



**GOD HOLDS THE
WHOLE WORLD
IN HIS HANDS**

Sunday January 10, 2021
Baptism of Our Lord
Welcome and Concerns of the Church

Introduction: The celebration of Epiphany concludes the Christmas season with God's glory revealed to the whole world in Jesus Christ. In Isaiah we hear that glory is proclaimed for all nations and people. In this season we remember that God has the whole world in his hands. God is holding your life!

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the Holy Trinity + one God,
Whose voice is upon the waters,
whose mercy is poured out upon all people,
whose goodness cascades over all creation. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.
(Silence is kept for reflection)

Holy God,
You search us and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways.
We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin-
Our own sins and the broken systems that bind us.
We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love.
We distrust those who are not like us.
We exploit the earth and its resources
and fail to consider generations to come.
Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone.
Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them;
Receive them in your divine mercy.
Amen.

How vast is God's grace!
Through the power and promise of ✠ Christ Jesus,
our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God's own beloved.
You are forgiven. God is holding your life. In that gift of God's forgiveness
we are called to be the beloved community living our Christ's justice
and the Spirit's reconciling peace.
Amen.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Children's Moment

First Reading: Genesis 1.1-5 (*New Revised Standard Edition*)

Six Days of Creation and the Sabbath

1 In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, **2** 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. **3** Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. **4** And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. **5** God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Psalm: 29 (*New Revised Standard Edition*)

1 Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**2Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;
worship the LORD in holy splendor.**

3 The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the LORD, over mighty waters.

**4The voice of the LORD is powerful;
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**

5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

**6He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

7 The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

**8The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

9 The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl,
and strips the forest bare;
and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

**10The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.**

11 May the LORD give strength to his people!

May the LORD bless his people with peace!

Gospel: Mark 1.4-11 (*New Revised Standard Edition*)

⁴ John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ 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. ⁶ Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ 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. ⁸ I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

The Baptism of Jesus

⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Message

Song: "Baptized in Water" 456 Michael Saward 1932 text; Gaelic Tune arr. hymnal version; Buinessan 558D

1. Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
Cleansed by the blood of Christ our King:
Heirs of salvation, trusting his promise,
Faithfully now God's praise we sing.

2. Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
Dead in the tomb with Christ our King:
One with his rising, freed and forgiven,
Thankfully now God's praise we sing.

3. Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
Marked with the sign of Christ our King:
Born of the Spirit, we are God's children,
Joyfully now God's praise we sing.

Apostles Creed

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 into hell.

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 Peace

Announcements

In January and February you can watch our worship services on Facebook each Sunday at 9:30 AM. We hope to be able to gather together safely later in the New Year! In the meantime, stay home, stay warm and stay safe!

The 2021 POP envelopes are here! If you would like to receive yours by mail, please email the office with your preferred address Attention Donna at princeofpeacebrockton@gmail.com or dplouffe16@gmail.com thank you!

Bible study on Wednesday 10 am Live or taped on our facebook page.

“New” Thirsty Thursday video also on facebook. Send in your pics by Tuesday check in for the theme of the week.

Prayers of Intercession

Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Sing Response: **God is holding your life, God is holding your life, God is holding your life, we believe. (sing twice)**

For the church throughout the world and its leaders, that guided by the Holy Spirit they proclaim the forgiveness of sins,
Let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For the nations of the world and their leaders, for laborers busy both day and night, and for peacemakers amid strife, that God inspire all people to use their strength wisely,
Let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For the sick and those who provide medical care, for the imprisoned and those who show them mercy, for the lonely and those who provide companionship, for all who suffer that God shower compassion,
Let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

In thanksgiving for the faithful departed who now rest from their labors that their witness inspire us in our baptismal vocations,
Let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

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The Lord's Prayer

Blessing:

May God, the creator strengthen you;
Jesus the beloved fill you;
And the Holy Spirit, the comforter, keep you in peace.
Go in the knowledge that
God is holding your life
You are not alone.
You are loved. **Amen.**

Hymn: "God, Whose Almighty Word"

673 text: John Marriott 1780-1825 alt; music: Felice de

Gardini, 1716-96; Italian hymn 6646664

1. God, whose almighty word
Chaos and darkness heard,
And took their flight:
Hear us, we humbly pray,
And where the gospel day
Sheds not its glorious ray,
Let there be light!
2. Christ, who once came to bring
on your redeeming wing
Healing and sight,
Health to the troubled mind,
Sight where illusions blind:
Oh now to humankind
Let there be light!
3. Spirit of truth and love,
Lifegiving, holy dove,
Speed forth your flight!
Move on the water's face
Bearing the lamp of grace
And, in earth's darkest place,
Let there be light!
4. Holy and blessed Three,
Glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might:
Boundless as ocean's tide
Rolling in fullest pride
Through the earth far and wide,
Let there be light!

Dismissal

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

Thanks be to God!

Thanks for joining us!

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