



church of reconciliation

**Order of Service
January 10, 2021**

The Liturgy of the Word

PRELUDE

Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella

THE OPENING HYMN

When Jesus Came to Jordan

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant: Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People: **You come to your people and set them free.**

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.**

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 HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Genesis 1:1-5

Lector: A Reading from Genesis.

Read by Erica Valle

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.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 29

Refrain: The Lord will bless his people with peace.

O give the Lord, your children of God, Give the Lord glory and power
Give the Lord the glory of his name. Adore the Lord, resplendent and holy. *Refrain*

The Lord's voice resounding on the waters; The Lord on the immensity of waters;
The voice of the Lord, full of power, the voice of the Lord, full of splendor. *Refrain*

The God of glory thunders, In his temple they all cry: "Glory!"
The Lord sat enthroned over the flood; The Lord sits as king forever. *Refrain*

THE EPISTLE

Acts 19:1-7

Lector: A reading from Acts.

Read by Laureen Cate

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.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

Mark 1:4-11

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

People: Glory to you, O 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, O Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Judith Rhodes

THE NICENE CREED

All: 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Read by Laureen and Rick Cate

Intercessor: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. For all people in their daily life and work; for the men and women of our Armed Forces and first responders who serve to protect us all;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community of San Antonio, and for 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, especially our Armed Forces and first responders; and those from our parish family: and Jan, Kimberly, Greg, Reese, George, Randy, Fred, Jim, Liz, Stella, Robert, Della, Charlie, Kim, Nasir, Martha, Jetti, and Carolyn.
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; David, our Diocesan Bishop; Rayford High, our Assistant Bishop; Joshua Woods and Judith Rhodes, our priests; James Reiss, our seminarian, and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in the Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We will exalt you, O God;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, especially Burnell Jett, mother of Sylvia Maddox; and Jo Arata, mother of Terry Arata-Maiers, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

Hasten, O Creator, the coming of your Kin-dom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glory; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate.

SPECIAL PRAYER

Priest: Almighty God, who has given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly ask that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of your favor and glad to do your will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought here out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in your Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to your law, we may show forth your praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in you to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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

**All: 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 ABSOLUTION

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.**

Happy birthday to:

Anna Connelly 1/10

Thad Robertson 1/10

Lee Mick 1/11

Roxie Montesano 1/14

Atticus Murphy 1/15

Cecilia Murphy 1/15

Stella LoPachin 1/16

Robert Woody 1/16

THE PEACE

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

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. - Psalm 96:8

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Baptism of Christ

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Enriching Our Worship

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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus the Christ, your Word Incarnate, through whom you gave birth to all things.

You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb. You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey. And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings within all Creation as we shout with joy:

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.

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all. Your Word has never been silent. You called a people to yourself as a light to the nations. You delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise.

Of your grace, you became fully manifest in Jesus, who shared our humanity and our burdens, who proclaimed the presence of your holy kingdom and gave himself for us, an ultimate act of love. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, we are freed from sin, brought into abundant life, reconciled and restored to wholeness.

We give thanks that on the night before he died Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Celebrant and People

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

The Celebrant continues

Enliven your Holy Spirit within us and these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be to us the Body and Blood of Christ. Grant that we, quickened by your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all Creation into the joy of our eternal home. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator with voices in unending praise.

Celebrant and People:

Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

Celebrant: And now, as Christ taught us, we are deeply moved to pray:

The LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

The people respond: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

THE INVITATION

He whom the universe could not contain, is present to us in this bread. He who redeemed us and called us by name, now meets us in this cup. So take this bread and this wine, in them God comes to us so that we may come to God.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Thou Child So Wise

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: And now, let us pray.

God of Abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; in Christ you have united us with one another; and you have made us one with all people in heaven and earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL

The Priest dismisses the people saying:

Alleluia, Alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

The People Respond:

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

THE CLOSING HYMN

Shine, Jesus, Shine