

HOLY COMMUNION

JANUARY 9, 2022

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

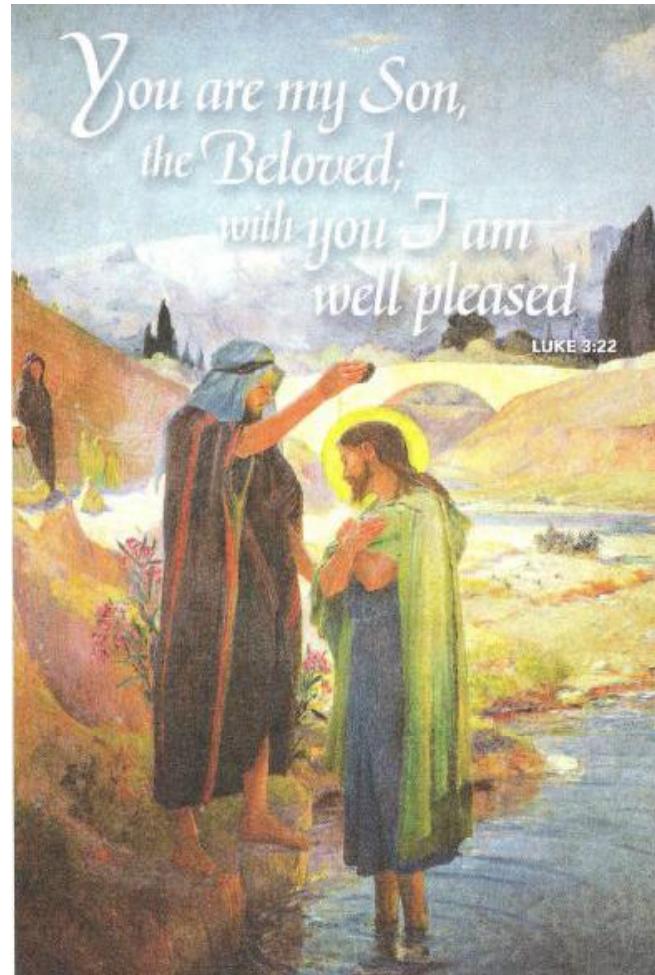
BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE AND PREPARATION

During the prelude, prepare your heart for worship: read the introduction, peruse the bulletin, find the scripture readings in the pew Bible, and focus your thoughts on the Lord. You may pray: **Direct and control us, O Lord, always and everywhere with heavenly light; that we may both discern with clear vision and share with worthy effect the Mystery which You have willed us to partake; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen.



INTRODUCTION

The Baptism of Our Lord cannot help but recall our own baptismal blessings and how the heavens open for us. Baptism is the beginning of a new story. It was for Jesus; it is for us. We recall and celebrate our adoption as daughters and sons, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the promised company of Almighty God when we “pass through the waters ... the rivers ... fire.” Filled with the Spirit, we travel the path that will bring us home.

WELCOME AND MEDITATION

GATHERING HYMN (*Please rise.*)

“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart” (Maj # 295 - favorite)

1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
 2 I ask no dreams, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,
 3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;
 4 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,

wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay;
 all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame:

stoop to my weak - ness, strength to me im - part,
 no an - gel vis - i - tant, no op - 'ning skies;
 I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.
 the bap - tism of the heav'n - de - scand - ed dove,

and make me love you as I ought to - love.
 but take the dim - ness of my soul to a - way.
 Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me the find!
 my heart an al - tar, and your love flame.

Text: George Croly, 1780–1860
 Music: MORECAMBE, Frederick C. Atkinson, 1841–1897

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

(= All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.)

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, Who creates us and forms us, Who redeems us and calls us, Who unites us and sends us.

C: AMEN.

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us acknowledge our need for mercy and give thanks for the gift of baptism.

(Please kneel. Silence is kept for self-examination.)

(Water is poured into the font at each mention of water.)

P: We give You thanks, O God, for in the beginning Your voice thundered over the waters and by Your Word You created light and all things, calling forth life in which You took delight.

Through the flood You delivered Noah and his family.

Through the sea You led Your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river Your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. At the font You claim us as Your children, making us heirs of Your promise and servants of all.

C: We praise You for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise You for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. By the baptism of His death and resurrection, Your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise.

P: The Holy Spirit has been poured out; the baptized have been washed in this cleansing water and clothed with Christ; Let us live by the Spirit in God's forgiveness, grace and love.

C: AMEN.

GREETING *(Please rise.)*

P: The boundless grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the wisdom of God, and the light of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

WE PRAISE GOD'S NAME

HYMN OF PRAISE "Glory to God" (WOV p 29)

Refrain

C Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
 glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

I 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. *Refrain*

II 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. *Refrain*

^{III} 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.

