

*First Sunday after the Epiphany: The Baptism of our Lord  
January 10, 2010*

*Celebrant: The Right Reverend Rustin Kimsey  
Deacon: The Reverend Stephen Schafroth*

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, The Dalles, Oregon

**The Word of God**

**The Opening Hymn**

*Brightest and best of the stars of the morning*

Hymnal 117

Brightest and best of the stars of the morning, dawn on our darkness, and lend us thine aid;  
star of the east, the horizon adorning, guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Cold on his cradle the dew-drops are shining, low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;  
angels adore him in slumber reclining, Maker and Monarch and Savior of all.

Shall we then yield him, in costly devotion, odors of Edom, and offerings divine,  
gems of the mountain, and pearls of the ocean, myrrh from the forest, and gold from the mine?

Vainly we offer each ample oblation, vainly with gifts would his favor secure,  
richer by far is the heart's adoration, dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

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Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826); Music Morning Star, James Proctor Harding (1850-1911)

**The Acclamation**

*Celebrant  
People*

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

**And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

**Song of Praise**

*Gloria in excelsis*

Hymnal S 280

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you,  
we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**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;**

**you are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, 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 also with you.**

*Celebrant*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant*

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.**

*Please be seated.*

## The First Reading

Isaiah 43:1-7

Thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth-- everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

Thanks be to God.

## The Psalm

Psalm 29

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- 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 8:14-17

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

## The Gospel

Luke 3:15-17,21-22

*Deacon*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People*

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy

Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**People** Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**The Homily**

The Right Reverend Rustin Kimsey

*Silence*

**The Nicene Creed**

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**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.**

*Deacon* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence*

**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 Bishop* 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 Prayers of the People**

Father, we pray for all members of your holy catholic Church;

***That we all may be one.***

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

***That your Name may be glorified by all people.***

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; for Katharine, our Presiding Bishop; Nedi, our Bishop; Janet, our Rector; Stephen, our Deacon; Rustin, Lewis, John, Norman and Robert, our retired clergy;

pray for Wanda, our parish secretary; our vestry; St. Alban's, Redmond, and Chuck Christopher, Ruth Brown; and for all who serve in your church. We pray for all who minister in your church.

***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.***

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

***That there may be justice and peace on the earth.***

We pray for members of this parish, especially for Dennis Stocks, Marta Moser, Alex McIlvenna, Jim Olheiser, Jim Bailey. We pray for the Haiti Mission Team; the choir, students and teachers, and for all who go forth to serve others in your name. Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

***That our works may find favor in your sight.***

We give you thanks for our many blessings~ Please add your own thanksgivings at this time;

*(Congregation adds thanksgivings)* and we seek your strength to serve you faithfully.

***That your kingdom may be known throughout the earth.***

We pray for David, Dorothy, Tim, Karen, Susan, Emma, Carolyn, Janet, Sandy, Anne, Caroline, Dale.

Please add your own intercessions at this time. *(Congregation adds petitions)*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

Give to the departed eternal rest;

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

We praise you for all your saints who have entered into joy;

***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*(Congregation adds petitions) The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

**The Peace** *Please stand*

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

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

*Announcements, Thanksgivings and Celebrations of Life*

*Thank offerings this quarter will be used for power/energy assistance through Community Action's Neighbor to Neighbor program.*

**The Holy Communion**

**The Offertory** *Let us give thanks and rejoice*

Choir

**The Doxology**

Hymnal 380

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;**

**Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

**Eucharistic Prayer A**

*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 God 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. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. *AMEN.*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**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 forever. Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*All are welcome to receive; Please come forward for the elements or for a blessing. The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words: The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.] The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]*

I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved, and free,  
in awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.  
That love that made us makes us one, and strangers now are friends.

And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His presence, always near,  
is in such friendship better known: we see, and praise him here.

Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways,  
and as his people in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

*Music: Land of Rest, American folk melody; adapt. and harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983)*

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**The Postcommunion Prayer** *Please stand.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Bishop may bless the people*

**The Recessional**

*As with gladness*

Hymnal 119

As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold;  
as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright;  
so, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led to thee.

As with joyful steps they sped to that lowly manger-bed;  
there to bend the knee before him whom heaven and earth adore;  
so may we with willing feet ever seek the mercy-seat.

