

**CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY  
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT  
February 21, 2021 – 10:30am**



*Baptism of Christ – Giotto 1305*

**PROCESSIONAL**

*Forty Days and Forty Nights*

Hymn 150

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| <p><sup>1</sup> Forty days and forty nights<br/>thou wast fasting in the wild;<br/>Forty days and forty nights<br/>Tempted, and yet undefiled.</p> <p><sup>2</sup> Should not we thy sorrow share<br/>And from worldly joys abstain,<br/>Fasting with unceasing prayer,<br/>Strong with thee to suffer pain?</p> <p><sup>3</sup> Then if Satan on us press,<br/>Jesus, Savior, hear our call!<br/>Victor in the wilderness,<br/>Grant we may not faint or fall!</p> | <p><sup>4</sup> So shall we have peace divine:<br/>Holier gladness ours shall be;<br/>round us, too, shall angels shine,<br/>Such as ministered to thee.</p> <p><sup>5</sup> Keep, O keep us, Savior dear,<br/>Ever constant by thy side;<br/>That we thee we may appear<br/>At the eternal Eastertide.</p> |
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*Celebrant  
People*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
**And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

*Celebrant* 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.**

**KYRIE**

*Trisagion*

Holy God  
Holy and mighty  
Holy Immortal One  
Have mercy  
Have mercy on us

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**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

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

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**THE FIRST LESSON**

*Genesis 9:8-17*

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

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

**THE PSALM**

*Psalm 25:4-9*

**All** **Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.**  
*Cantor* O LORD, make me know your ways. Teach me your paths.  
Guide me in your truth, and teach me; for you are the God of my salvation.

**All** **Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.**  
*Cantor* Remember your compassion, O LORD, and your merciful love, for they are from of old.  
In your merciful love remember me, because of your goodness, O LORD.



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**All** We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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*Leader* Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**All** **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**All** **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**All** **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**All** **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**All** **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. *Silence*

**All** Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant* Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

**All** **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.**

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

**OFFERTORY**

*O Praise Ye the Lord*

Hymn 432

- <sup>1</sup> O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height;  
Rejoice in His word, ye angels of light;  
ye heavens, adore Him by whom ye were made,  
And worship before Him, in brightness arrayed.
- <sup>2</sup> O praise ye the Lord! Praise him upon earth,  
In tuneful accord, all ye of new birth;  
Praise Him who hath brought you His grace from above,  
Praise Him who hath taught you to sing of His love.
- <sup>3</sup> O praise ye the Lord! All things that give sound;  
Each jubilant chord re-echo around;  
Loud organs, His glory forth tell in deep tone,  
And sweet harp, the story of what he hath done.
- <sup>4</sup> O praise ye the Lord! Thanksgiving and song  
To Him be outpoured all ages along!  
For love in creation, for heaven restored,  
For grace of salvation, O praise ye the Lord!

**DOXOLOGY** **Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him, all creatures here below  
Praise Him above the Heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost**

## HOLY COMMUNION

*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 every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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** **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.**

Hymn S-125

*Celebrant* 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:

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

*Celebrant* 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.  
AMEN. Hymn S-146

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

**All**            **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.**

**All Sing** (Belmont)  
**Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us, therefore let us keep the feast;  
Blood of Christ, shed for us, take in remembrance of Him, in remembrance of Him.**

*Celebrant*      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 HYMN** *Now Let Us All With One Accord* Hymn 147

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| <p><sup>1</sup> Now let us all with one accord,<br/>in company with ages past,<br/>keep vigil with our heavenly Lord<br/>in his temptation and his fast.</p> <p><sup>2</sup> The covenant, so long revealed<br/>to those of faith in former time,<br/>Christ by his own example sealed,<br/>the Lord of love, in love sublime.</p> <p><sup>3</sup> Your love, O Lord, our sinful race<br/>has not returned, but falsified;<br/>author of mercy, turn your face<br/>and grant repentance for our pride.</p> | <p><sup>4</sup> Remember, Lord, though frail we be,<br/>in your own image were we made;<br/>help us, lest in anxiety,<br/>we cause your Name to be betrayed.</p> <p><sup>5</sup> Therefore, we pray you, Lord, forgive;<br/>so when our wanderings here shall cease,<br/>we may with you forever live,<br/>in love and unity and peace.</p> |
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*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

**All**            **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.**

**BLESSING**

- <sup>1</sup> O love, how deep, how broad, how high,  
how passing thought and fantasy,  
that God, the Son of God, should take  
our mortal form for mortals' sake!
- <sup>2</sup> For us baptized, for us he bore  
his holy fast and hungered sore;  
For us temptations sharp he knew;  
for us the tempter overthrew.
- <sup>3</sup> For us he prayed; for us he taught;  
for us his daily works he wrought:  
by words and signs and actions, thus  
still seeking not himself, but us.
- <sup>4</sup> For us to wicked hands betrayed,  
scourged, mocked, in purple robe arrayed,  
he bore the shameful cross and death;  
for us gave up his dying breath.
- <sup>5</sup> For us he rose from death again;  
for us he went on high to reign;  
for us he sent his Spirit here  
to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.
- <sup>6</sup> All glory to our Lord and God  
for love so deep, so high, so broad;  
the Trinity whom we adore  
forever and forevermore.