

*First Sunday after the Epiphany
The Baptism of Our Lord
January 10, 2021 9:30 a.m.
Ante-Eucharist Rite Two
and Modified Holy Communion*



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Ante-Eucharist, Rite II and Modified Holy Communion

(The congregation says the portions of our service in *bold italics*)

Prelude *I Come, the Great Redeemer Cries* George Oldroyd

Processional Hymn *All creatures of our God and King* Hymn 400
Verses 1, 2, 3 and 7



1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
*2 Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -
*3 Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to
4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our
5 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your
*6 And ev - en you, most gen - tle death, wait - ing to hush our fi - nal
7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -

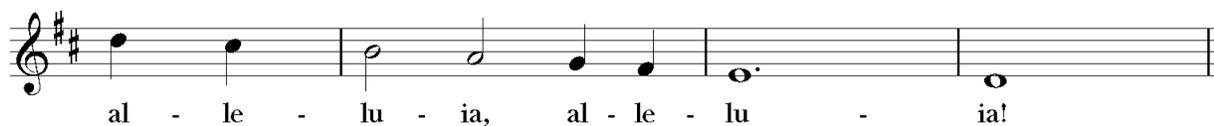


1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
2 loft, O___ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing
3 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in -
4 way, O___ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and
5 part, O___ sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that
6 breath, O___ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! You lead back
7 ness, O___ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
2 morn, with praise re - joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,
3 tense and fierce - ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,
4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:
5 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:
6 home the child of God, for Christ our Lord that way has trod:
7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:





The refrain may be sung antiphonally, by phrase; all join in the final Alleluia.

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The Word of God

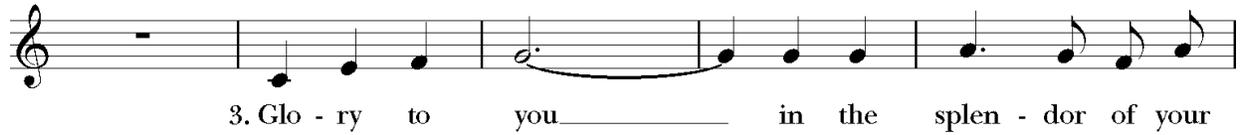
Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People ***And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

Celebrant 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.***

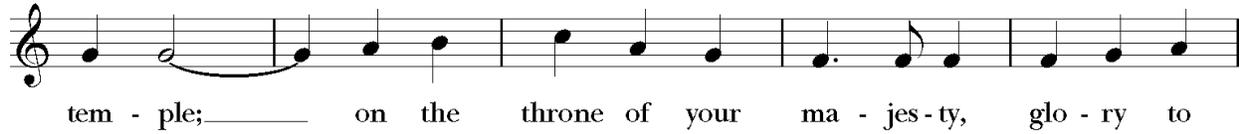
Gloria *Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers* S-236

The Hymnal 1982, Service Music - #236 Canticle 13, A Song of Praise: *Benedictus es, Domine*

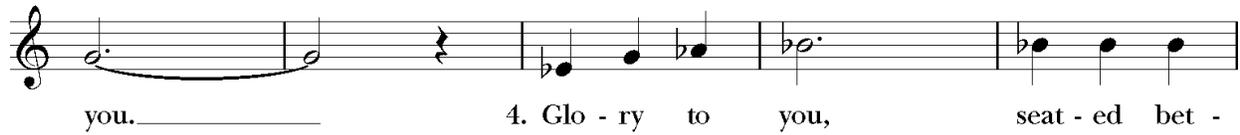
1. Glo - ry to you, Lord
 God of our fa - thers; you are wor - thy of praise;
 glo - ry to you. 2. Glo - ry to you
 for the ra - di - ance of your ho - ly Name; we will
 praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.



