

PRELUDE: "Voluntary in C"

François Couperin

HYMN: # 117 "Brightest and best of the stars of the morning"

*Morning Star*

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Epiphany

1 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,  
2 Cold on his cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing,  
3 Shall we then yield him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion,  
4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple o - bla - tion,  
5 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,

1 dawn on our dark - ness, and lend us thine aid;  
2 low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;  
3 o - dors of E - dom, and of - ferings di - vine,  
4 vain - ly with gifts would his fa - vor se - cure,  
5 dawn on our dark - ness, and lend us thine aid;

1 star of the east, the hor - i - zon a - dorn - ing,  
2 an - gels a - dore him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,  
3 gems of the moun - tain, and pearls of the o - cean,  
4 rich - er by far is the heart's a - dor - a - tion,  
5 star of the east, the hor - i - zon a - dorn - ing,

1 guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.  
2 Ma - ker and Mon - arch and Sa - vior of all.  
3 myrrh from the for - est, and gold from the mine?  
4 dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.  
5 guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.

## **THE ACCLAMATION: p.355**

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

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

## **THE COLLECT FOR PURITY: 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 holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **THE GLORIA**

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.**

## **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

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 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.

*Response*        ***Thanks be to God.***

### **THE PSALM:** 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 ever more.

11 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.

Response **Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN:** # 121 "Christ, when for us you were baptized"

Caithness

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Epiphany

1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spi - rit on you came,  
2 God called you his be - lov - ed Son, called you his ser - vant true,  
3 Straight-way and stead-fast un - til death you then o - beyed his call  
4 Bap - tize us with your Spi - rit, Lord, your cross on us be signed,

as peace-ful as a dove and yet as ur - gent as a flame.  
sent you his king-dom to pro-claim, his ho - ly will to do.  
free - ly as Son of Man to serve and give your life for all.  
that, like-wise in God's ser - vice we may per - fect free - dom find.

Words: F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984), rev.

Music: Caithness, melody from *The Psalmes of David in Prose and Meeter*, 1635;  
harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

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**THE GOSPEL:** Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Response **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."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*Response* ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

## THE SERMON

The Rev. Brad Mullis

## THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

*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.***

*The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows*

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.***

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:** Form III, p. 387

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

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.***

Remembering Michael, our presiding Bishop, Samuel and Jennifer, our Bishops, and Brad our priest, we pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.***

Remembering Joe, our President, Donald, our President-elect, the Congress and the courts, Roy, our governor, Josh, our governor-elect, and Costi our mayor, 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.

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

**THE PEACE**

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**THE OFFERTORY:** "He Comes to Us as One Unknown"  
*Parish Choir*

C. H. H. Parry

**DOXOLOGY:** Hymn 380, Stanza 3

**THE PRESENTATION OF BREAD, WINE, AND ALMS**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B: p.367**

*The Celebrant faces the people and says*

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.***

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

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:

*Celebrant and People (s130)*

***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.***

*Then the Celebrant continues*

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;***

*The Celebrant continues*

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 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.***

**THE LORD'S PRAYER:** p. 364

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

*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:** p. 364 (s155)

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

**THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND WINE**



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Epiphany

*Unison or harmony*

1 What star is this, with beams so bright, more beau - teous  
 2 True spake the pro - phet from a - far who told the  
 3 The guid - ing star a - bove is bright; with - in them  
 4 O Je - sus, while the star of grace im - pels us  
 5 To God the Fa - ther, heaven - ly Light, to Christ, re -

1 than the noon - day light? It shines to her - ald  
 2 rise of Ja - cob's star; and east - ern sa - ges  
 3 shines a clear - er light, and leads them on with  
 4 on to seek thy face, let not our sloth - ful  
 5 vealed in earth - ly night, to God the Ho - ly

1 forth the King, and Gen - tles to his crib to bring.  
 2 with a - maze up - on the won - drous to - ken gaze.  
 3 power be - nign to seek the Giv - er of the sign.  
 4 hearts re - fuse the guid - ance of thy light to use.  
 5 Ghost we raise our e - qual and un - ceas - ing praise.

Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, after John Chandler (1807-1876), alt.  
 Music: *Puer nobis*, melody from Trier MS., 15th cent.; adapt. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621);  
 harm. Cowley Carol Book, 1902

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## SENDING OF THE LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITOR

*If home communion is being sent, the following commission is said*

*The Celebrant says*

In the name of this congregation, I 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.

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

**POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER: p.365**

*Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and 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**

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Epiphany

1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise,  
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro-phet, Priest, and King su - preme;  
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;  
 4 Man - i - fest on moun - tain height, shin - ing in re - splen - dent light,

man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;  
 and at Ca - na, wed - ding - guest, in thy God - head man - i - fest;  
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;  
 where dis - ci - ples filled with awe thy trans - fi - gured glo - ry saw.

branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;  
 man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill;  
 When from there thou led - dest them stead - fast to Je - ru - sa - lem,

an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
 an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
 an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
 cross and Eas - ter Day at - test God in man made man - i - fest.

Words: Sts. 1-3, Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885); st. 4, F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984)

Music: Salzburg, melody Jakob Hintze (1622-1702); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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## THE DISMISSAL

Response **Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE: "Postlude à la Guigue"

David Lasky

The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Joan French, by her family.

## THE COMMISSIONING OF OFFICERS AND VESTRY

*Rector: (To the congregation)* Sisters and brothers in Christ Jesus: we were all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. Our happy purpose at this time is to commission these persons, in the Name of God and of this congregation, as our Officers and Vestry for 2025.

Will all of you do all in your power to uphold these persons as they undertake this ministry?

*Congregation: **We will!***

*Rector: (To the Officers and Vestry)* You have been elected by this congregation to a special ministry of leadership and stewardship as the Officers and Vestry of this church.

Will you faithfully and reverently execute the duties of this ministry to the honor of God, for the benefit of the members of this congregation and for the good of our neighbors near and far?

*Officers and Vestry: We will!*

*Rector:* Remember, then, that there are varieties of gifts, but only one Spirit. There are varieties of service, but only one Lord. There are varieties of work, but only one God who inspires our work and directs it according to his good will and purpose. May the one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, dwell in you richly.

*Congregation: **And empower you to serve faithfully in his Name!***

*Rector:* Let us pray.

O Eternal God, the foundation of all wisdom and the source of all courage: Enlighten with your grace the Officers and Vestry of this congregation, and so rule their minds, and guide their counsels, that in all things they may seek your glory and promote the mission of your Church, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

In the Name of God and of this congregation, I commission you as our Officers and Vestry for 2025 and I pledge to you our prayers, encouragement and support.