



Gathering Song

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Holy Spirit, Come

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Holy Spirit, come, Holy, Spirit, come.

Heal our hearts, our lives,

Cleanse our thoughts, our minds.

Holy Spirit, come, O come to us.

Holy Spirit, fall, Holy, Spirit, fall.

Drench us with your love,

Fill our lives with peace.

Holy Spirit, fall, O fall to us.

Holy Spirit, flow, Holy, Spirit, flow.

Lead us in your will.

Empowered to proclaim.

Holy Spirit, flow, O flow through us.

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

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Collect of Purity

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.

Song of Praise

Hymnal 1982 – 135

Salzburg

Songs of thankfulness and praise

Courtney Steinberg, soprano

- 1 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.

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

- 3 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.

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The 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 Lesson

Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 29

Officiant and People

- 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.

Acts 19:1-7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?” They replied, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.” Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.” On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied – altogether there were about twelve of them.

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

Mark 1:4-11

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a

voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Reverend Nancy L.J. Cox

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

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

People: **I do.**

Leader: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Leader: 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.

Leader: 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.**

Leader: 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.**

Leader: 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.**

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

People: **I will, with God's help.**

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

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Leader: 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.**

Leader: 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

From Praying the Scriptures, by Jeremiah D. Williamson

Leader: Sisters and brothers, ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name.
Let us approach our great God with humble hearts saying: "Lord,
give strength to your people; *bless us with peace.*"

Lover of souls, you seal us by your Holy Spirit in baptism and claim
us as your own forever: may our offering of worship be acceptable
in your sight. *Silence.*

Lord, give strength to your people;

People: **Bless us with peace.**

Leader: Lover of souls, you sit enthroned as king for evermore: may the
leaders of the nations do justice and govern with mercy. *Silence.*

Lord, give strength to your people;

People: **Bless us with peace.**

Leader: Lover of souls, you created the heavens and the earth: we praise
you that you make holy such basic things of earth – water for
baptism, grapes and grain to sustain our souls. *The people are invited
to add their thanksgivings, followed by silence.*

Lord, give strength to your people;

People: **Bless us with peace.**

Leader: Lover of souls, you forgive the sins of the penitent and care for
the injured: be with all victims of gun violence; heal and convert the
hearts of the violent. May our city know peace. *Silence.*

Lord, give strength to your people;
People: **Bless us with peace.**

Leader: Lover of souls, your voice is a voice of splendor: speak healing and comfort to all the heartbroken and needy. *The people are invited to add their petitions, followed by silence.*

Lord, give strength to your people;
People: **Bless us with peace.**

Leader: Lover of souls, you called the light into being: let light perpetual shine on those who have died. May we all rest in the hope of life eternal. *Silence.*

Lord, give strength to your people;
People: **Bless us with peace.**

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant and People

**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 Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

The Blessing

Closing Song

Hymnal 1982 – 448

Deus tuorum militum

O love, how deep, how broad, how high

Courtney Steinberg, soprano

1 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.

2 For us baptized, for us he bore
his holy fast and hungered sore;
for us temptations sharp he knew;
for us the tempter overthrew.

3 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.

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A Note on Today's Readings

The First Sunday after the Epiphany – Year B

Welcome to All Saints' Episcopal Church. Today is one of four occasions designated by the Book of Common Prayer as baptismal days. (The others are Easter, Pentecost, and All Saints.) Each of the four days has its particular theme, which enhances our understanding of this primary Christian sacrament, Holy Baptism.

On this first Sunday after the Epiphany, we celebrate the Baptism of Our Lord. Jesus' baptism was for all the Gospel writers, and in the apostolic preaching of the Gospel, the event which initiated the redemptive ministry of the Messiah. It was in that event that Jesus was revealed as the Messiah (Christ). God proclaimed him Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. The first reading is the beginning of the creation account. The water and the wind or Spirit from God at the beginning point us to our recreation by water and the Holy Spirit in baptism. The second reading gives an account of the baptism of the first Gentiles into the name Way of Jesus.

In Holy Baptism each person is adopted as the child of God. Each person becomes a "messianic" person, anointed by the Holy Spirit. We do not simply become passive recipients of the benefits of Christ; we are "christed" or christened. We become sharers in his life and in his redemptive ministry.

All those who are baptized and anointed are received "into the household of God." They join with that household in confessing "the faith of Christ crucified," proclaiming his resurrection and sharing in his eternal priesthood – the priesthood which we enact sacramentally in the Eucharist and daily in lives of self-giving love toward one another and toward the world.

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