

## Welcome to St. John's

Welcome to worshipping with us this morning. We are a small and singing church, and do not mind if what we sing is not perfectly in tune. Please join us by singing as you are able; the music for the service is in the Service Booklet.

Our parish is comprised of the young and the old, the old-timer and the newcomer, married, partnered and single, gay and straight, rich and poor. We at Saint John's are a small and proud part of the wonderful diversity that makes Sharon what it is. We celebrate the baptismal command to respect the dignity of every human being. We strive to show radical hospitality to everyone and believe every person is a beloved child of God.

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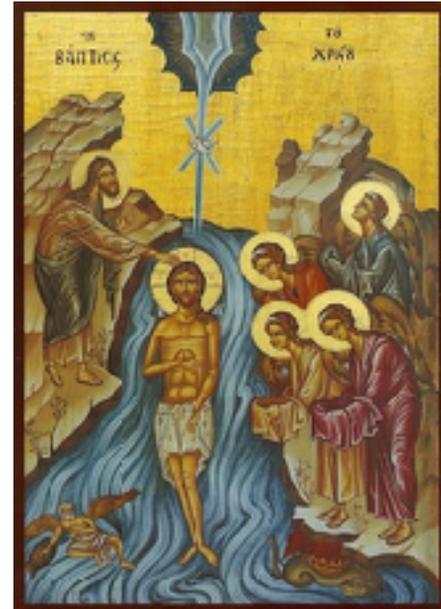
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A PARISH OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH



## FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 10, 2021 at  
10:00 A.M.  
Saint John's Parish,  
Sharon, MA

The liturgy begins on  
page 78 of the  
Prayerbook.

Prelude  
Hymn 124 What star is this, with beams so bright  
Opening Sentence (BCP p. 75)

PUER NOBIS

Confession  
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.

Absolution  
Officiant: May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins  
through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the  
power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

## Proces



Lord, o - pen our lips.



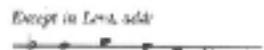
And our mouth shall pro - claim your praise.



Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spi - rit

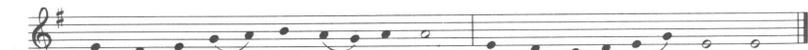


as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. A - men.



Al - le - lu - ia.

## Venite



The Lord has shown forth his glo - ry: Come let us a - dore him.

Psalm 95:1-7

VENITE, EXSULTEMUS



1. (*cantor/schola*) Come, let us sing to the Lórd; \*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock | of our salvátion.
2. (*congregation*) Let us come before God **with** thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout | to the Lord **with** psalms.
3. For the Lord is a gréat God, \*  
and a great | King above **all** gods.
4. The Lord holds the caverns **of** the éarth, \*  
and sustains | the heights of **thé** hills.
5. The sea belongs to **God**, who máde it, \*  
whose hands have | molded the **dry** land.
6. Come, let us bow **down**, and bénd the knee, \*  
and kneel before | the Lord our **máker**.
7. For you, O Lord, are our God,  
and we are the people of your pasture and the **sheep** of yóur hand. \*  
O, that today we | would hearken **tó** your voice!

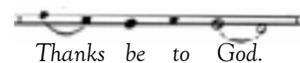
## The General Thanksgiving

*Officiant and People:* Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and lovingkindness 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.

## A Prayer of St. Chrysostom (BCP p. 102)

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

*Officiant:* Let us bless the Lord.



Closing Sentence

Announcements







8. The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees **wrít**he \*  
and | **strips** the **fó**rests bare.
9. And in the temple of Our **Gód** \*  
all are | **crying**, "**Gló**ry!"
10. The LORD sits enthroned above the **fló**od; \*  
the LORD sits enthroned as | **Só**vereign for **é**vermore.
11. The LORD shall give strength to the chosen **pé**ople; \*  
the LORD shall give the people the | **blé**ssing of **pé**ace.

All: Glory to the Father, and to the **Són**, \*  
and to the | Holy **Spí**rit,

As it was in the beginning, is **nó**w, \*  
and will be for | ever. Amen.

First Reading                      Genesis 1:1-5  
Canticle 11                      The Third Song of Isaiah                      SURGE, ILLUMINARE



The Third Song of Isaiah                      SURGE, ILLUMINARE

1. (*cantor/schola*) Arise, shine, for your **light** has come, \*  
and the glory of our God has | **dá**wned upón you.
2. (*congregation*) For behold, darkness covers the **lán**d; \*  
deep gloom en - | **shró**uds the **pé**oples.
3. But over you our God will **rise**, \*  
and his glory will ap - | **pé**ar upón you.
4. Nations will stream to your **light**, \*  
and kings to the brightness | **ó**f your **dá**wning.
5. Your gates will always be **ó**pen; \*  
by day or night they will | **né**ver **bé** shut.
6. They will call you The City of our **Gód**, \*  
The Zion of the Holy | **Ó**ne of **Í**srael.



7. Violence will no more be heard in your **lán**d, \*  
ruin or destruction with - | **ín** your **bó**rders.
8. You will call your walls, Salvátion, \*  
and | **á**ll your **pó**rtals praise.
9. The sun will no more be your **light** by day; \*  
by night you will not need the | **brí**ghtness **ó**f the moon.
10. Our God will be your everlasting **light**, \*  
and shall | **bé** your **gló**ry.

All: Glory to the Father, and to the **Són**, \*  
and to the | Holy **Spí**rit,

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Second Reading                      Acts 19:1-7  
Hymn 121                      Christ, when for us you were baptized                      CAITHNESS  
Gospel                      Mark 1:4-11

### The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth,  
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.  
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. Amen.

**T**HE ACCOUNT of the baptism of Jesus is a splendid example of how the experience of early believers expressed something beyond human understanding—the choice of Jesus by the eternal God, a choice that can be traced back to the first emergence of Jesus in society, when he met the Baptist at the river.

Something happened to the carpenter from Nazareth, something occurred in his life when he met John. His future was altered, his destiny shifted and, in light of what happened later, believer could say confidently that God was “well pleased with Jesus.” Open to the summons of God, he was ready to have his life radically altered. If we deny him that, if we say that he was not surprised by grace, we deny his humanity and conveniently omit the insistence of the New Testament that he “increased in wisdom, and in divine and human favor.”

– *Donald Spoto*

