

Baptism of Our Lord

Sunday, January 12, 2020

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GATHERING

As we gather together, let us now refrain from conversation, quiet ourselves, and welcome the Lord Jesus Christ into our midst.

PRELUDE “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise” W. Wold

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the eternal voice from heaven, the anointed and beloved one, the Spirit moving over the waters.

Amen.

As we approach the mystery of God, let us come in confession, trusting the love of Christ crucified and risen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

O God, you search our hearts and know us well.

Too often we have not been just in our dealings with others.

Too often we have chosen revenge over mercy.

**Too often we have promoted ourselves
instead of walking humbly with you.**

Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.

Show us your salvation and guide us in your way.

Know that God has made you His own.
Believe that your sins are forgiven through the life, death, and resurrection
of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Let all rejoice and be glad.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the
Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



B Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo- ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.

For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
 you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,
 in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

A Reading from Isaiah

¹Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
 my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
 I have put my spirit upon him;
 he will bring forth justice to the nations.

²He will not cry or lift up his voice,
 or make it heard in the street;

³a bruised reed he will not break,
 and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
 he will faithfully bring forth justice.

⁴He will not grow faint or be crushed
 until he has established justice in the earth;
 and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

⁵Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
⁶I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,
⁷to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
⁸I am the LORD, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.
⁹See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

(Isaiah 42:1-9)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 29

¹Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;
worship the LORD in holy splendor.**
³The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the LORD, over mighty waters.
⁴**The voice of the LORD is powerful;
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**
⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
⁶**He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

⁷The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

⁸**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

⁹The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl,
and strips the forest bare;
and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

¹⁰**The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.**

¹¹May the LORD give strength to his people!
May the LORD bless his people with peace!

A Reading from Acts

³⁴Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

(Acts 10:34-43)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL Matthew 3:13-17

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY “When Jesus Came to Jordan”

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SERMON

THE NICENE CREED (In Unison)

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Called together through water and the Word, we boldly pray for the church, the world, and all who long to hear God's voice.

A brief silence.

Renewing God, thank you for the gift of baptism. Give your church boldness to proclaim your promises. Tear down obstacles of injustice so that your word of hope reaches the ends of the earth. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Almighty God, we rejoice in the glory of your creation: the beauty of rivers and streams, glaciers and oceans, lakes and ponds. Restore your earth and free us from damaging water, air, and land. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of peace, we give thanks for your rule of order amid the chaos of this world. Raise up wise and compassionate servant leaders so that all experience your reign of peace. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Holy God, thank you for the healing we witness through doctors and nurses, medication, therapy, and holistic means. Proclaim hope to all who grieve, and send healing to all who are sick (*especially...*). Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of courage, we rejoice in this community of hope. Strengthen all who are preparing for baptism and renew the faith of all who will guide the newly baptized in this life of joy. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of hope, send your Spirit to increase our trust in you. We give thanks for the lives of the saints who inspire us with lives of baptismal witness. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We place our prayers before you, God, united in your Spirit; through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you.

OFFERING

For 10:30 service ushers: Take the offering plates from the table in the back of the church. Receive the collection along the center aisle, from front to back, then walk behind the last pews and up the side aisles to receive the collection on the outside aisles, again from front to back. Return to the back and wait for the Communion Assistant to come forward with the alms basin.

Offertory (8:00)

“Adagio”

J. Loeillet

Anthem (10:30)

“Be Not Afraid”
Chancel Choir

T. Davis

OFFERTORY HYMN



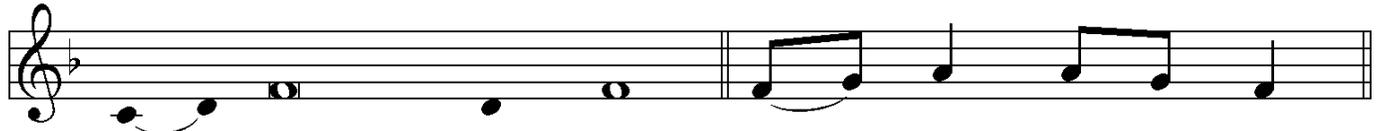
Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