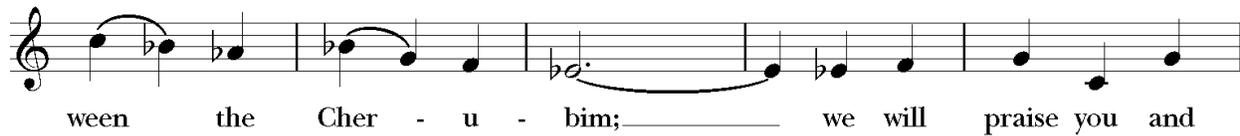
3. Glo - ry to you in the splen - dor of your



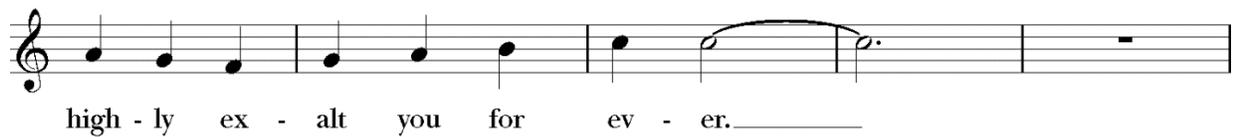
tem - ple; on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to



you. 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -



ween the Cher - u - bim; we will praise you and



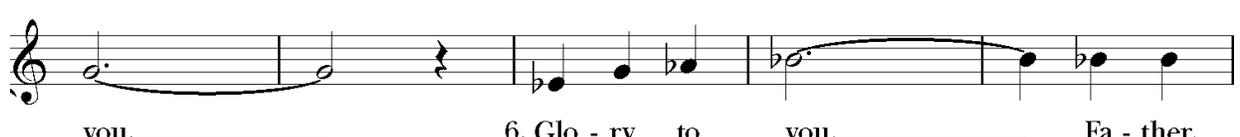
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5. Glo - ry to you, be - hold - ing the



depths; in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to



you. 6. Glo - ry to you, Fa - ther,



Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will praise you and



high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant: 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 First Lesson

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

Psalm 29 *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.

The Second Lesson:

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.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

Christ, when for us you were baptized

Hymn 121
set to tune *St. Flavian*

1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spi - rit on you came,
2 God called you his be - lov - ed Son, called you his ser - vant true,
3 Straight - way and stead - fast un - til death you then o - beyed his call
4 Bap - tize us with your Spir - it, Lord, your cross on us be signed,
as peace - ful as a dove and yet as ur - gent as a flame.
sent you his King - dom to pro - claim, his ho - ly will to do.
free - ly as Son of Man to serve and give your life for all.
that, like - wise in God's ser - vice we may per - fect free - dom find.

The Gospel

Mark 1:4-11

Celebrant

The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,
according to Matthew.

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."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

Homily

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

The Celebrant addresses the congregation,

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, as we celebrate our Lord's Holy Baptism, to renew the solemn promises and vows of our own baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy catholic Church.

Celebrant Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People ***I do.***

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.***

The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayers of the People - Form VI

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Robert, Don, and Paul, our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially Scott, Sofie, Julia, Barb, Lisa, Mark, Martha, Len, Deloris, Carol, Rick, Joel, Ed, Alice, those affected by the coronavirus, those on the Redeemer prayer list, and those we name either aloud or silently.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

And we pray for all who are suffering in the isolation of this pandemic: those whose families are not near; those who live alone; those who live with depression or anxiety; those who are experiencing a crisis of their faith; those who are experiencing grief of any kind; that they might find comfort, healing, and peace from your indwelling Spirit.

