

January 9, 2022

Christ Episcopal Church of Guilford

10 a.m.

**First Sunday after the Epiphany: The Baptism of Our Lord
Holy Eucharist – Rite II**

from The Book of Common Prayer, and Enriching Our Worship 1

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

D. Buxtehude

Opening Hymn #135 Songs of thankfulness and praise

Salzburg

**Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise,
manifested by the star to the sages from afar;
branch of royal David's stem in thy birth at Bethlehem;
anthems be to thee addressed, God in man made manifest.**

**Manifest at Jordan's stream, Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;
and at Cana, wedding-guest, in thy God-head manifest;
manifest in power divine, changing water into wine;
anthems be to thee addressed, God in man made manifest.**

**Manifest in making whole palsied limbs and fainting soul;
manifest in valiant fight, quelling all the devil's might;
manifest in gracious will, ever bringing good from ill;
anthems be to thee addressed, God in man made manifest.**

**Manifest on mountain height, shining in resplendent light,
where disciples filled with awe thy transfigured glory saw.
When from there thou leddest them steadfast to Jerusalem,
cross and Easter Day attest God in man made manifest.**

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

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

Collect for Purity

BCP, p. 355

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 hold Name;
through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hymn of Praise: Hymn #S-278 Glory to God

Matthias

**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.**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Collect of the Day

Prayed 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 Word of God

First Reading:

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 Saviour.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.
Because you are precious in my sight,
and honoured, 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.'

The Lector concludes: The Word of the Lord. *People respond:* **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 29 *Afferte Domino* *prayed responsively*

BCP, p. 620-621

- 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: 8:14-17

Now 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.

The Lector concludes: The Word of the Lord. *People respond:* **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn #121 Christ, when for us you were baptized

Caithness

**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.**

**Straightway 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

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

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.'

The Gospeller concludes: The Gospel of the Lord. *People respond:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

Harrison West †

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

BCP, p. 292-294

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

People: I do.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Celebrant: 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.

Celebrant: 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.

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

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: 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.

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

People: I will, with God's help.

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

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: 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.

Celebrant: 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.*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

We pray for the people and clergy of St. James', Danbury; Saint Luke's and St. Paul's, Darien; Immanuel St. James, Derby; and for The Anglican Church of Chile.
Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for our Presiding Bishop Michael, for our Bishops Ian and Laura, for our Rector, Harrison, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Remembering all peacemakers and peacekeepers, especially those serving in places torn by warfare, terror and gun violence:
We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Remembering our call to be good stewards of your Creation: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

We pray for all who have been commended to the prayers of the parish including Mandy, Chuck, Susan, Frank, Kevin L, Sandy, Patti K, Anne, Brennie, Charlie K., Lois S, Scott, Milly and Babs and all contending with COVID-19 disease, for medical caregivers who minister of your healing gifts; for all facing financial hardship because of the pandemic, and for those on your hearts,
(pause)
Have compassion on them and on all those who suffer from any grief or trouble.
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We pray for all who have died; including the over 830,000 of our fellow citizens claimed by the coronavirus.
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

We offer our thanksgivings for this day, this place, for all the gifts to keep our neighbors warm, and for all who have made this celebration possible.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence.
Celebrant will add a concluding collect.

The Peace
Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you. **People: And also with you.**

Announcements and Greetings

The Holy Communion

The Offertory –

Offertory voluntary: Offertory voluntary: Récit de Cornet (from Mass for the Convents) ... F. Couperin

The Doxology: Hymn 380 (vs. 3)

Presentation of Gifts

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord.

People: **And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP, p. 367

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 him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: 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:

All: **Sanctus S-128: Holy, holy, holy Lord**

Mathias

**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.

Celebrant:

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,

Celebrant and People

**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 [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,

All:

**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 in the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread: Fraction Anthem

Alleluia Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. **Alleluia.**

BCP, p. 364

The Gifts of God, for the People of God.
Invitation to Spiritual Communion**

God of love and grace, of justice and peace, we give you thanks that in the Sacrament of the altar you assure us of your presence within us and within the body of Christ, the faithful through all the generations; grant that we who have witnessed anew these holy mysteries, though unable to receive the physical elements of the Sacrament, may be moved by your indwelling Spirit ever more fully to embody your holy and life-giving presence, reshaping in your likeness the world around us, until we are gathered at last into the fullness of your glorious and eternal presence; through Christ our Risen Lord, Amen.

Communion solo: Of the Father's love begotten ... Prudentius, tr.
Leila Mustakos – soprano

J. M. Neale

Postcommunion Prayer:

BCP, p. 365

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.

An Epiphany Blessing

Closing Hymn #120 The sinless one to Jordan came (vss. 1,3,5)

Solemnis haec festivitas

**The sinless one to Jordan came, and in the river shared our stain;
God's righteousness he thus fulfilled, and chose the path his Father willed.**

**Above him see the heavenly Dove, the sign of God the Father's love,
now by the Holy Spirit shed upon the Son's anointed head.**

**O Christ, may be baptized from sin, go forth with you a world to win:
grant us the Holy Spirit's power to shield us in temptation's hour.**

Dismissal: Let us bless the Lord. *People: Thanks be to God.*

Postlude: Preludium (Prelude and fugue) in C BuxWV 138

D. Buxtehude

In Today's Worship
Celebrant: The Rev. R. Harrison West
Music Director: Mark Sullivan
Usher: Mardee Moore
1st Reading & Psalm: Julie Harris
2nd Reading: Chris Robinson
Prayers of the People & Communion Prayer: Tony Leonard
Soloist – Leila Mustakos

Upcoming Calendar Events



Sunday, January 9 – First Sunday after the Epiphany

Morning Prayer – 9:00AM (Parish Hall)

Holy Eucharist – 10AM (streamed and in-person)

Sunday School resumes – 10AM

Choral Evensong – 4PM Visit of the Magi

Monday, January 10 – Outreach @ 6:30PM via Zoom

The Path – 7:00PM via Zoom

Tuesday, January 11 – Cecilia’s Office Hours are on semester break

Inreach – 5PM via Zoom

Wednesday, January 12 - Order for the Evening @ 7PM in person and livestreamed

Thursday, January 13 – The Path via Zoom @ 9:30AM

Choir practice @ 7:30 in the Parish Hall

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Episcopal Church Women News:

ECW’s ongoing and much needed “New Sox and Underwear” project and Food Bank memorial projects continue. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

Mitten Tree – Helping our neighbors stay warm with gloves, scarves, caps, and, yes, mittens remains up and accepting donations. **Angels-Under-the-Balcony** donations for our Town’s Heating Assistance Program continue as well. Thank you to all who have generously donated.