

“You are my beloved Son; with You I am well pleased”



The Baptism of our Lord

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AS WE GATHER

Today is the first of the bookends that mark the Epiphany season – the Baptism of Our Lord and His Transfiguration. In common is the command from God to “listen to Him.” We begin our journey of listening to the Lord, learning from those who went before, acknowledging the revelation of the Lamb of God in baptismal water, and looking to Him, the Word made flesh. In the prophet Isaiah comes a voice of comfort to a troubled Judah. By these words, the Lord reminds us that despite the circumstances of the moment, the faithful are beloved in the eyes of the Lord – a love made profoundly manifest in the gift of His own Son to die that we might live and to live that we might never die.

· PRELUDE

· ANNOUNCEMENTS

· MOMENT FOR MISSION VIDEO

J. P. Cima in Cambodia

| CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

(The congregation stands at the ringing of the bell.)

OPENING HYMN

“Shall We Gather at the River”

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The first staff (measures 1-4) has chords D, A7, and A. The second staff (measures 5-8) has chords D, A, A7, and D. The third staff (measures 9-12) has chords G, D, A7, and D. The fourth staff (measures 13-16) has chords G, D, A, A7, and D.

Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod —
On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim-age will cease;

5 with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God!
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
soon our hap - py hearts will qui - ver with the mel - o - dy of peace.

9 Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er,

13 gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

Service of the Word

| CHANTING THE PSALM

Psalm 29



Pastor: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly | beings,*
ascribe to the Lord glo- | ry and strength.

People: **Ascribe to the Lord the glory | due His name;***
worship the Lord in the splendor of | holiness.

Pastor: The voice of the Lord is over the | waters;*
the God of glory thunders,
the Lord, over many | waters.

People: **The voice of the Lord is | powerful;***
the voice of the Lord is full of | majesty.

Pastor: The voice of the Lord breaks the | cedars;*
the Lord breaks the cedars of | Lebanon.

People: **He makes Lebanon to skip | like a calf,***
and Sirion like a young | wild ox.

Pastor: The voice | of the Lord*
flashes forth | flames of fire.

People: **The voice of the Lord shakes the | wilderness;***
the Lord shakes the wilderness | of Kadesh.

Pastor: The voice of the Lord makes the deer give birth
and strips the | forests bare,*
and in His temple all cry, | “Glory!”

People: **The Lord sits enthroned o- | ver the flood;***
the Lord sits enthroned as king for- | ever.

All: ***May the Lord give strength to His | people!****
May the Lord bless His people | with peace!

A Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to His peo-ple on earth.
C 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.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

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Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 43:1-7

But now thus says the Lord, He who created you, O Jacob, He who formed you, O Israel: “Fear not, 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, Cush and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in My eyes, and honored, and I love you, I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life. Fear not, 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 up, and to the south, Do not withhold; bring My sons from afar 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: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Romans 6:1-11

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His. We know that our old self was crucified with Him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with Him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. For the death He died He died to sin, once for all, but the life He lives He lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE ALLELUIA

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

HOLY GOSPEL

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third chapter.

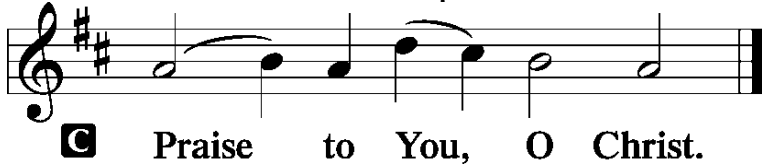
Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

Luke 3:1-3, 15-22

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of

Zechariah in the wilderness. And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but He who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. 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 barn, but the chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire." So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison. Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, and the Holy Spirit descended on Him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with You I am well pleased."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



HYMN OF THE DAY

"This is the Spirit's Entry Now"



1 This is the Spir-it's en - try now: The wa - ter and the Word, The
 2 This mir - a - cle of life re - born Comes from the Lord of breath; The
 3 Let wa - ter be the sa - cred sign That we must die each day To
 4 Re - new-ing Spir - it, hear our praise For Your bap - tis - mal pow'r That



cross of Je - sus on your brow, the seal both felt and heard.
 per - fect man from life was torn: Our life comes through His death.
 rise a - gain by His de - sign As fol - l'wers of His way.
 wash-es us through all our days. Lord, cleanse a - gain this hour.

SERMON

“If You Don’t Know the Story, You Don’t Know What It Means”

Pastor Owen Duncan

Text: Luke 3:1-3, 15-22

APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

*We give Thee but Thine own, whate’er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.*

Prayer Requests: Please print prayer requests on the blue “Prayer” card and hand it to an usher during this time.

OFFERTORY MEDITATION

“Herr Christ, Der Einig Gotts Sohn”
setting by Stephen Rosebrock

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

LORD’S PRAYER

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.