Silence

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

We give you thanks for those celebrating the anniversary of their birth, remembering especially Philip Knowles and Danelle Borland, and those celebrating the anniversary of their marriage.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for Phyllis Chesbro, mother of Scott Chesbro, and all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant and People together,

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 Priest says

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 you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Officiant May the peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Brief Announcements

Offertory *Interlude on "In Splendoribus"* Dom Gregory Murray

The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **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 sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

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:

Celebrant and People
**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.**

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,
Celebrant and People

***We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;***

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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,

People and Celebrant

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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then may be said

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

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Receive them in your hearts and spirits in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the priest is not able to distribute the consecrated bread and wine. The priest will consume the host on behalf of the congregation, with the following words:

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep us all in everlasting life. [*Amen.*]

After the Celebrant has consumed the consecrated bread and wine, he will invite the congregation worshipping remotely to lift up whatever bread and wine they may have with them at home. The Celebrant will then bless the bread and wine with these words:

Our Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. We love you above all things, and long for you in our souls. Since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, bless the bread and wine we now consume, and come spiritually into our hearts. We embrace you and unite ourselves entirely to you; never permit us to be separated from you. Amen. (*St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787. Used at Washington National Cathedral March 15, 2020*)

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

***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.*

Concluding Hymn

Breathe on me, Breath of God

Hymn 508

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new,
2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die;

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
un - til with thee I will one will, to do or to en - dure.
till all this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

Words: Edwin Hatch (1835-1889), alt. Music: *Nova Vita*, Lister R. Peace (1885-1969)

Benediction and Dismissal

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and God’s Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and may the blessing of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, be with us now and evermore. **Amen.**

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

Oh morning star, how fair and bright

Participants in the Liturgy

Organist

Reader

Technical Assistance

Officiant

Jenny Moore

Linda Chesbro

Connie Karpinsky/John Fox

Rev. Bill Combs

Singing Support Linda Chesbro
*The Altar Flowers are from Cathy and Frank Crosby,
to the glory of God and in memory of Cathy's Dad, Ray Devlin,
who would have been 94 today and passed on January 1, 2020.*

**The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer Announcements
January 10, 2021**

Weekly Email Newsletter and Bulletins

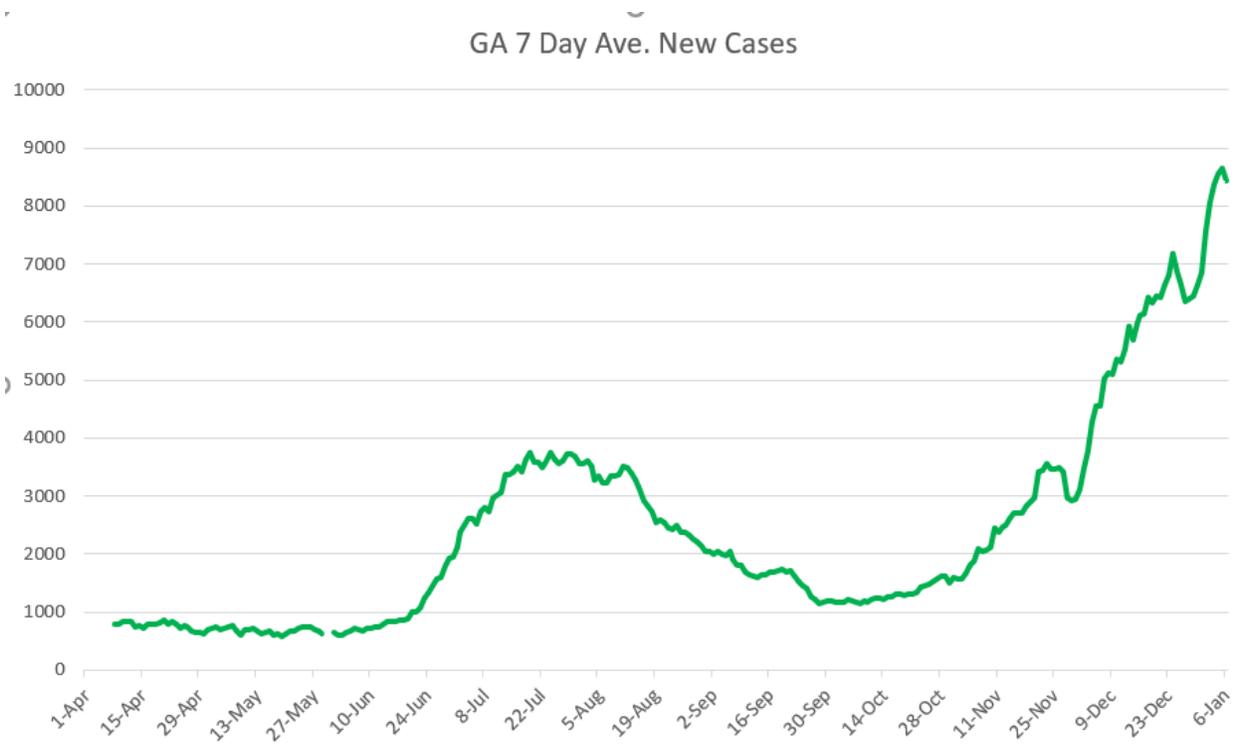
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if you have any announcements to go in the weekly email bulletin.

