

**St. Clement's Church**  
**Holy Eucharist: January 10, 2010**

**The First Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**The Baptism of Christ**

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**Organ Prelude**

Thomas Poynor, organist

**Processional Hymn 120**

The sinless one to Jordan came

*Solemnis haec festivitas*

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.  
*Celebrant* There is one Body and one Spirit;  
*People* There is one hope in God's call to us;  
*Celebrant* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;  
*People* One God and Father of all.

**The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* And with thy spirit.  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan didst proclaim him thy beloved Son and anoint 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 thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

**The First Reading: Isaiah 43:1-7**

But now 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

- 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*.

## The 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.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.  
*People*      Thanks be to God.

## Gradual Hymn 297

Descend, O Spirit, purging flame

*Erhalt uns, Herr*

## The Holy Gospel: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

*Gospeller*    The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
*People*      Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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.”

*Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* Praise be to thee, O Christ.

## **The Sermon**

The Rev. Bruce D. O’Neill

## **Presentation and Examination of the Candidate**

*Celebrant* The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*Sponsors* I present Gabriella Martins Lewis to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*Celebrant* Do you desire to be baptized?

*Candidate* I do.

*The Celebrant then asks:*

*Question* Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

*Answer* I do.

*Question* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

*Answer* I do.

*Question* Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

*Answer* I do.

*The Celebrant addresses the congregation:*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in her life in Christ?

*People* We will.

*Celebrant* Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

### **The Baptismal Covenant**

*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.

## Prayers for the Candidate

*The Celebrant then says to the congregation:*

Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

*Leader* Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Open her heart to your grace and truth.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Send her into the world in witness to your love.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

*People* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Celebrant* Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. *Amen.*

## Thanksgiving over the Water

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*The Celebrant continues with the blessing of the water:*

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water:*

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who are here cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### **The Baptism**

I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*  
You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. *Amen.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen.*

*Celebrant* Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*People* We receive you into the household of God.  
Confess the faith of Christ crucified,  
proclaim his resurrection,  
and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

### **The Peace**

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

*People* And with thy spirit.

### **Birthday Prayer**

Watch over thy children, O Lord, as their days increase;  
bless and guide them wherever they may be,  
keeping them unspotted from the world.  
Strengthen them when they stand;  
comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful;  
raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may thy peace  
which passeth understanding abide all the days of their life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **Anniversary Prayer**

O God, who hast so consecrated the state of Matrimony  
that in it is represented the spiritual marriage and unity  
between Christ and his Church; look mercifully upon these thy servants,  
that they may love, honour, and cherish each other, and so live together

in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness,  
that their home may be a haven of blessing and of peace;  
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee  
and the Holy Spirit ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

### Announcements

### Offertory Anthem

*Sicut Cervus*

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

Psalm 42:1

Kristor Lawson, Victor Gold  
David Morris, Wendell Brooks

*Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum:  
ita desiderat anima mea ad te Deus.*

As the deer longs for running waters,  
so my soul longs for you, my God.

### Presentation Hymn 288, verse 1

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### The Great Thanksgiving

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*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And with thy spirit.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them up unto the Lord.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*People* It is meet and right so to do.

*Celebrant*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places,  
give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our  
hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and  
magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

### Sanctus, S-130

Franz Schubert

*Celebrant* All glory be to thee, O Lord our God...

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By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost  
all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

*People* AMEN.

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us we are bold to say,

**The Lord's Prayer**

*People and Celebrant*

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.

**The Breaking of the Bread**

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

**Agnus Dei, S-164**

Franz Schubert

**Prayer of Humble Access**

*Celebrant and People*

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*At St. Clement's all who seek Christ are invited to receive communion. The bread is received in the open palm. The wine may be taken from the common cup by drinking (placing your hand gently on the base of the chalice to guide it) or by dipping the wafer of bread into the cup.*

**Communion Music**

*Splendor paternae gloriae*

Plainsong, Mode 1

Kristor Lawson, Victor Gold  
David Morris, Wendell Brooks

O splendor of God's glory bright, thou that bringest light from light,  
Light of Light, light's living spring, O Day, all days illumining,  
O thou true Sun of heavenly love, pour down thy radiance from above:  
the Spirit's sanctifying beam upon our earthly senses stream.  
With prayer the Father we implore: O Father, glorious evermore,  
we plead with thee for grace and power to conquer in temptation's hour,  
to guide whate'er we nobly do, with love all envy to subdue,  
to give us grace our wrongs to bear, to make ill fortune turn to fair.  
All laud to God the Father be; all praise, eternal Son, to thee;  
all glory to the Spirit raise in equal and unending praise.

**Postcommunion Prayer***People and Celebrant*

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom.

And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

**Blessing****Recessional Hymn 640**

Watchman, tell us of the night

*Aberystwyth***Dismissal***People* Thanks be to God.**Organ Postlude**

Thomas Poynor, organist