

# *Baptism of Our Lord*

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## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
whose voice is upon the waters,  
whose mercy is poured out upon all people,  
whose goodness cascades over all creation.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, trusting in God's mercy and grace.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God,

**We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—**

**our own sins and the brokenness that binds us.**

**We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love.**

**We distrust those who are not like us.**

**We exploit the earth and its resources**

**and fail to consider generations to come.**

**Forgive us, gracious God,**

**for all we have done and left undone.**

**Amen.**

How vast is God's amazing grace!

Through the power and promise of † Christ Jesus,

our sins are washed away, and we are truly forgiven.

And now as God's beloved children,  
let us live out Christ's justice and mercy,  
and share with the world, God's reconciling peace.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN** "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" vs. 1 & 2  
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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.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful in their calling to be your children and inheritors with him of everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **WORD**

### **A Reading from Genesis**

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. (Genesis 1:1-5)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 29**

<sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

<sup>2</sup>**Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;  
worship the LORD in holy splendor.**

<sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders,  
the LORD, over mighty waters.

**<sup>4</sup>The voice of the LORD is powerful;  
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**

<sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

**<sup>6</sup>He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

<sup>7</sup>The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

**<sup>8</sup>The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

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

**<sup>10</sup>The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.**

<sup>11</sup>May the LORD give strength to his people!  
May the LORD bless his people with peace!

### A Reading from Acts

<sup>1</sup>While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. <sup>2</sup>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." <sup>3</sup>Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." <sup>4</sup>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." <sup>5</sup>On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup>When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—<sup>7</sup>altogether there were about twelve of them.

(Acts 19:1-7)

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**

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

<sup>4</sup>John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." (Mark 1:4-11)

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

"Baptized in Water"

vs. 1 & 3

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## **SERMON**

### **THE NICENE CREED (Read 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**

Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church,  
the world, and all people in need.

*A brief silence.*

For the church throughout the world and its leaders, that guided by the Holy Spirit  
they proclaim the forgiveness of sins, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For wilderness and water, wind and wild beasts, and all living things on earth, that  
God's goodness is revealed through creation and faithful stewards care for all God  
has made, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For the nations of the world and their leaders, for laborers busy both day and night,  
and for peacemakers amid strife, that God inspire all people to use their strength  
wisely, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For the sick and those who provide medical care, for the imprisoned and those who  
watch over them, for the lonely and those who provide companionship, for all who  
suffer in any way (*especially everyone on our prayer list*), that God show them  
compassion, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For the congregation gathered here, for students returning to school, for those seeking renewal in their daily work, that all the beloved of God experience grace and peace, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

In thanksgiving for the faithful departed who now rest from their labors, that their witness inspires us both to praise God and to serve our neighbor, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## **OFFERTORY**

### **MEAL**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

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 (Read 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**

Christ is here in, with, and under these elements of bread and wine.  
Come and be fed.

### ***[INSTRUCTIONS***

*The Sacrament will be distributed by the Pastor and the Communion Assistant while the congregation is seated.*

*If a person wishes to receive a bread wafer, he/she will extend a hand. The Pastor will use small stainless-steel tongs to pick up the wafer and drop it into the person's hand. The person will then pull up his/her face mask and place the wafer in his/her mouth. After the wafer has been received, the Pastor will proceed to the next person in the pew.*

*When the Pastor has returned to the center aisle, the Communion Assistant will go up the same vacant pew until he/she comes to the next person. If this person wishes to receive a cup of wine, he/she will extend a hand. The Communion Assistant will allow the person to pick up a cup from the tray. He/she will then pull up his/her face mask and drink from the cup.*

*If someone seeks a blessing instead of the Sacrament, the Pastor will give a blessing to him/her without making any physical contact.*

*Empty cups should be placed in the plastic bags found in the pews. These bags will be removed from the pews once the service has ended.]*

## **TABLE BLESSING**

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





**SERVING THIS SUNDAY (01/10/21)**

**8:00 AM**

LECTOR: Ron Rozansky; GREETER: TBA

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: TBA

**10:30 AM**

LECTOR: Jim Spotts; GREETER: Chris Long;

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Doug Travor

USHER: Glenda Bright; ALTAR GUILD: Glenda Bright and Danielle Richards

COUNTERS: Rosalie Wingle, Marlene Eidam, and Diane Brobst

**SERVING NEXT SUNDAY (01/17/21)**

**8:00 AM**

LECTOR: Kay Weidensaul; GREETER: TBA

**10:30 AM**

LECTOR: Sue Reier; GREETER: Chris Long; USHER: Tom & Gwen Wehr

ALTAR GUILD: Glenda Bright and Danielle Richards

COUNTERS: Joyce O'Rourke, Gloria Dierwechter, and Pat Davis

**THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S**

|                      |          |   |
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| Sunday, January 10   | 8:00 AM  | Worship with Holy Communion             |
|                      | 10:30 AM | Worship with Holy Communion             |
| Monday, January 11   | 6:30 PM  | Finance                                 |
| Thursday, January 14 | 7:00 PM  | Adult Forum via ZOOM                    |
| Friday, January 15   |          | Deadline for Committee Year-end Reports |
| Saturday, January 16 | 5:30 PM  | Worship                                 |
| Sunday, January 17   | 8:00 AM  | Worship                                 |
|                      | 10:30 AM | Worship                                 |

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GATHERING HYMN

“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

vs. 1 & 2

1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;  
2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, proph-et, priest, and king su - preme;

man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,  
and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;

branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:  
man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;

an - thems be to thee ad - dressed,  
an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–1885, alt.

Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702; arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Baptized in Water”

vs. 1 & 3

1 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the  
 3 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the

blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his  
 sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's

prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
 chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

Text: Michael Seward, b. 1932

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune; arr. hymnal version

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## SENDING HYMN:

## “God, Whose Almighty Word”

vs. 1 &amp; 4

1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard  
4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,

and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the  
Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in

gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.  
full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

Text: John Marriott, 1780–1825, alt.

Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716–1796