

**FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
LITURGY OF THE WORD
SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2020**

PRELUDE – MICHAEL RACINE

WELCOME AND INSTRUCTIONS – ZOOM HOST

OPENING SONG

NEW EVERY MORNING

**In the beginning you hovered over the waters
You broke an unbroken silence: You spoke light into darkness
And there was light**

**In the beginning, we were made in your image
And we were naked without shame till we fell for the darkness
And there was night**

(Chorus)
**Your mercies are new
Your mercies are new
New every morning *(repeat)***

**In the beginning, there was the Word and He was God
And the Word was with God, and He dwelt among us
And there was life**

**Oh, in the beginning, the Lamb of God was broken
And His blood was poured out for the sins of the world
And there was life *(chorus)***

**At the cross, at the cross, where I first saw the light
At the cross, at the cross, I received my sight
At the cross, at the cross where you laid down your life *(chorus)***

CLERGY WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

OPENING SENTENCES

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

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Leader: 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.

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

Leader: 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 FIRST LESSON—GENESIS 1:1-5

Reader: A Reading from the book of Genesis.

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

THE RESPONSE—PSALM 29 (*Led by Celebrant*)

Afferte Domino

- 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.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.**

THE SECOND LESSON—ACTS 19:1-7

Reader: A Reading from the book of Acts.

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.

Reader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE GRADUAL

SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me

THE GOSPEL—MARK 1:4-11

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

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

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.”

Officiant: *The Gospel of the Lord.*

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

SERMON HYMN (*Music on next page*)

525. The Church's One Foundation

1. The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
 2. E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3. Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,
 4. Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war
 5. Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,

she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word:
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for ev - er - more;
 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.

from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blessed,
 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.
 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

THE SERMON – THE REV. CHARLES HOFFMAN, D.MIN

THE NICENE CREED

**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.***

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE /INTERCESSORY PRAYER (III)

Leader: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People: That we all may be one.

Leader: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People: That your Name may be glorified by all people.
Leader: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
People: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.
Leader: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
People: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.
Leader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
People: That our works may find favor in your sight.
Leader: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
People: That they may be delivered from their distress.
Leader: For all who suffer from the coronavirus and all who minister to them, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord have mercy.
Leader: Where there is racial injustice, discrimination, or violence, make us instruments of your love.

People: Lord, have mercy.
Leader: Give to the departed eternal rest.

People: Let light perpetual shine upon them.
Leader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.
Leader: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

(Prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings may be added.)

In the Episcopal Church in Connecticut, Cycle of Prayer, we pray for:

*Holy Advent, Clinton; Trinity Church, Collinsville; St. James', Danbury.
For those who have been affected by and who have died from COVID-19/Coronavirus, their families, friends, healthcare workers, and frontline workers*

In the Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer, we pray for:

The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand, and Polynesia.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Said in unison)

**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 CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

(Silence may be kept)

*People: 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.*

THE ABSOLUTION

Leader: 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 us in eternal life. Amen.

PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

All: Lord Jesus, I cannot now worship you at the altar of the church in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, yet in spirit I would join myself with all those who in your Holy Church offer you the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Visit me, I pray, with your mercy, pardon, and blessing, and fill me with faith and love and repentance, and so strengthen and sustain me by your grace that I may with pure heart and mind follow you, the only God, now and ever. Amen.

CLOSING PRAYER

*Officiant: Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.
We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.
We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.
We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.
Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.
Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. **Amen.***

BLESSING

*Priest: Go forth into the world in peace;
be of good courage;
hold fast that which is good;
render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted;
support the weak;
help the afflicted;
honour everyone;
love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.***

CLOSING HYMN

O THE DEEP, DEEP LOVE OF JESUS!

**O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;
Rolling as a mighty ocean, in its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me, is the current of thy love;
Leading onward, leading homeward, to thy glorious rest above.**

**O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Spread his praise from shore to shore;
How he loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, never more.
How he watches o'er his loved ones, died to call them all his own;
How for them he intercedeth, watcheth o'er them from the throne.**

**O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Love of ev'ry love the best:
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus! 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
And it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to thee.**

DISMISSAL

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – PAUL SMITH

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OUR PREACHER TODAY

The Rev. **Charles L. Hoffman**, D.Min was born and brought up in Chicago, IL. and baptized in All Saints Church, Ravenswood. At the age of 17 he travelled to Hartford, CT to attend Trinity College on full scholarship as an Illinois Scholar. After graduation he served 3 years in the United States Air Force as an Air Police Officer at Loring AFB in Limestone, ME. After graduating from the Episcopal Theological School, Cambridge, MA, he was ordained Deacon in 1968 and began his ministry in the Boston area where he served as an assistant priest in

Wollaston and Winchester, MA before being elected Rector of the Church of the Messiah in Woods Hole in 1971. He earned the Doctor of Ministry degree from Andover Newton in 1978. In 1988 he became Rector of Grace Episcopal Church in Old Saybrook, CT where he served until he retired in 2013. Since then he has been Interim Rector at St. Paul's Church in Darien, CT and supply in St. Peter's, Milford and St. Paul's, Westbrook as well as Darien. The Rev. Charles L. Hoffman is married to the Rev. Canon Ellendale M. Hoffman and has 4 adult children and 5 grandchildren. All that he is and all that he has he owes to his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

RESOURCES FOR THIS LITURGY:

Book of Common Prayer, Holy Eucharist Rite II, Prayer of Thanksgiving, pg. 836

The Lectionary Page: <http://lectionarypage.net>

Episcopal Church in Connecticut Cycle of Prayer

The Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer

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