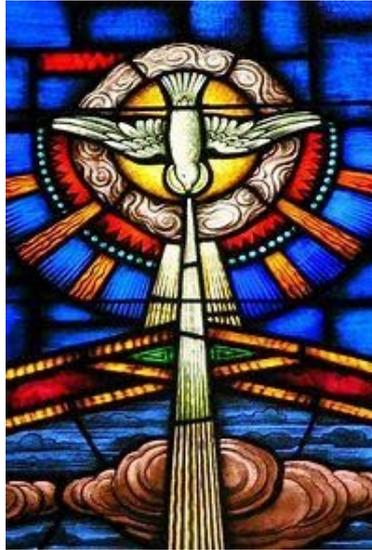




A warm welcome to  
**St. Paul's Episcopal Church**  
Bailey's Crossroads



**The First Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**AnteCommunion**  
January 10, 2021

The Rev. Elizabeth W. Tomlinson, Priest in Charge  
Anna Eunyoung Ko, Music Director  
3439 Payne Street, Falls Church, Virginia 22041  
703.820.2625 ❖ [www.stpaulsboxr.org](http://www.stpaulsboxr.org)

**January 10, 2021**  
**10:30 a.m.**

**The First Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**AnteCommunion**

## **Prelude**

### **Call to worship**

*"Light has sprung up for the righteous, and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.  
Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name." Psalm 97:11-12*

### **Opening Hymn**

**"On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry" Hymn 76 v.1,3,5**

**On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry  
announces that the Lord is nigh;  
awake and hearken, for he brings  
glad tidings of the King of kings.**

**For thou art our salvation, Lord,  
our refuge, and our great reward;  
without thy grace we waste away  
like flowers that wither and decay.**

**All praise eternal Son, to thee,  
whose advent doth thy people free;  
whom with the Father we adore  
and Holy Spirit evermore.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### Opening Sentence & Collect for Purity

BCP 355

**Officiant** Blessed by God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

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

### Collect for Purity

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.**

Officiant Lord, have mercy.

**People** *Christ, have mercy.*

Officiant Lord, have mercy.

Officiant The Lord be with you.

**People** *And also with you.*

Officiant Let us pray.

### Collect of the Day

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

*Reader, Mike Dunn*

## Old Testament

## 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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 29

*Readers Markeeta Belmar  
David Wright*

*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.

*Reader Tam Mehuron*

## **The Second Reading**

**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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn**

**“Shall we gather at the river”**

**LEVAS 141 v. 1&4**

**Shall we gather at the river,  
where bright angels feet have trod;  
with its crystal tide forever  
flowing by the throne of God?**

**Refrain: Yes, we’ll gather at the river,  
The beautiful, the beautiful river;  
Gather with the saints at the river  
That flows by the throne of God.**

**Soon we’ll reach the shining river,  
Soon our pilgrimage will cease.  
Soon our happy hearts with quiver  
With the melody of peace.**

**Refrain: Yes, we’ll gather at the river,  
The beautiful, the beautiful river;  
Gather with the saints at the river  
That flows by the throne of God.**

**Gospeller**

**The Rev. Elizabeth W. Tomlinson**

Gospeller: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

**All: Glory to you, Lord Christ**

**The Gospel**

**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."

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord

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

**Sermon**

**The Rev. Elizabeth W. Tomlinson**

**Nicene Creed**

*Leader Markeeta Belmar*

*Please join us as we reaffirm our faith by saying together the words of 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.***

*Leader June Jallah*

*Responses David Wright*

## **Prayers of the People**

## **Form III**

*The Leader and the People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

***That we all may be one.***

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

***That your Name may be glorified by all people.***

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.***

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

***That there may be justice and peace on the earth.***

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

***That our works may find favor in your sight.***

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

Give to the departed eternal rest;

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

*The people may add their own petitions.*

*The Officiant adds a concluding Collect*

Lord, hear the prayers of thy people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of

thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **The Peace**

*Officiant* Christ gave us His peace, a peace that cannot be given  
by the world.

May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you**

### **Closing Prayers**

*Officiant* The Lord be with you

*People* **And also with you**

*Officiant* Let us Pray

*Leader* *Mike Dunn*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*Please join with us as we say together the Lord's Prayer*

**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.**

## **Prayer at the Beginning of A New Year**

Thank you, Lord, for the beginning of a new year. As we step out into the unknown future, we pray that You would be with us, leading and guiding us, teaching us and drawing us ever closer to each other and to Yourself. Thank You that Your steadfast love never ceases and that Your mercies are new every morning. Great is Your faithfulness, O Lord.

Father, we know that these times in which we live are fraught with difficulties and are increasingly stressful and yet, Father, our hope is in You. You are our faithful God Who has promised never to leave us nor forsake us. Father, as we step onto the threshold of a new year, with its inevitable problems and pain, we place our hand into Yours, Lord, and trust You to lead us along the right way. For we know, Father, that there is no safer place to be than walking in fellowship with You.

As we step out into the unknown future, we offer ourselves as living sacrifice to You. May we be used for Your praise and glory. In Jesus' name we pray. ***Amen.***

*Reader Tam Mehuron*

## **Prayer for Social Justice**

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

*Reader David Wright*

## **In Times of Conflict**

O God, you have bound us together in a common life. Help us,  
In the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to confront  
One another without hatred or bitterness, and to work together  
with mutual forbearance and respect; through Jesus Christ our  
Lord. *Amen.*

*Priest, Elizabeth W. Tomlinson*

### **Blessing**

May the Source of life hold you in the faith;  
May the Word of life speak clearly in truth around you;  
and may the Breath of life, of grace, and of wisdom,  
sing in your inmost being.  
And may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son  
and Holy Spirit be with you this day and for evermore.

### **Closing Hymn “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed” Hymn 616 v.1&5**

**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.**

**O’er every foe victorious,  
he on his throne shall rest;  
from age to age more glorious,  
all blessing and all blest:  
the tide of time shall never  
his covenant remove;**

**his Name shall stand for ever,  
his changeless Name of Love.**

*Priest, Elizabeth W. Tomlinson*

**Dismissal**

**Officiant** And now with the power that raised Jesus from  
the dead at work within you, go in peace to love  
and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**People** **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**