What is Remotely Happening...

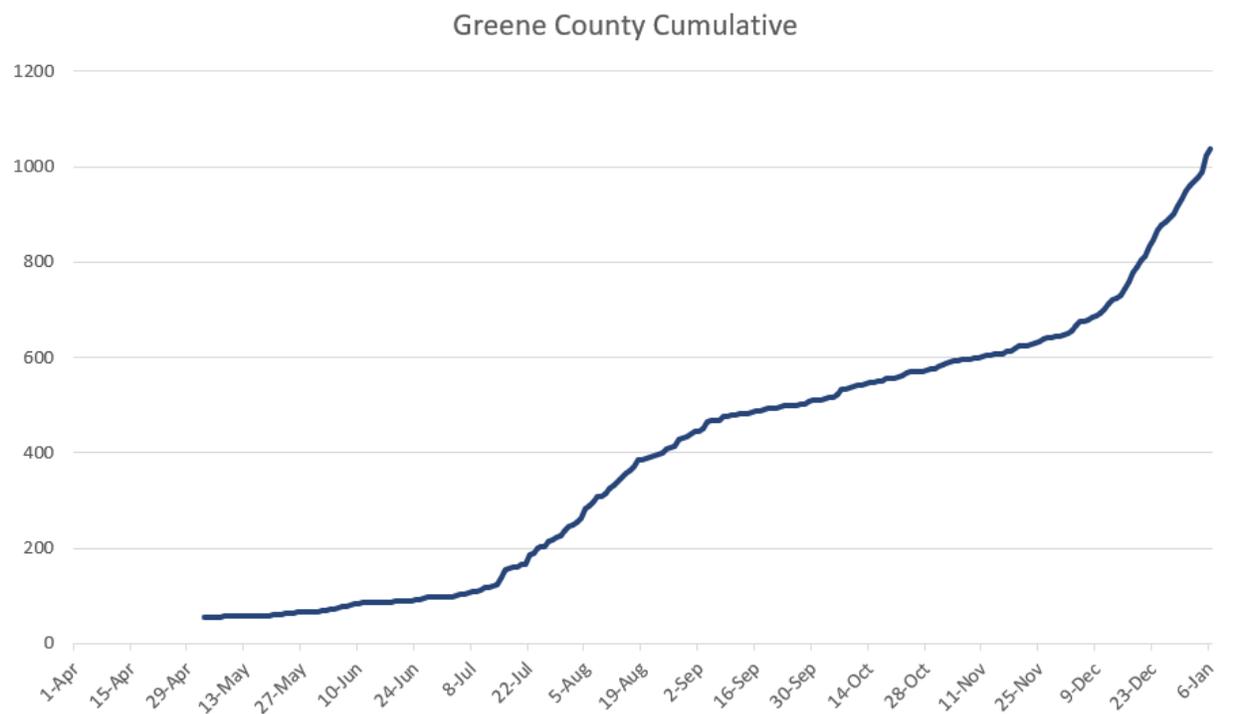
<i>Sunday, Jan. 10</i>	9:30 a.m. Modified Communion – Live-streaming on Facebook 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour – Zoom Conference 11:00 a.m. Adult Christian Education – Zoom Conference
<i>Monday, Jan. 11</i>	9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer – Live-streaming on Facebook 1:00 p.m. Yoga – Zoom Conference 2:30 p.m. Centering Prayer – Zoom Conference
<i>Tuesday, Jan. 12</i>	10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. – Pilgrimage 7:30 p.m. Compline – Livestreaming on Facebook
<i>Wednesday, Jan. 13</i>	9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer – Live-streaming on Facebook 3:00 p.m. – Living Gracefully – Zoom Conference
<i>Thursday, Jan. 14</i>	1:00 p.m. Centering Prayer – Zoom Conference 7:30 p.m. Compline – Live-streaming on Facebook
<i>Friday, Jan. 15</i>	9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer – Live-streaming on Facebook
<i>Saturday, Jan. 16</i>	9:00 a.m. Annual Vestry Retreat – Zoom Conference
<i>Sunday, Jan. 17</i>	9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer – Live-streaming on Facebook 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour – Zoom Conference 11:00 a.m. Adult Christian Education – Zoom Conference 2:00 p.m. Outdoor Holy Eucharist w/ Mod. Com. – Facebook live-streaming.