Final refrain:

C Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
C glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth,
C and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray together: **Almighty God, You anointed Jesus at His baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed Him as Your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in Your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN.**

(*Please sit.*)

RESPONSIVE READING....Psalm 29 (*congregation: indented*)

Ascribe to the LORD, O mighty ones,

ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;

worship the LORD in the splendor of His holiness.

The voice of the LORD is over the waters;

the God of glory thunders,

the LORD thunders over the mighty waters.

The voice of the LORD is powerful;

the voice of the LORD is majestic.

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;

the LORD breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,

Sirion like a young wild ox.

The voice of the LORD strikes

with flashes of lightning.

The voice of the LORD shakes the desert;
the LORD shakes the Desert of Kadesh.

The voice of the LORD twists the oaks and strips the forests bare.
And in His temple all cry, “Glory!”

The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;
the LORD is enthroned as King forever.
The LORD gives strength to His people;
the LORD blesses His people with peace.

PRAISE SONG “*To Thee We Ascribe Glory*” (FC - favorite)

Words and Music by Kirk Dearman

A musical score for four voices (SATB) and piano. The score consists of four staves. The top staff is soprano, the second is alto, the third is tenor, and the fourth is bass. The piano part is on the bottom staff. The music is in common time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "To Thee we ascribe glory. To Thee we ascribe honor. To Thee we ascribe power and majesty. Holy is the Lord." The piano part provides harmonic support with chords and bass lines.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING....Isaiah 43:1-15 p. 1126

P: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING....Acts 8: 14-17 p. 1705

P: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Please rise.*)

"How Firm a Foundation" verse 1 (ELW # 796 -favorite)

"K"—in Rippon's *Selection of Hymns*

Tune: FOUNDATION American melody
Caldwell's *Union Harmony*

1. How firm a foun-da-tion, ye saints of the Lord, Is laid for your
 4. "The soul that on Je-sus hath leaned for re-pose, I will not, I

faith in His ex-cel-lent Word! What more can He say than to
 will not de-sert to his foes; That soul, tho all hell should en-

you He hath said— To you, who for ref-uge to Je-sus have fled?
 deav-or to shake, I'll nev-er-no, nev-er-no, nev-er for-sake!"

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 3rd Chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPELLuke 3:15-17, 21-22..... p. 1594

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *"How Firm..." Verse 4*

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

SERMON (*Please sit.*) *"The Gift of the Holy Spirit: Part 1"*

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

HYMN OF THE DAY (*Please rise.*)

"When Jesus Came to Jordan" (ELW # 305)

The musical score consists of four staves of music. The top two staves are for the treble voice, and the bottom two are for the bass voice. The music is in common time, with a key signature of one sharp (G major). The lyrics are integrated into the musical lines, appearing below the notes. The first section of lyrics is:

1 When Je - sus came to Jor - dan to be bap - tized by John,
2 He came to share temp - ta - tion, our ut - most woe and loss,
3 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, aid us to keep the vows we make;

The second section continues:

he did not come for par - don but as the Sin - less One.
for us and our sal - va - tion to die up - on the cross.
this ver - y day in - vade us, and ev 'ry bond-age break.

The third section begins:

He came to share re - pen - tance with all whom mourn their sins,
So when the dove de - scend - ed on him, the Son of Man,
Come, give our lives di - rec - tion, the gift we cov - et most:

The final section concludes:

to speak the vi - tal sen - tence with which good news be - gins.
the hid - den years had end - ed, the age of grace be - gan.
to share the res - ur - rec - tion that leads to Pen - te - cost.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, b. 1903
Music: English folk tune, adapt. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958

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SMALL CATECHISM READING

- L: Let us confess our faith by reading a portion of Luther's Small Catechism, *Appendix I - Evening Devotions*:
- L: When we go to bed in the evening, we should bless ourselves with the sign of the Holy Cross and say:
- C: May the will of God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be done! Amen.**
- L: Then, kneeling or standing, let us say the creed, pray the Lord's Prayer and pray this little prayer as well:
- C: My Heavenly Father, I thank You, through Jesus Christ, Your beloved Son, that You have graciously protected me today. Forgive, I pray, all my sins and the evil I have done. Protect me, by Your grace, tonight. I put myself in Your care, body and soul and all that I have. Let Your Holy Spirit and the angels be with me, so that the evil enemy will not gain power over me. Amen.**
- L: After this, go to sleep immediately with joy.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (*Please kneel.*)

OFFERING (*Please sit.*)

We no longer pass the plate, but your offerings are needed more than ever. The plate is located at the back of the center aisle. Please place your offering and your Communication Card there as you come in or go out. Thank You!

