

# St John's Episcopal Church Walpole, NH

January 10, 2021, First Sunday after the Epiphany: Feast of the Baptism of our Lord

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*After the Announcements, a period of silence is kept. Please stand as you are able for the hymn*

HYMN

*The Hymnal 400*



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:

*Refrain*



O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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

OPENING SENTENCES

*People remain standing until the psalm*

*Book of Common Prayer, Page 78*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

**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.**

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 INVITATORY AND PSALTER

*Celebrant:* Lord, open our lips,  
*People* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise**  
*Celebrant and Officiant* **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia.**

DEUS, DEUS, MEUS *Psalm 63:1-8*

*Officiant:* The Lord has shown forth his glory.

*People:* **Come let us adore him.**

**O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; \*  
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,  
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.  
Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, \*  
that I might behold your power and your glory.  
For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; \*  
my lips shall give you praise.  
So will I bless you as long as I live \*  
and lift up my hands in your Name.  
My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, \*  
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,  
When I remember you upon my bed, \*  
and meditate on you in the night watches.  
For you have been my helper, \*  
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.  
My soul clings to you; \*  
your right hand holds me fast.**

*Officiant:* The Lord has shown forth his glory.

*People:* **Come let us adore him.**

PSALM 29

*Read in unison. People may be seated.*

- 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.

*Following the Psalm:* **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT

*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.

*Following the Lesson...*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE 12

*WLP, 884*

**O all ye works of God now come  
to thank him and adore;  
O angels sing and bless the Lord  
and praise him evermore.  
O sun and moon and stars of heav'n  
your endless praise outpour;  
O changing seasons, bless the Lord  
and praise him evermore.  
O heat and cold, O night and day,  
O storms and thunder's roar,**

O fields and forests, bless the Lord  
and praise him evermore.  
O earth and sea, O all that live  
in water or on shore,  
O men and women bless the Lord  
and praise him evermore.  
O let his people bless the Lord  
like righteous souls of yore;  
let those of holy, humble heart  
come praise him evermore.

THE NEW TESTAMENT

*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.

*Following the Lesson...*

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

HYMN (HYMN CONTINUES ON NEXT PAGE)

LEVAS 141

1. Shall we gath-er at the riv-er, Where bright an-gel feet have trod;—  
2. On the mar-gin of the riv-er, Wash-ing up its sil-ver spray,—  
3. Ere we reach the shin-ing riv-er, Lay we ev-'ry bur-den down;—  
4. Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv-er, Soon our pil-grim-age will cease,—

Yes, we'll gath-er at the riv-er, The beau-ti-ful, the beau-ti-ful— riv-er;

1. With its crys-tal tide for-ev-er Flow-ing by the— throne of— God?  
2. We will walk and wor-ship ev-er, All the hap-py— gold-en— day.  
3. Grace our spir-its will de-liv-er, And pro-vide a— robe and— crown.  
4. Soon our hap-py hearts will quiv-er With the mel-o-dy of— peace.



THE GOSPEL

*Mark 1:1-11*

A Reading from the Gospel of Mark.

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
 who will prepare your way;  
 the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:  
 ‘Prepare the way of the Lord,  
 make his paths straight.’”

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.”

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

*The Rev. Duncan Hilton*

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

*Book of Common Prayer*

*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

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*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Officiant* Let us pray.