COVID-19 Updates

The holiday surge has come in this past week. The 7-Day Average of New COVID-19 Cases has reached a level nearly three times the peak we saw in the summer months. Greene County has become one of the “hottest” in the state, with 190 new cases in just the last two weeks (that is 1010 cases per 100,000 people, compared to 633 for Fulton County and 835 for Gwinnett). In other words, be even more careful than you have been. Please pray for those who have this virus, their loved ones, those who are caring for them, and those working hard to develop new therapies and distribute the new vaccines.



[Updated through and including January 6, 2021]



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Pre-Register for the Vaccine

If you live in Greene, Morgan, Oconee, Clarke and other Athens area counties, you can pre-register for a coronavirus vaccine at the following website:

<https://publichealthathens.com/wp/programs/infectious-disease/coronavirus-covid-19-information/covid-19-vaccination/non-healthcare-covid-vaccine-pre-registration/>

This will place you in a priority group, and you will be contacted for an appointment when they become available.

For those of us in counties outside of Athens, there are not the same pre-registration sign-ups available as yet, but do follow the information closely at:

<https://northcentralhealthdistrict.org/covid-19-vaccine/>

I would encourage all of us to receive this vaccine when it becomes available to us. I will certainly do so. It is our best and safest bet for overcoming this terrible pandemic. ~Bill

Outdoor Holy Eucharist

Our next opportunity to gather for Eucharist will be Sunday, January 17. The weather will likely not be too cooperative in January and February, but we will hope to have a time or two when we can gather for Holy Communion. It is important to register with Gina, so that we can get in touch with you in the event of last-minute worsening of the weather!

We will be offering this worship opportunity on the first and third Sundays of each month (weather permitting, or unless the diocese determines it is ok to return to indoor services, or that it becomes necessary to temporarily discontinue these services). On these particular Sundays, there will still be Morning Prayer at 9:30 a.m., livestreaming on our Facebook page, or available later in the day on our website. The morning service will be a spoken (no music).

We are getting into our winter months, and so it may become necessary to cancel these gatherings if it gets too cold or rainy. If rain or cold seems likely, we will cancel the service on the Friday before.

***Gina Canavan is our Outdoor Eucharist attendance coordinator. Please contact her if you would like to attend our next offering on January 17: glaswegm@yahoo.com ; 910-639-9597.

Blankets/warm socks/gloves for SSS in January and February

Winter is here!

