

# St. James Episcopal Church

Taos, New Mexico

Sharing ourselves and our faith with others.



## Holy Baptism

The First Sunday after the Epiphany:

The Baptism of Our Lord

January 10, 2021

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## HOLY BAPTISM

The Book of Common Prayer

PRELUDE: How Bright Appears the Morning Star    Dietrich Buxtehude  
Mary Gates - Organ

### THE OPENING SENTENCES

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

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

There is one Body and one Spirit;

**There is one hope in God's call to us;**

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

**One God and Father of all.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you,**

Let us pray.

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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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.**

### A READING FROM THE BOOK OF 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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

- 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.

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

## MARK 1:4-11

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

**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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Very Reverend Mac Brown

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE p. 301

*The parents and godparents gather at the font.*

Celebrant: The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

**Parents & Godparents: I present Aubrey Faith Santistevan to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

Celebrant: Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

**Parents & Godparents: I will, with God’s help**

Celebrant: Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

**Parents & Godparents: I will, with God’s help**

Celebrant: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

**Parents & Godparents: I renounce them.**

Celebrant: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

**Parents & Godparents: I renounce them.**

Celebrant: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

**Parents & Godparents: I renounce them.**

Celebrant: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

**Parents & Godparents: I do.**

Celebrant: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

**Parents & Godparents: I do.**

Celebrant: Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

**Parents & Godparents: I do.**

Celebrant: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this

child in her life in Christ?

**People: We will.**

Celebrant: Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

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Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Celebrant: 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.**

Celebrant: 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.**

Celebrant: 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.**

Celebrant: 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.**

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

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

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

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

Celebrant: 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.**

Celebrant: Let us now pray for Aubrey Faith Santisteven who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Reader: Deliver Aubrey O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: Open her heart to your grace and truth.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: Send her into the world in witness to your love.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship Aubrey who comes to him in faith, baptizing her in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that Aubrey who here is cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE BAPTISM

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Aubrey, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Aubrey, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

*Aubrey receives a candle.*

Celebrant: Aubrey, receive the light of Christ.

Celebrant: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**People: We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

## THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

## THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

*To read all this week's announcements, please consult your St. James Email Newsletter. If you do not receive it and wish to, please notify Gwen: [office@stjamestaos.org](mailto:office@stjamestaos.org)*

## HOLY COMMUNION

*All who come in faith are invited to receive Holy Communion at St. James.*

## THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

All things come of thee, O Lord.  
**And of thine own have we given thee.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. *(Here a Proper Preface is said.)*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Gifts of God for you, the People of God.

### *Receiving Communion*

*We believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist.  
Cup your hands when receiving the Bread.  
Cross your arms over your breast if you wish to receive only a blessing.*

Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.**

**Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

THE POSTLUDE      As With Gladness Men of Old      Raymond Haan