



St. Vincent's Episcopal Church
First Sunday after the Epiphany- January 12, 2025

Prelude Song

"Peace is Flowing"

*Peace is flowing like a river,
Flowing out through you and me,
Spreading out into the desert,
Setting all the captives free.*

*Love is flowing like a river,
Flowing out through you and me,
Spreading out into the desert,
Setting all the captives free.*

*Joy is flowing like a river,
Flowing out through you and me,
Spreading out into the desert,
Setting all the captives free.*

*Faith is flowing like a river,
Flowing out through you and me,
Spreading out into the desert,
Setting all the captives free.*

*Hope is flowing like a river,
Flowing out through you and me,
Spreading out into the desert,
Setting all the captives free.*

*His healing's flowing like a river,
Flowing out through you and me,
Spreading out into the desert,
Setting all the captives free.*

*Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia.*

Processional Hymn #76

"On Jordan's Bank"

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

*announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings.*

*Then cleansed be every breast from sin;
make straight the way for God within,
and let each heart prepare a home
where such a mighty guest may come.*

*For thou art our salvation, Lord,
our refuge and our great reward;
without thy grace we waste away
like flowers that wither and decay.*

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

People: ***And Blessed be his kingdom now and forever. Amen.***

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.***

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ said: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Gloria - #S-280

***Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his 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.

Collect of the Day

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 Liturgy of the Word

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet 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."

Reader: The word of the Lord

People: ***Thanks be to God***

Let us read responsively by whole verse, Psalm 29

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 Acts of the Apostles (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.

Reader: The word of the Lord

People: *Thanks be to God*

Gospel Hymn

“Baptized in Water”

*Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
cleansed by the blood of Christ our King:
heirs of salvation, trusting his promise,
faithfully now God’s praise we sing.*

*Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
dead in the tomb with Christ our King:
one with his rising, freed and forgiven,
thankfully now God’s praise we sing.*

*Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
marked with the sign of Christ our King:
born of the Spirit, we are God’s children,
joyfully now God’s praise we sing.*

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO Luke (3:15-17, 21-22)

All: *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."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Alleluia - #205, refrain (x3)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Sermon

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Celebrant: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People: *I do.*

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: *I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.*

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: *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.*

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: *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.*

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant: May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

People: *Amen.*

The Prayers of the People - Form I

Reader: With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

All: *Lord, have mercy.*

Reader: For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

All: *Lord, have mercy.*

Reader: For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Douglas our Diocesan Bishop, Richard our Priest, Edwin, our Deacon, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

All: *Lord, have mercy.*

Reader: For Joe, our President, for our House of Representatives and Senate, for Ronald, our Governor, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

All: *Lord, have mercy.*

Reader: For this city of St. Petersburg, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

All: *Lord, have mercy.*

Reader: For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

All: *Lord, have mercy.*

Reader: For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

All: *Lord, have mercy.*

Reader: For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, let us pray to the Lord.

All: *Lord, have mercy.*

Reader: For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially those on our parish prayer list: the Mata Family, Shirley Bonney, Lisa Youla, Ken Von der Heiden, Emily Matthews, Alice Smith, Eileen Prins, Edith Racine, Jim Frishe, Susan Burnett, Susan Austin, and Dante Balzano, let us pray to the Lord.

All: *Lord, have mercy.*

Reader: For our Public Safety and Military personnel and all those who serve our nation around the globe, especially: Trent Polinsky, Skyler Ellis, Danny Taylor, Ryan Cesa, Zack Pierce, Matt Jacoby, Cale Eggart, Joanne Frioli, Caden Watson, Daniel Watson, Courtney Austin, Christopher Austin, James Dunlap, Luke Gibson, Kelley Fairchild, Shaye Dunlap, and Adara Garner, let us pray to the Lord.

All: *Lord, have mercy.*

Reader: For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

All: *Lord, have mercy.*

Reader: For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, (*especially...*), let us pray to the Lord.

All: *Lord, have mercy.*

Reader: For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

All: *Lord, have mercy.*

Reader: That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

All: *Lord, have mercy.*

Reader: Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.

All: *Lord, have mercy.*

Reader: In the communion of St. Vincent and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

All: *To thee, O Lord our God.*

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: *Amen.*

The Confession

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

Minister & People: *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.*

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.*

The Peace

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

Announcements

Offertory

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.
Ephesians 5:2

Offertory Hymn #128 "We Three Kings"

*We three kings of Orient are, bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.
O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright;
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!*

*Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again,
King for ever, ceasing never over us all to reign.
O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright;
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!*

*Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and Sacrifice;
heaven sings alleluia: alleluia the earth replies.
O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright;
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!*

Doxology (Hymnal #380 v.3)

***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. Amen.***

Celebrant: All things come from thee, O Lord.

All: *And of thine own have we given thee.*

Presentation of the Gifts

Celebrant: Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which the earth has given and human hands have made. For us it becomes the bread of life.

All: *Blessed be God forever.*

Celebrant: Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. For us it becomes the cup of salvation.

All: *Blessed be God forever.*

The Liturgy of the Eucharist – Prayer C

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 Him thanks and praise.*

Celebrant: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: *Glory to you for ever and ever.*

Celebrant: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People: *By your will they were created and have their being.*

Celebrant: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People: *Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.*

Celebrant: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People: *By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.*

Celebrant: And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus (Hymnal #S-129)

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.

Celebrant: And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Celebrant: Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People: ***We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.***

Celebrant: Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People: ***Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.***

Celebrant: Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

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

All together Say: *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 Fraction

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!***

Agnus Dei

Celebrant: O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: **People: *Have mercy on us.***

Celebrant: O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: **People: *Have mercy on us.***

Celebrant: O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: **People: *Grant us your peace.***

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.

Communion Hymn #325 "Let Us Break Bread Together"

Let us break bread together on our knees;

Let us break bread together on our knees;

When I fall on my knees,

with my face to the rising sun,

O Lord have mercy on me.

*Let us drink wine together on our knees;
Let us drink wine together on our knees;
When I fall on my knees with my face
to the rising sun,
O Lord have mercy on me.*

*Let us praise God together on our knees;
Let us praise God together on our knees;
When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord have mercy on me.*

An Act of Spiritual Communion

People: I believe, Lord, that you are truly in Heaven and in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things and I very much want to receive you into my soul, but not being able to do so sacramentally now, come spiritually into my heart. And as if I had already received you, I embrace you and I fully join You. Lord, do not let me ever be separated from You. Amen

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us Pray.

Celebrant and People: 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 Blessing and Dismissal

Celebrant: May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord. ***Amen.***

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth. ***Amen.***

May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts. ***Amen.***

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. ***Amen.***

Communion Hymn #449

"O Love, How Deep"

*O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
how passing thought and fantasy,
that God, the son of God, should take*

our mortal form for mortals' sake.

*For us baptized, for us he bore
his holy fast and hungered sore;
for us temptations sharp he knew;
for us the tempter overthrew.*

*For us he prayed; for us he taught;
for us his daily works he wrought:
by words and signs and actions,
thus still seeking not himself, but us.*

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: ***Thanks be to God.***