

**The Holy Eucharist at Christ Church Episcopal**  
**First Sunday after the Epiphany (The Baptism of Christ)**  
**January 10, 2021**

**Organ Prelude:** Prelude: Water Music G.F. Handel  
II- Air

**Opening Hymn:** 116 (vv. 1, 3 & 5) *This Endris Nyght*  
*The Service begins on p 355 of the Book of Common Prayer (BCP)*

**Glory to God: Hymn S 280** Gloria in excelsis

**The Collect of the Day:** *p. 214 BCP*

**The Old Testament Lesson:** Genesis 1: 1-5

**The Psalm:** Psalm 29 (*p. 620 BCP*) *Afferte Domino*  
*Response: The Lord shall give strength to His people*

**The Epistle:** A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles Acts 19: 1-7

**Gospel Anthem:** Unto Him that Loved Us Ralph Vaughan Williams  
*Duet: Milah Allison and Victoria Wilson*

**The Gospel:** Mark 1: 4-11

**The Sermon:** The Rev. Canon John Francis

**The Nicene Creed** *p. 358 BCP*

**The Prayers of the People**

Celebrant Let us pray to God, who is made manifest in Jesus Christ.

Intercessor As the prophet Isaiah rang out, “Arise, shine; for your light has come”; empower your Church, O God, to ring out the Good News of the Light of your son Jesus, which pierces even the deepest darkness. Lord, in your mercy, *Hear our prayer.*

As a star rose high into the nighttime sky to draw the nations to the Christ-child; send your blessing, O God, on this nation, and every nation, and draw the whole world to your peace and truth. Lord, in your mercy, *Hear our prayer.*

As John the Baptist guided throngs of people to the edge of the wilderness and baptized Jesus in the River Jordan, we pray that you would guide our country and our leaders to the ways of justice and righteousness. Lord, in your mercy, *Hear our prayer.*

Like the Magi who traveled from afar to bring gifts and celebrate the Savior's birth; we pray for this community, and for those who celebrate their own birthdays and anniversaries; especially \_\_\_\_\_. Lord, in your mercy, *Hear our prayer.*

As Jesus climbed the mountaintop, and proclaimed blessings on the people of the world; we pray for the sick and the distressed, the poor and the lame. We especially pray for \_\_\_\_\_. Lord, in your mercy, *Hear our prayer.*

As Jesus called his disciples to leave their nets and boats, and follow him; we pray for those we love and who have answered your call to follow Jesus to your Heavenly Kingdom. Give them your peace. Lord, in your mercy, *Hear our prayer.*

Celebrant Lord Jesus, Light of the World, hear our prayers, and make us reflections of your Light, that the places of darkness in our world would be pierced by your Light, and that all nations would be drawn to you and be overwhelmed with joy. *Amen.*

**Confession and Absolution:** (p. 360 BCP)

**The Peace**

**Offertory Hymn:** LEVAS 121

*Eugene W. Hancock*

**The Holy Communion:** Eucharistic Prayer B (p. 367 BCP)

**Holy, Holy, Holy:** S 129

*Sanctus*

**Amen:** S 146

**Hymn** S 148

*The Lord's Prayer*

**Fraction Anthem:** S 163

*Agnus Dei*

**Post Communion prayer:** p. 365 BCP

**Closing Hymn:** 121

*Caithness*

**Blessing and Dismissal:** p. 366 BCP

**Organ Postlude:** Psalm 18 (I will Praise Thee, O Lord, My Strength)

Benedetto Marcello