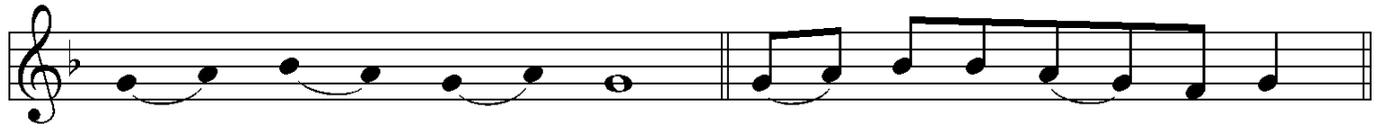
God of wonder, you formed us in our mother's womb, and from mother earth you bring forth this bread and wine. We place them on your table, together with our lives and all that you have made. Open the heavens to us and pour out your Spirit. We wait for your mercy; we long for your peace; we hunger and thirst for Jesus Christ, our banquet of life. **Amen.**

MEAL

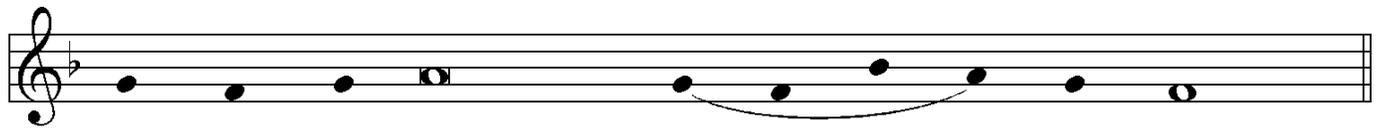
GREAT THANKSGIVING



P The Lord be with you. **G** And al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts. **G** We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



G It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, Holy Father, through Christ our Lord. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav- en and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.



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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)

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,
forever and ever. Amen.

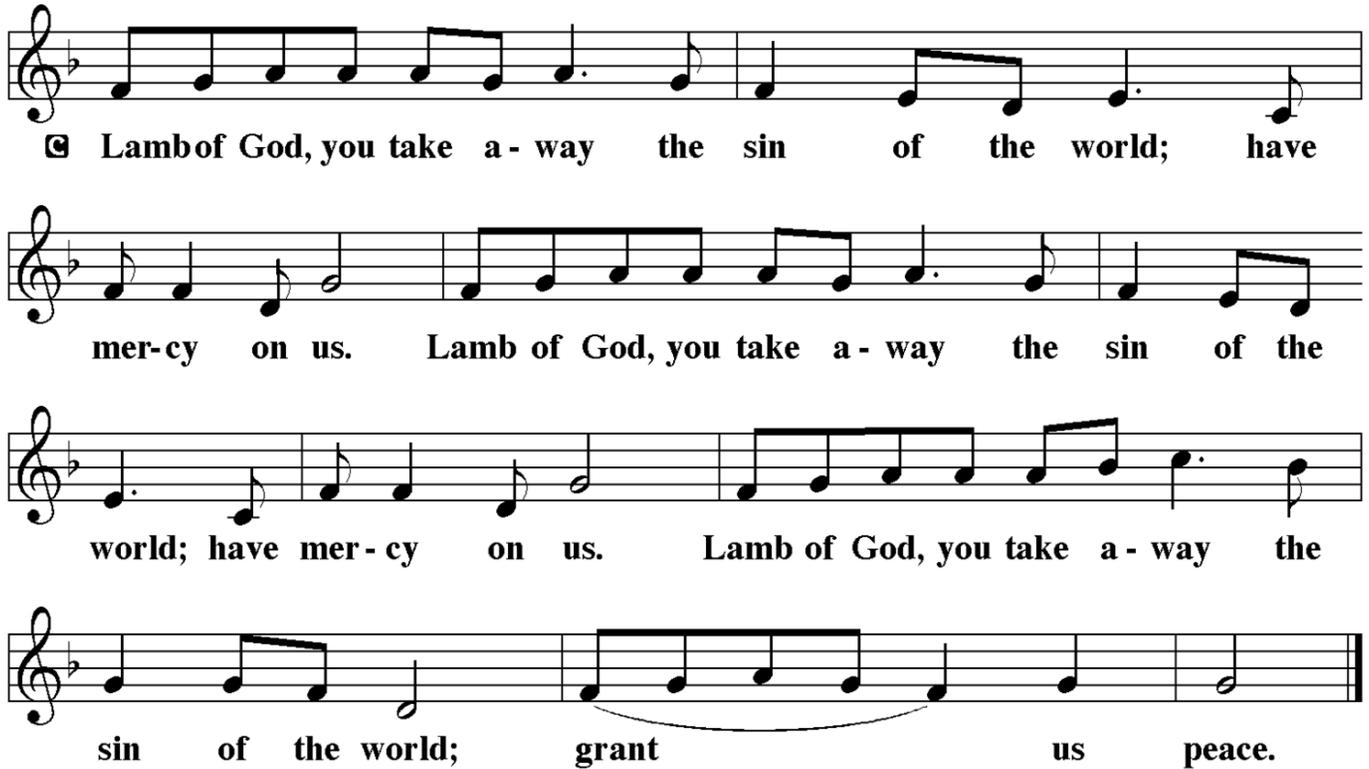
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!
Come to the table of mercy and joy.