As they offered gifts most rare at that manger rude and bare;  
so may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,  
all our costliest treasures bring, Christ! to thee, our heavenly King.

Holy Jesus! every day keep us in the narrow way;  
and, when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last  
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glory hide.

In the heavenly country bright, need they no created light;  
thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down:  
there for ever may we sing alleluias to our King.

*Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898) Music: Dix, melody Conrad Kocher (1786-1872);*

*arr. William Henry Monk (1823-1889); harm. The English Hymnal, 1906*

*Deacon* [Dismissal]

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Servers today~ Celebrant: The Rt. Rev. Rustin Kimsey; Deacon: The Rev. Stephen Schafroth;  
Acolyte: Carly Lowe; Worship Leader: DeWanda Clark; Eucharist Minister: Gretchen Kimsey; Lector: Diane Adams;  
Prayers of the People: Verna Browne; Diane Adams; Altar Guild: Joann Manciu;  
Altar Bread: Chuck Miller; Coffee Hour: John and Harriet Langfeldt.*

*The flowers at the altar are given by Jerry and Anne Frazier  
in loving memory of Jerry's parents.*

**PLEASE PRAY:**

For friends and family, including Betty, Gretchen and Rustin, Susan, Carolyn and Emma, Dawn Jorgensen, Piper, Leslie, Joan, Lynn, Cathy Dahl, Megan McCarren, Bryon Nixon, Bill Thomas, Blake Gallagher, Jenni Lyon, Philip Klindt, Bonnie Myatt.

For those serving in the Armed Forces of our Country and for all those who serve and protect us, especially Matthew Ketchum, Albert South, Joshua Smith, Kyle McCullough, Turf McCullough, Amy and Gavin McIlvenna, Jason Armstrong, Kevin Extine, Tim Gallagher, Kevin Gross, Gayle Johnson, Travis Kennedy, Robert Knick, Ben Schloss, Michael Stebbins and Max Turner.

**CALENDAR:**

Monday	AA "open" meeting	7:00 pm TH
Wednesday	Ladies Lunch Bunch	1:00 pm
	AA meeting	7:00 pm TH
Thursday	Healing Service	Noon

***NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:***

***Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10;***

***I Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11***

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**HAITI AIR: Airborn!** The airplane in the narthex is there to remind you to pray for the Haiti team and the mission trip to Cap Haitien. Thank you for your prayers and all of the support showered upon this mission.

**POINSETTIAS TO GO!** If you'd like to take a poinsettia home to enjoy a bit longer, please pick one up. Thanks to all who brought them to make joyful and celebratory display for Christmas!

***THE JESUS I NEVER KNEW*** The new year of 2010 will kick off a six-week study of Philip Yancey's book, *The Jesus I Never Knew*. The book study, led by Marilyn Roth, will meet Monday evenings from 7:00-8ish, beginning January 18, 7:00 pm, in the Library. Books are available from St. Paul's and Klindts. In *The Messenger*, Marilyn's introduction included these words of introduction: *[My] hope is that our hearts and minds will wrap around this person of Christ, and by doing so, each one of us will walk away with a deeper meaning of what Christ means to each one of us.* This promises to be an excellent way to explore faith, Jesus, and our own journeys with God. Don't miss it!

**COMMUNITY MEALS** January 31<sup>st</sup>---please contact Denise or Rule Beasley for information.

**FROM THE DALLES TO IRAQ:** Please remember to add to the box of school supplies we are gathering to send to Amy and Gavin for the orphanage they are supporting. ALSO, more boxes will be sent to Sgt. Albert South who would appreciate nutritious snacks of any kind. The already filled boxes are blessed and on their way, and the new ones await you!

**REMINDER: PRAYER BASKETS, AND VESTRY AND PARISH NEWS, NOTECARDS FOR ERD**

\*Prayer baskets are located just as you enter the nave, and at the votive candles.

\*Packets of note cards made by P.K. Swartz are in the narthex: the proceeds support ERD- Episcopal Relief and Development- ministries throughout the world.

\*Vestry news, pictures, notices of parish events, financial reports, and items of interest to or about our parish family are on the kiosk in the narthex and on the web site. Please check them out!

**THANKS**—Thanks to John and Harriet Langfeldt for today's coffee hour.

May we spread the joy and fellowship we share at St. Paul's as we share the light and cheer of the Good News!