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# Christ Episcopal Church

EAST NORWALK, CONNECTICUT



**The Baptism of our Lord: Sunday, January 8, 2012**

The Reverend Frank E. Wismer, III, Vicar

**ALL are invited to worship in this place,  
including young children and their occasional noise but,  
IF you would prefer—Christ Church does offer childcare during worship.  
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# The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Book of Common Prayer, Page 355

The Prelude

Bell Gloria

*Stanley Saxton*

The Opening Hymn 616

Hail To The Lord's Anointed

*v. 1-2-4-5*

1 Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!  
2 He comes with suc - cor speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,  
3 He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth,  
4 Kings shall bow down be - fore him, and gold and in - cense bring;  
5 O'er ev - ery foe vic - to - rious, he on his throne shall rest;

1 Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!  
2 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;  
3 and love, joy, hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to birth:  
4 all na - tions shall a - dore him, his praise all peo - ple sing;  
5 from age to age more glo - rious, all bless - ing and all - blest:

1 He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free;  
2 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,  
3 be - fore him on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald, go;  
4 to him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows a - scend;  
5 the tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;

1 to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.  
2 whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, were pre - cious in his sight.  
3 and right - eous - ness in foun - tains from hill to val - ley flow.  
4 his king - dom still in - creas - ing, a king - dom with - out end.  
5 his Name shall stand for ev - er, his change - less Name of Love.

*The people standing if able, the Celebrant says*

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

*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*The Celebrant then continues*

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 Gloria: Hymn S280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

*The Celebrant then adds*

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 Lessons**

*The people sit.*

### **A Reading from the Book of 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.

*People*      The Word of the Lord.  
                  Thanks be to God.

*Silence may follow.*

- 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.

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.*

### **A Reading from the Book of the Acts of the Apostles 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.

The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*Silence may follow.*

**The Sequence Hymn 76**

On Jordan's Banks

v. 1-2-4-5

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -  
2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make  
3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our  
4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and  
5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and hear - en,  
2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -  
3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we  
4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy  
5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.  
2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.  
3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.  
4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.  
5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

*Then, all standing if able, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 1:4-11**

*People* Glory to you, Lord 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."

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.  
*The people sit.*

## **The Sermon**

**Father Frank**

*Then, all standing if able, the Celebrant continues with*

## **The Nicene Creed**

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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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.*

*Silence may follow. All kneel if able.*

1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spi - rit on you came,  
 2 God called you his be - lov - ed Son, called you his ser - vant true,  
 3 Straight - way and stead - fast un - til death you then o - beyed his call  
 4 Bap - tize us with your Spi - rit, Lord, your cross on us be signed,

as peace - ful as a dove and yet as ur - gent as a flame.  
 sent you his king - dom to pro - claim, his ho - ly will to do.  
 free - ly as Son of Man to serve and give your life for all.  
 that, like - wise in God's ser - vice we may per - fect free - dom find.

## The Prayers of the People

Form III

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*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for 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;

*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.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

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

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; **especially Charles, Mary, and Augusta**

*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for 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.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Intercessor and People*

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown,  
things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.*

## **The Peace**

**Book of Common Prayer, Page 360**

*All stand if able. The Celebrant says to the people*

                  The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*          And also with you.

## **Announcements ~ The Offering ~ Children's Homily**

**Father Frank**

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

## **The Offertory Anthem**

In The Bleak Midwinter

## **The Doxology**

# The Holy Communion

## The Great Thanksgiving

### Eucharistic Prayer B

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*The people remain standing if able. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says*

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 him thanks and praise.

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

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  
sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### The Sanctus

### Hymn S129

*Celebrant and People*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and  
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. \_\_\_\_\_

*The people stand or kneel if able.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 for ever. *Amen.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

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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.*

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

**Book of Common Prayer, Page 364**

*A period of silence is kept.*

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

### **The Agnus Dei**

**Hymn S163**

Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

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.