DISTRIBUTION

The Sacrament will be distributed by Intinction, pulpit side first. Please move into the center aisle, proceed to the Pastor, and receive the bread in your open hand. Then turn to the assistant, where you may dip the host into the wine and partake, returning to your seat by the side aisle. The lectern side will follow, then the choir. Those unable to come forward may receive the Sacrament in their pews. Those who do not desire to receive the Sacrament may come forward to receive a blessing.

AGNUS DEI



☞ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

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TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful God, you have kept your promise to us in this meal, nourishing us with the gift of salvation. Now send your servants forth in peace, that we may testify to your goodness and share the hope that is ours in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

May Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“God, Whose Almighty Word”

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DISMISSAL

Go in Peace. Share the joy of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Glory to God”

D. Paxton

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Altar Flowers are presented in memory of Tim and Jan Gerberich’s birthdays by Jeff and Gail Rarick.

Chancel Flowers are presented in honor of our daughter, Noel Shadler’s birthday by her family.

Bulletins are presented in memory of our wonderful brother and uncle, Ron “Buck” Reibie, by Sue, Kurt, and Juli Schenck.

SERVING TODAY (01/12/20)

8:00 AM

LECTOR: Ron Rozansky **COMMUNION ASSISTANT:** Kay Weidensaul

10:30 AM

LECTOR: Sandy Freeman **COMMUNION ASSISTANT:** Connie Teter

USHERS: Schoener Family **GREETER:** Chris Long

COUNTERS: Rosalie Wingle, Marlene Eidam, and Diane Brobst

ALTAR GUILD: Sue Schenck and Barb Sterner

SERVING NEXT WEEK (1/19/20)

8:00 AM

LECTOR: Kay Weidensaul **COMMUNION ASSISTANT:** Ruth Ann Withers

10:30 AM

LECTOR: Leslie Guldin **COMMUNION ASSISTANT:** Wayne Lutsey

USHERS: Deb and Danika Bolinsky **GREETER:** Doug Travor

COUNTERS: Joyce O'Rourke, Gloria Dierwechter, and Dana Jenkins

ALTAR GUILD: Sue Schenck and Barb Sterner

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

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| Sunday, January 12 | 8:00 AM | Worship |
| | 9:15 AM | Adult Forum |
| | 9:15 AM | Property Meeting |
| | 10:30 AM | Worship |
| Monday, January 13 | 5:30 PM | Mutual Ministry |
| Wednesday, January 15 | 7:00 PM | Chancel Choir |
| Thursday, January 16 | 10:00 AM | Rainbow Friends |
| | 6:30 PM | Social Media |
| | 6:30 | Financial Peace |
| Saturday, January 18 | 5:30 PM | Worship |
| Sunday, January 19 | 8:00 AM | Worship |
| | 9:15 AM | Adult Forum |
| | 10:30 AM | Worship |

SHARING THE SIGN OF PEACE!

During this cold & flu season, let us share God's peace in ways that are not likely to spread illness from physical contact. You may even choose to "signal" your peace to one another without leaving your pew. Please remember that while winter colds and flu are just troublesome to most people, they can literally threaten the lives of others.

FPU CLASSES RETURN

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University Class will be offered again at St. Paul's starting Thursday, January 16, 2020 at 6:30 PM. This biblically based nine-week class will teach its members how to make smart financial decisions and more. For more information, please contact Mary Timpany at 570-449-9965 or send an email at: mtimpany@timpanylaw.com. To register for the class, go to fpu.com/1103951. Please share this with you friends and family!

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