

The First Sunday after the Epiphany

~ The Baptism of our Lord, January 11, 2026 at 10 a.m. ~

Opening Hymn: #76 "On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry"

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

People: And blessed be his kingdom now and forever.

Glory to God #S-280

1. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. 2. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. 3. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; 5. you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. 6. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, 7. you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit

Celebrant: 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 First Lesson: Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.

I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Reader: The Word of the Lord ***People: Thanks be to God***

The Psalm: 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 Second Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord. ***People: Thanks be to God.***

Sequence Hymn: LEVAS #141 “Shall we gather at the river?”

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

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

Sermon

The Rev. Ronald J. Kolanowski

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

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 cherish the wonderful works of God and protect and restore the beauty and integrity of creation?

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: 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.*

The Prayers of the People

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishops and all clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Trinity, Collinsville; St. James', Danbury; St. Luke's, Darien; The Journey of Discovery with Indigenous Peoples Ministry Network; for Prayer & Healing Ministry Networks; *the Anglican Church in Central America.*

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who rejoice this week as they celebrate their birthdays especially for Lianie Unterzuber 1/12, Stephanie Wheeler 1/14, Melinda Woods 1/15, and for those celebrating anniversaries especially Fr. Ron & Art Engler, that they might obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing might flee away, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, remembering especially Daniel Matthew Lebreton, Pauline Leonard and for those who are listed in our Continuing Prayers list, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, remembering especially Linda Snarski, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace. let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.
To thee, O Lord our God.

Presider: For what else shall we pray on this day?

Presider: Source of light and gladness, accept the prayers we offer in this joyful season. May we grow in Jesus Christ who unites our lives to yours and who is Lord for all eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Peace

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

People: And also with you.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Hymn #448 “O love, how deep, how broad, how high”

The Doxology is sung while the offering is brought to the altar.

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.***

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

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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. 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:

Sanctus #S-130

Schubert, arr. Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, _____ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, _____ hea - ven and earth are full, _____ full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na
 in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na
 in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation... Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People: ***We remember his death,***
We proclaim his resurrection
We await his coming in glory

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...

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

The Lord's Prayer

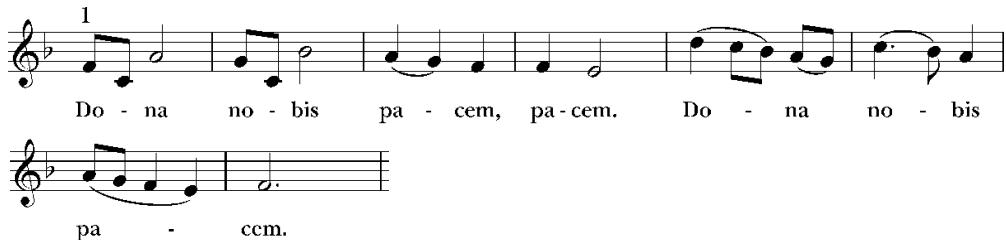
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem: #712 "Dona nobis Pacem" sung 3x



Post Communion Prayer (in unison)

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The Blessing

Closing Hymn LEVAS #143 "Wade in the water"

Dismissal

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Postlude

Legal notice: The Annual Meeting of St. Peter's Episcopal Church will be held on February 1, 2026.

Parish Family Remembrances and Thanksgivings

for the 1st Sunday after the Epiphany

We pray for our clergy: Sean, the Presiding Bishop; Jeff & Laura, the Bishops of Connecticut; for our priest Fr. Ron; for our Seminarian Doug, for our deacons Marge & Donna; and for all bishops, priests and deacons;

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Trinity, Collinsville; St. James', Danbury; St. Luke's, Darien; The Journey of Discovery with Indigenous Peoples Ministry Network; for Prayer & Healing Ministry Networks; *the Anglican Church in Central America*.

In St Peter's Cycle of Prayer, we pray for all our parish family, especially for Pauline Leonard and Daniel Matthew Lebreton and for those who are listed in our Continuing Prayers list that you would heal all injuries, comfort all grief, and settle all wrongs. We pray for those who have died, remembering especially Linda Snarski, and we pray for those who suffer the loss of family, friends, and neighbors that they may be comforted by those who love them.

We pray for those who celebrate their birthdays this week especially for Lianie Unterzuber 1/12, Stephanie Wheeler 1/14, Melinda Woods 1/15, and for those celebrating anniversaries especially Fr. Ron & Art Engler.

Continuing Prayer List

Ann, Dolores, Michael H, Carolyn Aubin, Eileen, Bonnie R., Renee, Fran, Hannah Janowiak, Sarah, Leslie Vallee, Kelly Johnson, Mario, Maria, John Lumsden, Rosemarie, David Rigby, Roberto Rodegher, Len & Kim Begin, Sheila, Peter & Barbara Farren, Peggy Cobb & family, Andrew, Adrian Mandeville, Neal, Loretta, Robin, Brenda, Jim, Richard Taylor, Judy Knox, Star, Norm, Aimee Goodrich, Justin, Derek Anderson, Janet Nixon, Bill D., Steve Dubin, Ryan, Marlin Corbean; Brian; Kathryn & Olivia; Caroline, Ron Lamp, Lou & Heidi Schluntz, Ambrosio Vidal & Family, Jeannette Farren, Rina Bettancourt; Susan Hicks & family.

