in your outstretched palm (Consecrated rice wafers are available for those with wheat allergies - simply ask the priest). You may dip (intinct) the bread in the wine in the small cup held by the Eucharistic minister. Alternatively, you may indicate your desire to drink from the common chalice by consuming the bread and remaining at the rail after the Eucharistic minister passes; another Eucharistic minister will bring the large chalice over for you to drink from directly. Please know that Christ is fully present in both the bread and the wine - there is no requirement to receive both. If you do not wish to receive communion, you may come forward, cross your hands over your chest, and receive a blessing.*

## Communion Voluntary: Das alte Jahr Vergangen Ist, BWV614

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

## Communion Hymn 339: Deck Thyself, O my soul

*When Lay Eucharistic Visitors are taking Holy Communion to those unable to be with us in person, we say the following*

*Celebrant* In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

*People* **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

## Post-Communion Thanksgiving

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **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.**

## The Blessing

## Closing Hymn 448: How Bright Appears the Morning Star

## Dismissal

*The young people are invited to come forward during the hymn to participate in the dismissal.*

*Young people* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude: Christ unser Herr, zum Jordan Kam

Johann Pachelbel (1653–1706)