



*TO KNOW CHRIST AND TO MAKE CHRIST KNOWN*

# The Baptism of Jesus

January 13, 2021



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# Food for Thought

You are  
Amazing

Grace.

You are a  
Precious  
Jewel.

You are  
Special,  
Miraculous,  
Unrepeatable  
Fragile,  
Fearful,  
Tender,

Lost.

Sparkling  
Ruby  
Emerald  
Jewel  
Rainbow  
Splendor  
Person

*By Joan Baez*

# Morning Prayer: Rite II

January 10, 2021

## **Organ Prelude:**

## **Opening Hymn:** 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.

2. He comes with succor speedy  
to those who suffer wrong;  
to help the poor and needy,  
and bid the weak be strong;  
to give them songs for sighing,  
their darkness turn to light,  
whose souls, condemned and dying,  
are precious in his sight.

*Celebrant:* Blessing to God, who gives hope in the darkness of our lives.

**People:** Blessing to Jesus Christ, who reveals God's love unto the world.

*Celebrant:* Blessings to the Holy Spirit, who empowers us to be a light for others.

**People** Blessings, honor and glory to God, today and forever. Amen.

## **Collect for Purity:**

*Celebrant and People:* 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

**Song of Praise:**

The Lord is my Light and my Salvation  
The Lord is my Light and my Salvation  
The Lord is my Light and my Salvation  
Whom shall I fear?

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

**Collect: 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.**

**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:* Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people

**People:** Thanks be to God

**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.

***People: Thanks be to God***

## **THE GOSPEL**

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

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

### **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.”

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

***People:* Praise to you Lord Christ**

**Sermon: The Rev. Karen Ann Campbell**

### **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.**

## **Prayers of the People**

(We invite different voices to pray. If the spirit moves you, please take a paragraph to pray aloud.)

*Reader:* In trust, we bring before God our hopes and fears, our wonder and confusion, our joys and sorrows, asking God's blessing on our lives and the life of the world.

Let us pray. *(Silence)*

*Reader:* We pray for the Church, for Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, our Bishop, Lawrence Provenzano, our assisting Bishops, Gerelyn, William, Daniel, and our Rector, Karen. For the family of Christ throughout the world, remembering particularly all the baptized who minister in this congregation and community, especially; our Vestry.

In the prayer cycle of the Diocese of Long Island, we pray for Church of the Atonement, Quogue, Rural Migrant Ministries at Grace Church, Riverhead, The Staff & Board of Managers of Camp DeWolfe, Christ Church, Sag Harbor, St. James', St. James, St. Andrew's, Saltaire, St. Ann's, Sayville. *(Pause for spoken prayers)*

For the household of faith we pray:

**People: Be with us and bless us, O God.**

*Reader:* We pray for our nation. Especially for our President, Donald and President elect Joe Biden all who are in authority. Endow us with your grace, and bring us to a more perfect union embracing young and old, rich and poor, men, women and children, of all colors and tongues. Help us become your Beloved Community.

*(Pause for spoken prayers)*

For our nation we pray:

**People: Be with us and guide us, O God.**

*Reader:* We pray for all nations, peoples and tribes throughout the world especially for peace in the Middle East and for our partners in the Vassar Haiti Project, especially their priest, Andre Wildaine and The Good Samaritan Church in the village of Chermaitre, Haiti. We pray for all those who serve in the Armed Forces, especially Brian and Heidi Montgomery, Herbert Thompson Jr., Michael Campbell, Michael Kennedy, and Connor Diesing. In your compassion lead us into the way of unity and peace, and bring us to that glorious liberty which is the birthright of all your children. *(Pause for spoken prayers)*

For the welfare of the world we pray:

**People: Be with us and unite us, O God.**

*Reader:* We pray for all who are having birthdays. We pray for our neighbors in this community, at work, at school and at play. Help us to be aware of those who are unemployed and without shelter, and give us compassion and determination to respond to their needs. *(Pause for spoken prayers)*

For our community we pray:

**People: Be with us and help us, O God.**

*Reader:* We pray for everyone whose body aches, whose heart is weary or frightened, whose mind is confused or cast down. Strengthen with your healing Spirit all who suffer, especially; Marilyn, Mercedes, Kathy, Allison, Nancye, Beth, Billy, Evelyn, David, and Haley *(Pause for spoken prayers)*

For all who suffer and struggle we pray:

**People: Be with us and heal us. O God.**

*Reader:* We pray for all those who have died. Draw them to your bosom in love to the new life of eternity, with all your saints who have shown us how to live more fully the life of Christ. *(Pause for spoken prayers)*

For all who have entered new life in Christ's resurrection we pray:

**People: Be with us and raise us, O God.**

*Reader:* O God, who brought all things to birth in creation and gave us grace to become your daughters and sons: Draw us together that we may live in the Spirit as a family of Christ, to ages of ages. **Amen.**

**And may God bless us with enough FOOLISHNESS, To believe that we can make a difference in this world, so that we can do what others claim cannot be done. We ask you to prosper Community Cafe. Amen**

## **Confession of Sin**

*Celebrant:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and **People:**

**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.**

*Celebrant:* 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**

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

## **The Offertory**

*Celebrant:* Seeing how greatly God loves us, let us share freely the good gifts we have received.

