

**St. Andrew's Episcopal Church:** First Sunday after the Epiphany: Sunday, January 12th, 2024

**Prelude:** Wayne Seppala

**Processional Hymn** (*The people stand*) #120 (1-3) "*The Sinless One To Jordan Came*"

### **Opening Salutation**

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.*

### **Collect For Purity**

*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.*

**Praise Song** "*Let The Spirit Decend*" – Chris, Anna, & Friends

### **Children's Sermon/Blessing**

#### **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 Lessons** (*The people sit*)

**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, Cush 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, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.  
**2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.**  
3 The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.  
**4 The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**  
5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.  
**6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf and Sirion like a young wild ox.**  
7 The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.  
**8 The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**  
9 The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl and strips the forest bare, and in his temple all say,  
“Glory!”  
**10 The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.**  
11 May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!

### **The Second Reading:** Ephesians 3:1-12

This is the reason that I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles-- for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

**Gospel Hymn:** (*The people stand*) “*Sweet Holy Spirit*”

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

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**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 strap 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.”

Celebrant: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Celtic Alleluia** (*sung*)

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Now He is living, the Christ, out of the tomb He is risen; He has conquered death – opened heaven to all believers. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

**Homily** Fr. Bob

**Presentation and Examination of the Candidates**

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

Parents and Godparents: I present **Theodore Adrian Holmes** to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant: Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents: I will, with God's help.

*Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children*

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 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 the 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 Candidates**

Celebrant: Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader: Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Send them into the world in witness to your love.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Bring them 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.**

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.

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

### **The Baptism**

**Theodore Adrian Holmes**, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Celebrant: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them 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.*

**Theodore Adrian Holmes**, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. *Amen.*

Celebrant: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and *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** (*The people stand*)

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

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

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

**The Prayers Of The People** (*Form III, the people stand*)

[*Opens with prayer for St. Andrew's*]

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

***That we all may be one.***

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 all bishops, priests, and deacons;

***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.***

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.***

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

***That our works may find favor in your sight.***

Have compassion on 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 praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. (*Silence*)

**Announcements** (*The people sit*)

**Offertory Hymn** "Adoration" – *St. Andrew's Choir*

**Doxology** (*The people stand and sing*)

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, you***

*heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

### **Dedication/Communion Prayer**

*My Jesus, I believe that you are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart, as though you have already come. I embrace You, and unite myself with you entirely. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.*

### **The Great Thanksgiving** (*Eucharistic Prayer A, remain standing*)

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.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. [*Proper Preface*]

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:

### **Sanctus (S125: Sung)**

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.*

(*The people kneel*) Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith: (*sung*)

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

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We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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. (*sung*) **Amen, Amen, Amen,**

***Amen, Amen, Amen.***

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

***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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.***

### **Breaking of the Bread**

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

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** (*The people sit*) "River" - Chris, Anna, & Friends

### **Post Communion Prayer** (*The people kneel*)

Celebrant: Let us pray.

***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**

May the Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain always. ***Amen.***

**Recessional Hymn** (*The people stand*) #116 (1-3), "I Come, The Great Redeemer Cries"

### **Dismissal**

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

***People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.***

**Postlude:** Wayne Seppala

### **Prayers at the Altar:**

*Prayer Ministers are available in front of the altar for anyone seeking additional prayer.*