*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.*

**The Communion Hymn 120**

**The Sinless One To Jordan Came**




1 The sin - less one to Jor - dan came,  
2 Up - ris - ing from the wat - ers there,  
3 A - bove him see the heaven - ly Dove,  
4 How blest that mis - sion then be - gun  
5 O Christ, may we bap - tized from sin,  
6 On you may all your peo - ple feed,



1 and in the riv - er shared our stain;  
2 the Fa - ther's voice did then de - clare  
3 the sign of God the Fa - ther's love,  
4 to heal and save a race un - done!  
5 go forth with you a world to win:  
6 and know you are the Bread in - deed,



1 God's right - eous - ness he thus ful - filled,  
2 that Christ, the Son of God, had come  
3 now by the Ho - ly Spi - rit shed  
4 Straight to the wil - der - ness he goes  
5 grant us the Ho - ly Spi - rit's power  
6 who gives e - ter - nal life to those



1 and chose the path his Fa - ther willed.  
2 to lead his scat - tered peo - ple home.  
3 up - on the Son's a - noint - ed head.  
4 to wres - tle with his peo - ple's foes.  
5 to shield us in temp - ta - tion's hour.  
6 that with you died, and with you rose.

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

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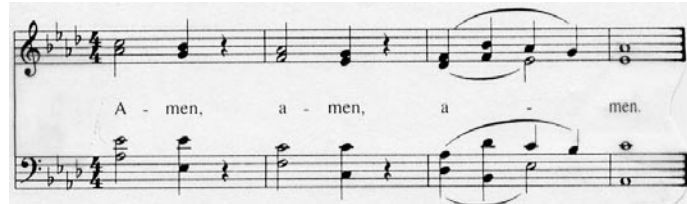
Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries

that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
 and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
 And now, Father, send us out  
 to do the work you have given us to do,  
 to love and serve you  
 as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
 To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
 be honor and glory, now and for ever.

**The Blessing**

*The Bishop when present, or the Priest, may bless the people.*

**The Amen**



*All stand if able.*

**The Recessional Hymn 126**

**The People Who In Darkness Dwelled**

1 The peo - ple who in dark - ness walked have seen a glo - rious light;  
 2 To hail thy ris - ing, Sun of life, the ga - thering na - tions come,  
 3 To us the prom-ised Child is born, to us the Son is given;  
 4 His name shall be the Prince of Peace for ev - er - more a - dored,  
 5 His power in - creas - ing still shall spread, his reign no end shall know;

1 on them broke forth the heav - en - ly dawn who dwelt in death and night.  
 2 joy - ous as when the reap - ers bear their har - vest trea - sures home.  
 3 him shall the tribes of earth o - bey, and all the hosts of heaven.  
 4 the Won - der - ful, the Coun - sel - lor, the might - y God and Lord.  
 5 jus - tice shall guard his throne a - bove, and peace a - bound be - low.

*The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses them with these words*

*Deacon* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

**The Postlude**

*Maestoso*

*Drese*

*Readings for January 15, 2012: 1 Samuel 3:1-20; Psalm 139:1-5,12-17; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51*

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** The flowers near the altar are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Mary Ste. Marie and Augie Winters; given by the Christ Church Parish Family.

**VIGIL LIGHT:** The Vigil Light burns this week in memory of Charles Singewald.

**NOTES FROM BUNNY:** Coffee hosts needed. Women's Group meeting today after worship.

**ANNUAL MEETING AND PARISH LUNCH:** January 22, 2012, following worship.

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by following the word of God. We encourage an open, accepting, welcoming, inclusive environment;  
providing realistic outreach activities to support the needs of the parish and the community.*

## **JANUARY 8, 2011: FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

**Celebrant and Preacher:** The Reverend Frank E. Wismer, III  
**8:00 a.m.**

**Usher:** Joe Oravez

**10:00 a.m.**

**Lector:** Bunny Zamm

**Intercessor:** Barbara Judson

**Usher:** Judy White and Sandra Kittredge

**Altar Guild:** Sarah French and Marsha Dunn-Devito

## **JANUARY 15, 2011: SECOND FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

**Celebrant and Preacher:** The Reverend Frank E. Wismer, III  
**8:00 a.m.**

**Usher:** Joe Oravez

**10:00 a.m.**

**Lector:** Chris Davis

**Intercessor:** Lori Hughes

**Usher:** Ed Zamm

**Altar Guild:** Shirley Byington, Marge Owens, and Ruth Lovallo