



St. Michael's
Episcopal Church
COLORADO SPRINGS

First Sunday After the Epiphany
The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ
January 7, 2024
8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
Holy Eucharist II & Baptism

We are glad you have chosen to join us today as we worship God together. Thank you for silencing your cell phone and wearing a name tag. Single use name tags are available on the welcome table in the Gathering Space, along with name tag request forms. If this is your first time visiting, you have a prayer request, or you would like to get more connected, please fill out a pew card and place it in the offertory plate or the black box on the welcome table in the Gathering Space. Our Nursery, located on the lower level, is open today from 7:45 AM - 12:00 PM for children 5 and under. *The Bible we are using to proclaim the Gospel is The Saint John's Bible, Heritage Edition, and you can learn more about the Bible at stmikeschurch.com/bible.* We hope you have a blessed day and week ahead.

Prelude "A Distant Star" by Martin Ellis

Opening Hymn "We three kings of Orient are" Hymn 128

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| <p>1. We three kings of Orient are,
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain,
moor and mountain,
following yonder star.</p> <p><i>Refrain:</i>
<i>O star of wonder, star of night,</i>
<i>star with royal beauty bright;</i>
<i>westward leading,</i>
<i>still proceeding,</i>
<i>guide us to thy perfect light!</i></p> <p>2. Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown him again,
King for ever,
ceasing never
over us all to reign. <i>Refrain</i></p> | <p>3. Frankincense to offer have I:
incense owns a Deity nigh;
prayer and praising,
gladly raising,
worship him, God Most High. <i>Refrain</i></p> <p>4. Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing,
bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone-cold tomb. <i>Refrain</i></p> <p>5. Glorious now behold him arise,
King and God and Sacrifice;
heaven sings alleluia:
alleluia the earth replies. <i>Refrain</i></p> |
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Opening Acclamation

<i>Celebrant</i>	Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People	And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.
<i>Celebrant</i>	There is one Body and one Spirit;
People	There is one hope in God's call to us;
<i>Celebrant</i>	One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People	One God and Father of all.

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
 King, al - might - y 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

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.**

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 29 (*Spoken*)

The Book of Common Prayer pg. 620

Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, *
 ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; *
 worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
 the God of glory thunders; *
 the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; *
 the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; *
 the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
 and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

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.

The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe *
 and strips the forests bare.

And in the temple of the LORD *
 all are crying, "Glory!"

The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; *
 the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.

The LORD shall give strength to his people; *
 the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace

A Reading from 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.

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

Gospel Acclamation “As with gladness men of old” Hymn 119, vs. 1

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.

The Gospel

Celebrant 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.”

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

Gospel Acclamation “As with gladness men of old” Hymn 119, vs. 4

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.

Sermon The Rev. Vicki Hesse

Meditation (10:30 service) “Star of Wonder” JJ Heller

Baptism (10:30 service) The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 301
Being sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ’s own forever is Wilda Tamika Richardson.

The Baptismal Covenant

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.**

The Prayers of the People Form III (8:00 AM Service)

The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 387

Reader Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

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

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

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

Reader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

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

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

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

Reader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
People **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Reader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
People **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Reader Give to the departed eternal rest, especially Ross Taggart, father of Jennie Wandfluh.
People **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Reader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

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

Leader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. For the sick and suffering, especially: Amy, Annie & Shaun, Beth, Blanca & Elija, Brian, Carolyn, Cassie, Charles, G.G., Gregg, Jenny, Jo, Karon, Laura, Shane, Zoe, for the victims of gun violence and war, and those we pray for during our Wednesday Healing Service.

Prayers being offered at Wednesday Healing Service for:

Alice, Amy, Art, Autume, Barbara, Beth, Bill & Ann, Blanda & Elijah, Bobbie, Brian, Caleb, Carl, Carolyn, Cathleen, Charles, Cheryl, Chris, Darek, Dave J., Dave L., Debbie, Debra, Dennis, Diana, Frankie, Gregg, Hugh, Hunter, Jaan, Jan, Jarad, Jemy, Jonathan, Joyce, Judy, Kalob, Karon, Kit, Kristen, Laura D., Laura J., Leona, Lucian, Mark, Mary Ann, Mateo, Megan, Michael, Miles, Millie, Nancy, Neil, Noah, Peter, Peyton, Phil, Ralph, Randy, Rich, Ron, Russell, Sara, Scott, Sharon D., Sharon G., Sherry, Spence, Steve, Susie, Tammy, Terri, Tom, Tripp, Valerie, Virginia, Wolf, Zoe.

To add or update a prayer request, use this form online: <https://www.stmikeschurch.com/prayer-request> or email Diane Dennison at diane@stmikeschurch.com or call 719-598-3244.

Leader For the deployed and those serving around the world: Tyler, Anton, Thomas, Dallas, Brian, Alexander & Jason.

Leader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially for those celebrating birthdays this week: Jason C., Patrick J., Ginny A., Meggie K., Linda C., Jason L., Jenny T., Lindsey K., Sally C.; and those with anniversaries: Diane & Jerry Verlinde, Cassie & Matt S.; and for those expecting: Kate D., Roxy S., and Kristin P.

Leader The flowers on the altar are given in memory of her parents by Betty Bullard.