## **Offertory Hymn: Shall we gather by the River**

Shall we gather at the river  
Where bright angel feet have trod  
With its crystal tide forever  
Flowing by the throne of God?

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.

## **Announcements**

If you have not made a financial commitment to Christ Church for 2021, there is still time. Please fill out your card. If you've lost your pledge card, call the office and we will mail you a new one.

Fill out and mail to the Church Office at PO Box 570, Sag Harbor 11963  
Boxed envelopes for 2021, will be given to those who pledge

The Annual Meeting will be by Zoom **January 24th**, after the 10:00 am Zoom worship service for 1/2 hour Please be present to vote for new vestry members and a delegate to Dio Convention in November.

The Annual Report needs reports from Maureen's Haven, Coffee Hour, and the Organ Fund must be turned into the office by next Sunday January 17th.

## **Blessings**

### *Celebrant*

The blessing of God, who created both darkness and light, be with you today, that your life may be illuminated by divine Wisdom.

The blessing of God, who loves you and restores you to wholeness, be with you always, that you may love others in Christ's name.

The blessing of God, who sanctifies the breath of your living, inspire your words and actions, thoughts, and feelings, that you may be the messenger of God's blessing in this world today. **Amen**

## **Recessional Hymn:**

Songs of thankfulness and praise

Songs of thankfulness and praise,  
Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise,  
manifested by the star  
to the sages from afar;  
branch of royal David's stem  
in thy birth at Bethlehem;  
anthems be to thee addressed,  
God in man made manifest.

Manifest at Jordan's stream,  
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;  
and at Cana, wedding-guest,  
in thy Godhead manifest;  
Manifest in power divine,  
changing water into wine;  
anthems be to thee addressed,  
God in man made manifest.

## **Dismissal**

*Celebrant:* Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

Organ Postlude

## **STAFF**

The Rev. Karen Ann Campbell.  
Dr. Daniel Koontz  
Carol Smith  
Claudia Ward

Priest - In- Charge  
Organist & Choir Director  
Parish Administrator  
Finances

## **SERVICES**

Sunday      Currently all worship is by Zoom at 10:00 am

To speak with Karen, or make an appointment with Karen, please call (978) 835-2672 Or  
e-mail [gardenerforgod@gmail.com](mailto:gardenerforgod@gmail.com) Karen is happy to meet with you.  
Friday is Karen's day off.

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A LETTER TO OUR VISITORS FROM OUR PRIEST IN CHARGE

Dear Friends,

I want to share with you what I love about Christ Church. We are an open and affirming parish. We affirm the dignity of every human being. We try to follow Jesus' command to love God and love one another. We have exceptional music each Sunday and we have a legacy of exquisite art glass windows which form a beautiful space for worship. Most of all, our worship includes our service to our community and the world.

At Christ Church, we are engaged in an energetic ministry of service to our community and beyond: \*We are dedicated to an Interfaith collegial ministry and have exceptional relationships with our neighboring temple, Temple Adas Israel and the churches in our area. We have partnered to serve the homeless, in our Upper Parish Hall, (through **Maureen's Haven**) with our friends from Temple Adas Israel, The Unitarian Universalist Meeting House and others from the community. We have been serving the homeless for over ten years.

\*For three years, at the annual Mother's Day Brunch, we have held a "Baby Shower" for the Moms giving birth at St John's Episcopal Hospital in Far Rockaway. Everyone attending brings a baby gift.

\*During Advent we have adopted a family through St John's Episcopal Hospital, in Far Rockaway, and congregants eagerly purchased **Christmas gifts** for each member of the family. Many of these families would have no Christmas if it were not for this program.

\*Parishioners are having fun collecting quarters for **Laundry Love**. This simple, life changing idea is to collect quarters, which our Hispanic Missioner uses to pay for washers and dryers each week at the Amagansett laundry. Clean clothes affirm the dignity of people and our donations alleviate the burden on the budget of the cost of laundry.

\*Our oldest outreach project is our **Vassar Haiti Art Sale**, which was cancelled because of COVID. When we held our sale in July 20, 21 and 22, 2018. This year we raised \$30,000 for the remote village, Chermaitre, which is located four hours from Port Au Prince. The monies raised will be used for a solar refrigerator to hold vaccines for childhood diseases, and solar sewing machines to improve conditions for families. Some people are seeing a doctor for the first time. By giving this money we aid the families in rebuilding their lives. We are, also, sponsoring a young man to attend secondary school. For more information go to <http://www.thehaitiproject.org>

\*Looking to the future, our newest endeavor is a **Community Cafe** to serve those in our area who are lonely and/or hungry. The cafe will alleviate some of the food insecurity in our community where over 7.9% of the people do not know from where their next meal will come. Statistics show that East Hampton has the most people who are food insecure in Suffolk County. Our desire is to hold a free dinner, once a week for the community. Our next step is the construction of a commercial kitchen. We are accepting donations.

Please contact the parish office if you are interested in any of our ministries, we can always use more hands. If you have questions about Christ Church or The Episcopal Church, please contact us at: the office 631-725-0128 or Karen's cell 978-835-2672 our web site: [christchurchshny.org](http://christchurchshny.org)  
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Blessings, Karen

*The Rev. Karen Ann Campbell*