At our last Soup & Sandwich Saturday we became aware that there are those in our community who are in need of blankets and other cold weather necessities such as warm socks, gloves, etc.

So, if you have any of these items at home that you're not using and would like to donate them, please drop them off at the Activity Center.

The love and care shown by the Redeemer family through our SSS ministry is definitely touching lives in the community.
Thank you so much for your support!

Soup and Sandwich Saturday

Soup and Sandwich Saturday continues to be well received in our community. The most recent SSS on December 19 served 51 people. **The next lunch will happen on January 16.**

You responded so enthusiastically to our call for homemade soup that we have enough frozen containers of soup for our January lunch! Thank you! We will need more after January and the call will go out again.

Our needs for January's lunch:

- American cheese - individually wrapped slices. We need 2 large packs.
- 6 loaves of white sandwich bread.
- Individual fruit or applesauce cups.
- Bananas or mandarin oranges to be bought a day or two ahead.
- Individual bags of chips. Large bags/packs of these are available at Sam's or Costco.
- Homemade cookies or brownies are a nice addition to the lunches.

Our funds have been replenished, and we appreciate the generosity of our Redeemer family. If you want to help with a donation of funds or a gift card, we are happy to do the shopping. Any of the above supplies are also appreciated. If you would like to help the day of or in any way, please contact Jenny Moore: 770-363-5188 or jldmoore@mindspring.com.

Pledges

Just a gentle reminder that we are nearing the end of 2020, and it would be MOST helpful for planning our 2021 financial year to have your pledge cards returned as soon as possible. As of December 22, we have received 42 pledges, for a total of \$157,109 (compared to 56 pledges totaling \$206,220 for 2020). If you have not had a chance to do so yet, please send your pledges in! If you have lost or misplaced your card, we are glad to mail you another one.

Thank you so much for your incredible generosity during this challenging year. We have so much to hope for and look forward to in 2021!

Thank You from Connie

Many thanks to all who helped support my mission to share Christmas with our troops in Iraq. I was able to mail (completely stuffed) 7 large flat rate boxes. My nephew, Dan, was extremely

grateful and asked that I relay his thanks to everyone who contributed. Please continue to keep Dan and all of our troops in your daily prayers. Thank you again!!!

Connie Karpinsky

Furniture Finds a New Home

What fun we had gathering furniture for a family looking forward to using it in their home!! The offers of furniture, money for furniture and help making the transition of the pieces from homes to another home came in quickly. We were able to help this family furnish their home with 2 queen beds, one queen pullout sofa, a twin mattress, 6 dining room chairs, and a lazy boy chair. We just want to thank everyone for their generous donations of furniture and offers of money to purchase if needed, and for being there to help the moving of furniture out of a home. The mama of this family called to say thank you and she plans on sending pictures.....

Thanks be to God for all you do!

THE 2021 ALTAR FLOWER SIGN-UP CHART

is now posted in the Activity Center. There are just a few open Sundays before Lent and they are - January 31, February 7 and 14.

If you would like to provide altar flowers for these (and any other) Sundays in 2021, please call Elaine in the parish offices and she will put you down.

Coffee Hour January 10, 2021 from 10:30-11:00 a.m.

Katie and Everett Price are inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Coffee Hour

Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76104357238?pwd=b3pvSXFkM0Q1OEJDM0Y1WmVQZ3pjUT09>

PLEASE NOTE NEW MEETING ID AND PASSCODE below
which will be used going forward.

Meeting ID: 761 0435 7238

Passcode: apE4S3

Adult Christian Education

Bible Study – We resume our Bible Study classes this week. We will be looking at the baptism of Jesus, as related in Mark 1:4-11. As always, all are welcome!!!

The Zoom link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/252192646?pwd=OGlBMU1ucXYwR2ErcXh0a0tBVWYrdz09>

Meeting ID: 252 192 646

Passcode: 032429

Living Gracefully

At our Zoom meeting on Wednesday, January 13, 2021, we will discuss the essays: Names of Things, Water, Third Aid, and Yelling on pages 87-97 in *All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten*.

