

**Morning Prayer, Rite II**  
**First Sunday after Epiphany**  
**January 10, 2021**  
**St. Alban's Episcopal Church**  
**Wickenburg, Arizona**

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Lay Reader, Jan Savoie

**Organ Prelude**

**Cantor: Hymn 616, "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"**

1 Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son!  
Hail, in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free;  
to take away transgression, and rule in equity

4 Kings shall bow down before him, and gold and incense bring;  
all nations shall adore him, his praise all people sing;  
to him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend;  
his kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.

**Deacon:**

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Deacon:**

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.*

**Deacon:**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.**

**Deacon:**

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

### **The Invitatory and Psalter**

Deacon: Lord, open our lips.

**All: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

**Alleluia.**

**DEACON:**

Our King and Savior now draws near: Come let us adore him.

**ALL: Venite *Psalm 95:1-7***

**Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with Psalms.**

**For the Lord is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
and his hands have molded the dry land.**

**Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

**For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

**Lay Reader:**

## **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 evermore.
- 11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; \*  
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace

**ALL: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in  
the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

**The Lessons:**

**Lay Reader:**

## **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

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**ALL:**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

**Lay Reader:**

## **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.

**Lay Reader:** Here ends the Reading.

**All: Canticle 15**

## **The Song of Mary**

**My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.**

**From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*  
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.**

He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
in every generation.  
He has shown the strength of his arm, \*  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.  
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
and has lifted up the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
and the rich he has sent away empty.  
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
The promise he made to our fathers, \*  
to Abraham and his children for ever.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen.***

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

**ALL: Glory to you Lord Christ.**

**Deacon:**

### **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.

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

**Cantor: Hymn 120, "The Sinless One to Jordan Came"**

1. The sinless one to Jordan came, and in the river shared our stain;  
God's righteousness he thus fulfilled, and chose the path his father willed.

3. Above him see the heavenly Dove, the sign of God the Father's love,  
now by the Holy Spirit shed upon the Son's anointed head.

6. On you may all your people feed, and know you are the Bread indeed,  
who gives eternal life to those that with you died, and with you rose.

**Reflection: Deacon Debra**

**The Apostles' Creed**

**ALL:**

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

**The Prayers**

**V: The Lord be with you.**

**R: And also with you.**

**V: Let us pray**

**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 power and the glory forever and ever. Amen**

### **Suffrages A Responsively**

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
**R. And grant us your salvation.**
- V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
**R. Let your people sing with joy.**
- V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
**R. For only in you can we live in safety.**
- V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
**R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
- V. Let your way be known upon earth;  
**R. Your saving health among all nations.**
- V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
**R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
- V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
**R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

**Deacon:** Lord God Almighty, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**Deacon:** Almighty God, kindle, we pray in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth, that in tranquility your dominion may increase until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**Deacon:** Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **The General Thanksgiving**

**All:**

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all**

**whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

**Deacon:**

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Let us bless the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**Deacon:**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen. 2 Corinthians 13:14*

**Cantor: Hymn 121, “Christ, when for us you were baptized”**

1. Christ, when for us you were baptized, God’s spirit on you came,  
as peaceful as a dove and yet as urgent as a flame.
2. God called you his beloved Son, called you his servant true,  
sent you his kingdom to proclaim, his holy will to do.
4. Baptize us with your Spirit Lord, your cross on us be signed,  
that, likewise in God’s service we may perfect freedom find.

**Organ Postlude**