



# Second Sunday after Christmas

January 10th, 2021

9:00 a.m.: Virtual Worship

## GATHERING

### Preparing for Virtual Worship

Set up a space in your home for worship and prayer. Light a candle, set out a cross or icon to help you focus; set your phone on Do Not Disturb, wash your hands. Take a few deep breaths and say a short prayer to prepare your heart to “enter” a different kind of space. We recommend the 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.*

### Prelude: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

**Craig Phillips**

#### *Two Settings of “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”*

*Craig Phillips (b. 1961) is a distinguished composer and organist. He holds three degrees from the Eastman School of Music, and currently serves as Associate Director of Music and Composer-in-Residence at All Saints’ Episcopal Church in Beverly Hills, California. His works have been performed by organists and choirs around the world.*

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## THE WORD OF GOD

### Opening Acclamation

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

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

### The Collect of the Day

*Priest* Let us pray.

**F**ather 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.**

### 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.

## 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."

*Priest* The Word of the Lord.

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

## Sermon

**The Rev. Mary Keenan**

## Music for Reflection: *Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized*

**Hymn 121**

Christ, when for us you were baptized, God's Spirit on you came, as peaceful as a dove and yet as urgent as a flame. God called you his beloved Son, called you his servant true, sent you his kingdom to proclaim, his holy will to do. Straightway and steadfast until death you then obeyed his call freely as Son of Man to serve and give your life for all. Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord, your cross on us be signed, that, likewise in God's service we may perfect freedom find.

*F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984) wrote these words in 1979. The son of a bishop and brother of a Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, he was ordained deacon in 1918, and priest in 1920, after having served as a private in Evacuation Hospital No.15 of the American Expeditionary Forces in France during World War I. His theological wisdom and poet skills were put to good use on the committees which produced both the Hymnal 1940 and the Hymnal 1982.*

### **Christa Tumlinson**

Words: F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984), rev.

Music: *Caithness*, melody from *The Psalms of David in Prose and Meter*, 1635; harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

# RESPONDING TO THE WORD

## Prayers of the People

Form II, BCP 385

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop(s); for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

*Silence.*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence.*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for those in our community \_\_\_\_\_.

*Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored especially whom we remember today. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence*

*The celebrant concludes with prayers and a collect*

## The Lord's Prayer

*Priest and People*

**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 Offertory Carol: *The Sinless One to Jordan Came*

Hymn 120

The sinless one to Jordan came, and in the river shared our stain; God's righteousness he thus fulfilled, and chose the path his Father willed. Uprising from the waters there, the Father's voice did then declare that Christ, the Son of God, had come to lead his scattered people home. Above him see the heavenly Dove, the sign of God the Father's love, now by the Holy Spirit shed upon the Son's anointed head. O Christ, may we baptized from sin, go forth with you a world to win: grant us the Holy Spirit's power to shield us in temptation's hour.

*George Boorne Timms (1910-1997) was the second Archdeacon of Hackney in London. Recognizing a need for hymns appropriate for the First Sunday after Epiphany, he wrote this text in the early 1980s. It is paired with a late 17th-century French tune.*

Words: G. B. Timms (b. 1910), alt.

Music: *Solemnis haec festivitas*, melody from Graduale, 1685; harm. Arthur Hutchings (b. 1906)

## Announcements

### The Peace

*Priest*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*      **And also with you.**

### Postlude: *All Praise to Thee (Engelberg)*

**Craig Phillips**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Sunday Virtual Worship, 9:00 a.m.:** *Please join us online* - links available on our website.

**New Sunday school class begins today, 9:45 a.m., and continues on January 17th - Epiphany: Jesus revealed.** Epiphany is a manifestation of the divine or a sudden insight. Join us for a discussion about how the people around Jesus experienced him as God being among us - and how we still have epiphanies today. Join the class with Mother Mary & Seminarian Barbara White, via zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89874430211>.

**Daughters of the King monthly meeting, today,** 11 a.m., via zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/96139118803>

**Tuesday Noon Bible Study returns January 12th!** The link will be shared on our website. Focus of Study is 1 Samuel. All are welcome!

**Save the Date: Annual Parish Meeting, January 24th,** 9:45 a.m. Outgoing vestry members will be honored, St. Mark's will welcome four new vestry members, and the 2021 approved budget will be presented.

**Morning Prayer meets 8:30 a.m. M-F.** Check our home page for the link: [www.stmarksaustin.org](http://www.stmarksaustin.org).

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## PARISH INTERCESSION LIST

**You are invited to use this Intercession List to pray for those listed below.**

**For healthcare workers and teachers:** Heather, Michael B., Christine, Eric, Joan, Beth, Mac, Jodi, Courtney, Russ, Nicole, Jewellyn, Jana Kay, Steven, Pam, Marcille, Jesse, Laurie, Charles, Cilla, Jonea, Jennifer R., Jennifer S., Samuel, Mary, Jordan, Jeffrey, Kim, Michael T., Amber, Aaron, Sarah, Laurie, Carolyn, Jennifer, Chez, James., Cindy.

**For those celebrating birthdays:** Seth Randle, Amy Bierbower, Anika Minne, Camila Minne, Claire Ripoll, Garrett Wilson, Willow Aja, Cecily Bennett, Jim Jennings, Matt Joyce, Beth Greenlee, Robin Bridgewater, Helen Randle, Thorin Uwague.

**For those celebrating anniversaries:** Laurel & Ron Kelly.

**For those whom the Daughters of the King pray.**

**Lectors:** Mary-Alis and Nora Kelly



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