Happy New Year! Thinking about trying something new, just for fun? We welcome new faces in our Zoom meetings any Wednesday. *Kindergarten*, by Robert Fulghum is easy to read and our conversations are full of hearty laughs.

Contact Connie Karpinsky at littlechurch2018@gmail.com. Tell her you'd like to join. New to Zoom? She can help you get started, then email her every week that you will attend so that she can admit you to the meeting.

Meeting ID 833 8502 3082 Password 194653 All are welcome!

Karen Klomp

Zoom Congregational Check-in

Our next gathering will be on Thursday, January 21 at 11:00 a.m.

The Zoom log-in information is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89808858693?pwd=NHlqam5lVlMrNnl4SEJmZkdNVEZSZz09>

Meeting ID: 898 0885 8693

Password: 022746

I hope that you will be able to join us for this time to just check-in, connect, and share how we are doing in these very challenging times.

Yoga

The Redeemer Yogis continue to convene via Zoom each Monday at 1:00 p.m. Please make note of schedule with specific forms of yoga woven throughout each month. Listed below are the classes for January.

January 4:

New Year ritual and brief chair yoga practice. Please join us to step into this new year of possibility with hope! 45 minutes.

January 11:

Basic Level One yoga practice. One hour, 1:00-2:00.

January 18:

Restorative Yoga: a gentle practice with longer holds and more stretching. Please have props handy: blocks, blanket, bolster/pillow. One hour, 1:00-2:00.

January 25:

Basic Level One yoga practice.

Any questions, please contact Cathy Crosby at c.crosby@mac.com or 770-294-1399.

Centering Prayer

Our Centering Prayer group is now viewing the video series by Thomas Keating entitled, "The Spiritual Journey." These are wonderful teachings about what he calls, "the human condition", and how contemplative prayer/meditation leads us to a deeper relationship with our God.

The Redeemer Centering Prayer group meets twice a week: 2:30 p.m. every Monday, and on Thursdays at 1:00 p.m.

Do join us for one or both of these weekly sessions. Contemplative prayer is especially helpful in these uncertain times. All are always welcome!!!

Our Zoom link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/192533433?pwd=b09wVGNuMHFFVWRSMS9Pa3ROSWJFUT09>

Meeting ID: 192 533 433

Passcode: 014705

Amazon Smiles Reminder

While we are mostly grounded with this pandemic, we might find ourselves doing more shopping online. Please don't forget to register for (if you have not already done so) and utilize Amazon Smiles.

"Smiles" is the philanthropic division of Amazon. The Church of the Redeemer is listed among the organizations participating in Amazon Smiles. This means that when you select Redeemer as the organization you wish to support, Redeemer will receive ½ of all your Amazon purchases.

Thus far this year we have received \$186, just through your use of Amazon!!!

Signing up is this easy:

1. Go to <http://smile.amazon.com>
2. If you are not already logged in, you will be asked to log in to your Amazon account.
3. You will then be asked to select a charitable organization. Where it says "Pick your own charitable organization", type in "30642".
4. Scroll to the bottom of the first page, and select "next." About halfway down that second page you will see, "Church of the Redeemer". Hit the "select" button.
5. A pop-up message will appear, reminding you that the contribution to the church only happens when you shop through Amazon Smiles.
6. That's it! One half of one percent of your Amazon purchases will be donated to Redeemer.

This is a quick and easy way to give financially to our church by doing what you are going to do anyway: shop! Thanks! *Christine*

Reaching Out

Please keep in mind of the ongoing economic toll of this pandemic upon our community. Your assistance is so needed. Thank you for your generous participation. Because the economic impact of this pandemic will likely last for many months to come, let us continue to find ways of supporting this important ministry in Greensboro.