Service of the Sacrament

| PREFACE (5:00)

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

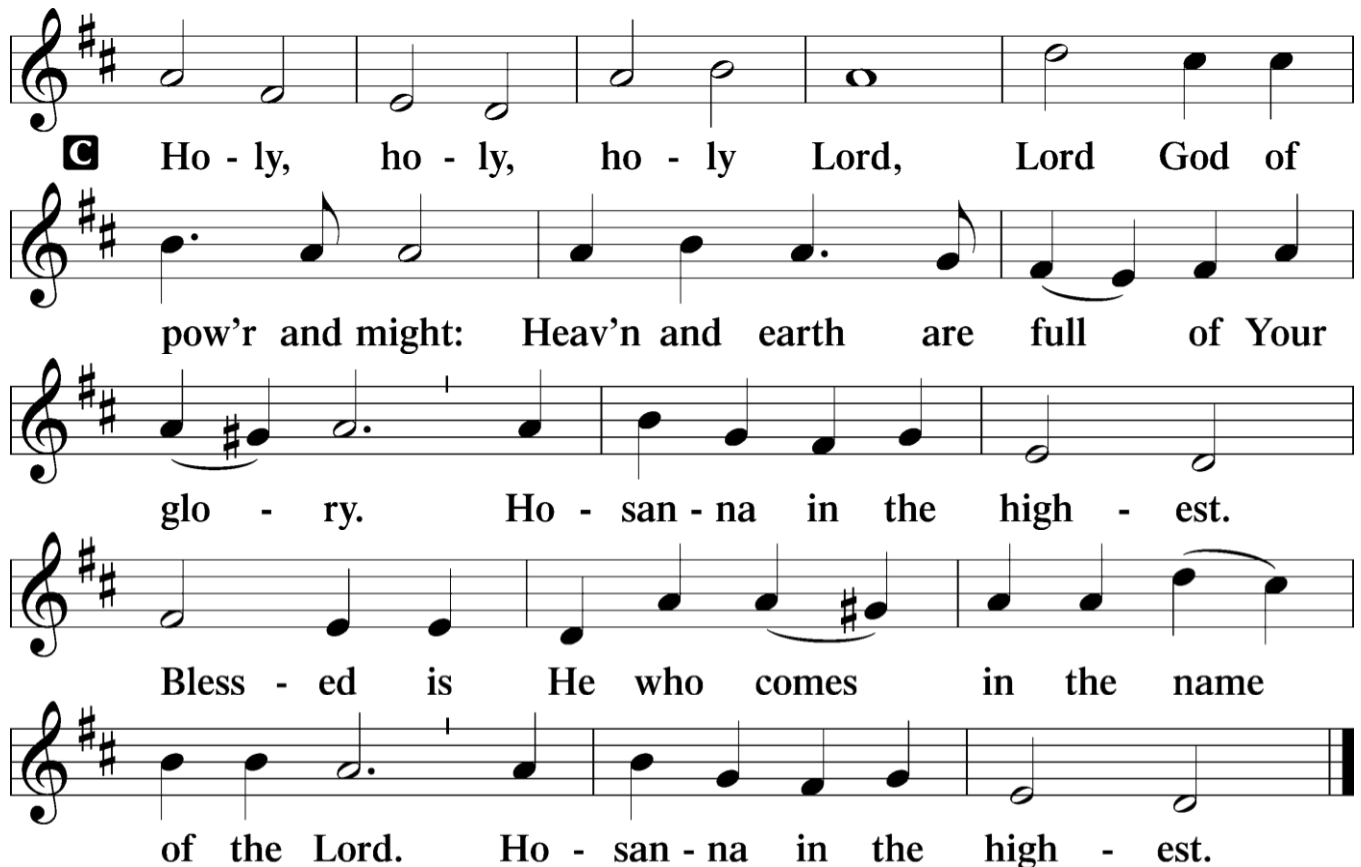
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

| SANCTUS (5:00)

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your
glo - ry. 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 OUR LORD (5:00)

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

| AGNUS DEI (5:00)

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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, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION (5:00) *(Please review our statement of faith inserted into the front of the hymnal.)*

| BENEDICTION

Pastor: The LORD bless You and keep you; the LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD look on you in favor and ✝ give you peace.

People: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore"



1 You _____ have come down to the lake - shore _____ seek - ing
2 You _____ know full well what I have, Lord: _____ nei - ther
3 You _____ need my hands, my ex - haus - tion; _____ work - ing
4 You _____ who have fished oth - er wa - ters; _____ You, the



nei - ther _____ the wise nor the wealth - y, _____ but on - ly
treasure _____ nor weapons for conquest, _____ just these my
love for _____ the rest of the weary _____ a love that's
long - ing _____ of souls that are yearn - ing: _____ O lov - ing



ask - ing _____ for me to fol - low.
fish nets _____ and will for work - ing.
will - ing _____ to go on lov - ing.
Friend, You _____ have come to call me.

Refrain



Sweet Lord, _____ You have looked in - to my eyes; _____



kind - ly smil - ing, _____ you've called out my name. _____



On the sand I _____ have a - ban - doned my small boat; _____



now with You, _____ I will seek oth - er seas. _____

POSTLUDE