

Episcopal Church of the Incarnation
First Sunday after the Epiphany
January 12th, 2025

The Processional Hymn **[H] 116**

Song of Praise **[H]128**

The Collect

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 First Reading **Isaiah 43:1-7**

Now 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."

Psalm 29

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Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



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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 Ka- | desh.
- 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 ever- | more.
- 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

Now 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 Children’s Sermon

The Rev. Jenny Gettys

The Gradual Hymn

[H] 121, stanzas 1-2

The Gospel Reading

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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 Sermon Hymn

[H] 121, stanzas 3-4

The Sermon

The Rev. Jenny Gettys

The Offertory Anthem

"Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song"

Like the murmur of the dove's song,
Like the challenge of her flight,
Like the vigor of the wind's rush,
Like the new flame's eager might:
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

To the members of Christ's Body,
To the branches of the Vine,
To the church in faith assembled,
To our midst as gift and sign:
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

With the healing of division,
With the ceaseless voice of prayer,
With the power to love and witness,
With the peace beyond compare:
Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Music: Peter Cutts (1937-2024). Words: Carl P Daw, Jr. (b. 1941)

Communion Hymns

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Calendar

Sunday, January 12	8:30 Holy Eucharist Rite II 9:30 Christian Education 10:30 Holy Eucharist Rite II 11:45 Vestry Retreat
Monday, January 13	8:00 Livestreamed Morning Prayer
Tuesday, January 14	8:00 Livestreamed Morning Prayer 11:00 Christian Education
Wednesday, January 15	8:00 Livestreamed Morning Prayer
Thursday, January 16	8:00 Livestreamed Morning Prayer 10:00 Bread from Heaven Set-Up
Friday, January 17	8:00 Pre-recorded Morning Prayer
Saturday, January 18	8:30-12 Bread from Heaven
Sunday, January 19	8:30 Holy Eucharist Rite II 9:30 Christian Education 10:30 Holy Eucharist Rite II 11:45 Oyster Roast Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Godly Play is back!

Today at 9:30 our little ones will gather at 9:30 to experience some of the stories of our faith, and wonder about what God is saying to them through those stories.

The Bible Challenge

Bishop Richards has challenged us all to read through the entire Bible in 2025. I hope you'll join the adventure! You're sure to read passages you've never heard before and hear well-known stories differently when you read them in context. Each week's

Adult Formation class at 9:30 Sunday mornings will discuss that week's scripture passages.

Episcopal Coffee and Conversations

We'll meet the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 11:00 to discuss the peculiarities of the Episcopal faith. On January 14 we'll explore the season of Epiphany's themes and symbols.

Mardi Gras Oyster Roast March 1

Tickets are now on sale for this exciting event! We'll serve oysters (raw, steamed, and fried), boiled shrimp, fried fish, jambalaya, hush puppies, corn, slaw, and a bake sale for dessert. Tickets are on sale now: \$40 for adults, \$15 for children ages 7-12, and free for those 6 and under. Single-serve takeout plates are also available for \$25. Iced tea and lemonade will be provided or feel free to BYOB. Sign up in the hallway for how you'd like to help.

Next Week's Readings:

Isaiah 62:1-5, Psalm 36:5-10, 1 Corinthians 12:1-11, John 2:1-11

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THOSE WHO SERVE

	January 12th 1 st Epiphany 10:30 am	January 19th 2 nd Epiphany 10:30 am
Altar Guild	Marty Marett Hope Greene	Dawn Bridges Jennie Hamrick
Coffee Hr.	Marty Marett	Robin Childers
Godly Play	Angharad Torres Jen Spencer	Scott and Cynthia Glidden
Greeters	Miles Gettys Charlie Zinko	Gena Poovey Noah Lindemann
Dig Greet.	Angharad Torres	Morgan Johnson
Camera	Angharad Torres	Niccie Dearing
Nursery	Marty Marett	Cora Torres
Euch. Min.	Cynthia Glidden	Don Bird
Acolyte	Cora Torres	Asher Torres
1 st Lector	Ellie Bird	John Gelok
2 nd Lector	Niccie Dearing	Morgan Johnson
Intercessor	Ben Torres	Cynthia Glidden
Flowers	Available	Gettys
Counters	Ben Torres Nancy Fowler	Niccie Dearing Cynthia Glidden
Pew Racks	Torres	Available