Quilting Update!!! Our Quilting Ministry this year have been working on quilts and bibs for the families at the Circle of Love. They have made a total of FIFTY quilts and EIGHT bibs during 2020!!! Remarkable work!!! Many thanks to all of you who have offered your gifts for these families in tremendous turmoil and need.

Redeemer by the Numbers...

For the period **January 1 – January 3, 2021:**

	This Week	2021 Year-to-Date	End of Year 2020
Pledge Revenue	\$1,250.05	\$1,250.05	\$196,921.56
Budgeted Pledges Revenues			\$205,905.00
Total Operating Revenue	\$1,800.05	\$1,800.05	\$228,860.40
Total Operating Expenses	\$1,767.34	\$1,767.34	\$234,355.62
Attendance			
January 3, 2021	9:30 am Mod. Comm.: 114 Facebook Thru-plays Video Recording: 16 views Participants: 2		

January Birthdays

- Jan. 1 Jim Hudson
- Jan. 3 Gail Meads
- Jan. 4 Lisa Kearney
- Jan. 11 Philip Knowles
- Jan. 13 Danelle Borland
- Jan. 25 Ann Goff
- Jan. 28 Martha Cochran

There are no January Anniversaries

A Birthday Blessing

Watch over your *child*, O Lord, as *his* days increase; bless and guide *him* wherever *he* may be.
Strengthen *him* when *he* stands; comfort *him* when discouraged or sorrowful;
raise *him* up if *he* fall; and in *his* heart may your peace which passes understanding
abide all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Blessing for the Anniversary of a Marriage

We thank you, most gracious God, for the marriage of *N. and N.*

Bless and uphold their life together, and let their love be a reflection of your love in Jesus Christ. Lead them further in companionship with each other and with you. Give them grace to live together in love and fidelity, with care for one another. Strengthen them all their days, and bring them to that holy table where, with those they love, they will feast for ever in your heavenly home; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



Redeemer Prayer List

Please pray for the needs of this congregation and those they love, especially:

Anne Reed	Breck	Dan Harris
Art Mileski	Jenni	Rebecca Reid
Brent Ogletree	Audrey	Scott & Janet Frederick
Broadus Bolling	Oliver	Carol Hallauer
Martha Saldan	Lisa	Deloris Ramfos
Joseph	Ann	Cathy McClanahan
Justin	Beth Jordan	Scott Schneider
Libby	Evelyn Ramirez	The Jordan Family
Susan	Stan Mileski	Joe Noyes
Harry Braddy	Martha Cochran	Rick Horne
Jessica	Gino	Jeff
Rhonda Allen	Len Scullion	Diane
Ryle Holder	Joel McRay	Becky
Mark Peters	Ruby Faith	Ed
Rick	Dana Winn	Sofie Krips
Jeff Dean	Carol Moore	The Chesbro Family
George	Jennifer Combs	
Jane	Julia	
Elaine Rivera	Charlotte Keyser	

For those who have died:

Phyllis Chesbro, mother of Scott Chesbro

Florence Robinson

The 1,910,000+ victims of the Coronavirus worldwide.

For all who served in the Armed Forces of the United States, and for all who currently serve.

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The Right Rev. Robert C. Wright, Bishop
The Right Rev. Don Wimberly, Assisting Bishop
The Right Rev. Paul Lambert, Assisting Bishop
The Rev. Bill Combs, Rector
Jenny Moore, Organist
John Cawthon, Interim Organist
Elaine Hall, Parish Administrator

VESTRY

Ed Coleman, Senior Warden, Administration
John Fox, Junior Warden, Building and Grounds
Nancy Beckemeyer
Sharon Bryan
Linda Chesbro
Everett Price
Les Reed
Mimi Vickers
Christine Young
Heather Kennerson, Treasurer
Susan Fox, Vestry Clerk

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Flower Guild	Elizabeth Hassell	770-853-6534
Lay Readers	Carl Stollenmeyer	706-485-6245
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