**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.**

SUFFRAGES B

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

**R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.**

V. Day by day we bless you;

**R. We praise your Name for ever.**

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

**R. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.**

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

**R. For we put our trust in you.**

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

**R. And we shall never hope in vain.**

THE COLLECTS

INTERCESSIONS

*Form II, Page 385*

*In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People may offer their own prayers.*

Celeste Garbarino, Lisa Dumont, Charles Nash, Bobby Hall, Cassandra Sweeney, Joanna Crocker

THE PEACE

*People may unmute and greet one another.*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

HYMN (HYMN CONTINUES ON NEXT PAGE)

*Hymnal 398*

1 I sing the al-might - y power of God, that made the moun-tains rise,  
 2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food;  
 3 There's not a plant or flower be - low, but makes thy glo - ries known;

that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the lof - ty skies.  
 he formed the crea-tures with his Word, and then pro-nounced them good.  
 and clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, by or - der from thy throne;

I sing the wis - dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day;  
 Lord, how thy won - ders are dis - played, wher - e'er I turn my eye,  
 while all that bor - rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,

the moon shines full at his com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.  
 if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!  
 and ev - ery-where that I could be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
 we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
 for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
 to us and to all whom you have made.  
 We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
 and all the blessings of this life;  
 but above all for your immeasurable love  
 in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;

for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

#### CONCLUDING VERSICLE AND RESPONSE

Let us bless the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

#### CLOSING SENTENCE

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#### POSTLUDE

### **PARTICIPANTS TODAY**

Organist – **Christopher Evatt**  
Lay Reader – **Al Sparks**

### **CALENDAR**

**Sunday 1/10, 10 am - 1st Sunday after Epiphany – Forum Discussion on Zoom Worship**  
**Sunday 1/17, 10 am - 2nd Sunday after Epiphany**  
**Sunday 1/24, 10 am - Annual Meeting and 3rd Sunday after Epiphany**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **ZOOM N2: VIRTUAL DINNER WILL RESUME AFTER A BREAK**

After a few months of meeting regularly, the Thursday 6 pm fellowship will take a break for a few weeks. The group plans to resume in a few weeks. Stay tuned! Thanks to Dan and Racheal Scott for anchoring the group this fall.

#### **RACIAL JUSTICE AND “SACRED GROUND”**

There was a spirited conversation after diocesan annual convention, including interest in taking action on the diocesan resolution to "act in accordance with our baptismal vows, in particular as it pertains to racial justice in the history and actions of our state and church." One option is for folks from St. John's who are interested to partner with another church and work through the 10-week "Sacred Ground" curriculum. It is a "film- and readings-based dialogue series on race, grounded in faith. Small groups are invited to walk through chapters of America's history of race and racism, while weaving in threads of family story, economic class, and political and regional identity." Please email Duncan if you'd like to be part of a small group. The group will next meet on Tues., 2/2 at 1 pm on Zoom.

*St. John's Priest-in-Charge, the Rev. Duncan Hilton, may be reached at [pastor@stjohnswalpole.org](mailto:pastor@stjohnswalpole.org) or at the office phone (603-756-4533).*

# **Notice of Annual Meeting**

## **St. John's Episcopal Church**

### **Walpole, New Hampshire**

We, the Officers of St. John's Episcopal Church, representing the majority of the members of the Church, hereby agree and consent that the Annual Meeting of the parish be held on the date and at the time and place stated below. The purpose of the Annual Meeting is to elect Vestry Officers, Vestry Members, Convention Delegates and Alternates, to receive and review the Annual Budget for the Parish for 2021 as agreed to by the Vestry, and to transact such other business as may lawfully come before the said Meeting.

**Place of Meeting:** St. John's Zoom Meeting Room  
<https://zoom.us/j/5759275615>

**Time and Date of Meeting:** 11 o'clock AM, Sunday, January 24, 2021

**Slate of Candidates:**

Senior Warden	(Term of 2 Years)	Marilyn Wilking
Treasurer	(Term of 2 Years)	Sarah Downing
Clerk	(Term of 2 Years)	Dr. Charles Montgomery
Vestry Member	(Term of 3 Years)	Dan Scott
Vestry Member	(Term of 2 Years)	
Vestry Member	(Term of 1 year)	
Three Convention Delegates (One Year Terms)		
Two Alternate Convention Delegates (One Year Terms)		

**Signed on behalf of the Officers of the Vestry:**

John M. Pratt, Clerk