Celebrant O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Peace *(Please stand)*

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

Announcements

Digital Offering (To make a one-time contribution to St. Michael's or to pay your pledge online;)



1. Text the word GIVE to 719-223-3446, and follow the secure link.
2. Scan the QR code using your phone's camera.

Offertory (8:00 AM Service)
(10:30 AM Service)

“Star of Wonder”
“One Small Child”

JJ Heller
by David Meece, arr. Lloyd Larson

The Doxology

(8:00 AM Service Spoken)

Hymn 380 vs. 3 (10:30 AM Service Sung)

Celebrant All things come of thee O Lord.
People And of thine own have we given thee.

**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**

The Great Thanksgiving Prayer A

The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 361

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.**

Celebrant: It is a right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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:

Sanctus (8:00 AM Service spoken)

“Iona”

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
Bless-ed, bless-ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

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hea - ven, earth, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Bless-ed, bless-ed, is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

9
Ho - san-na in the high - est. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

(Please kneel or stand in body or spirit)

Celebrant: 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:

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

Celebrant: 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 for ever.
(Joyfully proclaiming) **AMEN.**

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

The Lord's Prayer

The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 364

**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.**

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**
Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are welcome to receive communion at St. Michael's. At the altar rail, you may kneel or stand, and place one hand in the other, like a manger or bowl. Once you receive the bread, you may consume it, or wait for the cup. When the wine comes to you, you may dip (intinct) your wafer into the wine and then consume it and return to your pew. If you would like to sip from the common cup, please assist the chalice bearers by guiding the chalice to your lips with one hand. If you would like to receive a blessing only, simply cross your arms in an X form across your chest and a priest will offer you a blessing.

Celiac friendly: Please come to the left side (as you face the altar) and let the clergy know if you would like to receive a gluten free host and wine.

Communion Hymns

“Coventry Carol”

Hymn 247

*Lully, lullay, thou little tiny child,
 bye-bye, lully lullay.*

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| <p>1. O sisters, too,
 how may we do
 for to preserve this day
 this poor youngling
 for whom we sing
 bye-bye, lully lullay?</p> | <p>3. That woe is me,
 poor child for thee!
 And every morn and day,
 for thy parting
 nor say nor sing
 bye-bye, lully lullay?</p> |
| <p>2. Herod the King,
 in his raging
 charged he hath this day
 his men of might,
 in his own sight,
 all young children to slay.</p> | <p>.</p> |

“In the bleak midwinter”

Hymn 112

1. In the bleak midwinter,
frosty wind made moan,
earth stood hard as iron,
water like a stone;
snow had fallen, snow on snow,
snow on snow,
in the bleak midwinter,
long ago.
2. Our God, heaven cannot hold him,
nor earth sustain;
heaven and earth shall flee away
when he comes to reign:
in the bleak midwinter
a stable-place sufficed
the Lord God incarnate,
Jesus Christ.
3. Angels and archangels
may have gathered there,
cherubim and seraphim
throngèd the air;
but his mother only,
in her maiden bliss,
worshiped the beloved
with a kiss.
4. What can I give him,
poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd,
I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man,
I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him-
give my heart.

“Lo, how a Rose e’er blooming” (*Instrumental*)

Lay Eucharistic Visitor Sending

When present, Eucharistic Visitors are commissioned to carry the Consecrated Gifts of Holy Communion to those who are unable, due to illness or impairment, to join us for Sunday services.

Celebrant: In the name of God and this community, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

***People:* We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

(Please kneel in body or spirit)

Post Communion Prayer

The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 365

Celebrant Let us pray.

***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.**

Final Blessing

Closing Hymn

“The first Nowell”

Hymn 109, vs. 2-5

2. They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east beyond them far,
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night.

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.*

3. And by the light of that same star
three wise men came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went.

Refrain

4. This star drew nigh to the northwest,
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
and there it did both stop and stay
right over the place where Jesus lay.

Refrain

5. Then entered in those wise men three
full reverently upon their knee,
and offered there in his presence
their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.

Refrain

Chalking the Doors

Dismissal

Deacon

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude

“The March of the Three Kings”

by Roger C. Wilson

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Upcoming Events & New Announcements:

Today, Sunday, January 7, 2024

A New Year's Evolution with Rev. Matt Holcombe* - 9:15 AM

Baptisms – 10:30 AM Service

2023 Gift or Donation – Final Opportunity

Vestry Person of the Day – Linda Page

Saint John's Bible Docent Training – Saturday, January 13, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM (*RSVP*)

ASL Sunday – Sunday, January 14, 10:30 AM Service *

Newcomer Class: Episcopal 101 – Sunday, January 14, 9:15 AM

January Wellness Month Sunday Forums

Mental Health & Suicide – Special Guest, David Galvan – January 14, 9:15 AM *

Loss & Faith – Special Guest, Janet Perreault – January 21, 9:15 AM*

Wellness: Trauma & Resilience – Special Guest, Brooke Small, - January 28, 9:15 AM*

Martin Luther King Day - Church Office Closed – Monday, January 15

Planning Wellness

Estate Planning Conversations – Thursday, January 18, 2:00 & 6:00 PM (*RSVP*)

Funeral Planning Seminar – Thursday, January 29, 1:00 – 2:30 PM (*RSVP*)

SMASH – Linner at Olive Garden – Tuesday, January 23, 2:00 PM (*RSVP*)

A Case for Love Movie – Tuesday, January 23, 4:00 & 7:00 PM (*RSVP*)

Youth Ski Trip – January 27 & 28 (*Registration Closes January 10*)

Annual Parish Meeting – Sunday, February 4, 9:15 AM

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