WE COMMUNE WITH CHRIST

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*Please rise.*)

- P: The LORD be with you. C: And also with you.
- P: Lift up your hearts. C: We lift them to the LORD.
- P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
- P: 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: (*WOV p 36*)

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
 might, heav - en 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Blessed are You, O holy God: You are the Life and Light of all. By Your powerful Word You created all things. Through the prophets You called Your people to be a light to the nations. You sent the Living Word, Jesus, Your Son. He is Your Light, shining in our darkness and revealing to us Your mercy and might.

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.

Remembering, therefore, His preaching and healing, His dying and rising, and His promise to come again, we await that day when all the universe will rejoice in Your holy and life-giving

light. By Your Spirit bless us and this meal, that, refreshed with this heavenly food, we may be light for the world, revealing the brilliance of Your Son. Through Him all glory and honor is Yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in Your holy Church, both now and forever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*sung*)

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 . AMEN.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION (*Please sit.*)

All who are baptized and trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior may partake. Please fill out a communication card and put it in the offering plate. As we gradually return to normal, people have the choice of receiving the elements “contact-free” (continuous flow on left side) or kneeling in “tables” and being handed the elements (right side). For a gluten-free rice wafer say “Rice.” Grape juice is in pre-filled glasses. Those not ready to receive communion may come for a blessing.

LAMB OF GOD (*WOV p 39*)

C 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.

COMMUNION HYMNS (*sung while others are receiving.*)

1. "What Feast of Love" (ELW # 487 - Text: Delores Dufner)

The musical score consists of four systems of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first system contains three stanzas of lyrics:

1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban - quet come from heav-en?
2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav-en?
3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what ho - ly drink from heav-en?

The second system contains three stanzas of lyrics:

What food of ev - er - last - ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?
What hope of ev - er - last - ing life, what won - drous word is giv - en?
What stream of ev - er - last - ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?

The third system contains three stanzas of lyrics:

This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.

The fourth system contains three stanzas of lyrics:

Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

2. "I Will Praise Him!" (Maj # 57 - favorite)

The musical score consists of two staves of music in G major, common time. The top staff uses a treble clef and the bottom staff uses a bass clef. The music features eighth-note chords and rests. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below the notes.

1. When I saw the cleans-ing foun-tain, O - pen wide for all my sin,
 2. Tho' the way seems straight and nar-row, All I claimed was swept a-way;
 3. Bless-ed be the name of Je-sus! I'm so glad He took me in;
 4. Glo-ry, glo-ry to the Fa-ther! Glo-ry, glo-ry to the Son!

I o-beyed the Spir-it's woo-ing When He said, "Wilt thou be clean?"
 My am-bi-tions, plans and wish-es At my feet in ash-es lay.
 He's for-giv-en my trans-gres-sions, He has cleansed my heart from sin.
 Glo-ry, glo-ry to the Spir-it! Glo-ry to the Three in One!

Refrain

I will praise Him! I will praise Him! Praise the Lamb for sin-ners slain;
 Give Him glo-ry, all ye peo-ple, For His blood can wash a-way each stain.

WE ARE SENT INTO GOD'S WORLD

(Please rise. Communion visitors comes forward.)

CANTICLE "Doxology"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below;
 Praise Him above, Ye heav'n - ly host. Praise Father, Son and Ho - ly Ghost! A - men.

SENDING OF COMMUNION (10:45)

L: Gracious God, Whose mercy endures from generation to generation: bless those who go forth to share Your word and sacrament with our sisters and brothers who are sick or homebound. In Your love and care, nourish and strengthen those to whom we bring this communion, that through the body and blood of Your Son, we may all know the hope of Your promised coming in Jesus Christ our Lord. C: AMEN.

BLESSING

P: Light and peace are yours through Jesus Christ. Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: AMEN.

SENDING HYMN “*Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized*”

(ELW # 304 - Text: F. Bland Tucker; Tune: Nikolaus Herman)

A continuation of the musical score. The bottom staff uses a bass clef and consists of six measures of music.
came, as peace - ful as a dove, and yet as
true, sent to pro - claim the reign of heav'n, God's
call to serve with free and will - ing heart, to
signed, that like - wise in God's ser - vice we may

A continuation of the musical score. The bottom staff uses a bass clef and consists of six measures of music.

PASSING THE PEACE

L: As we leave to serve the Risen Lord in the power of His Spirit,
let us share with one another some of the blessings of peace we
have received. The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

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SERVANTS OF THE LORD THIS WEEK

GREETERS: 8:30-Volunteer Needed /10:45-Volunteer Needed

ORGANIST: Bob Harwick

SOUND: 8:30-Chris Chmela /10:45-Ken Yoxheimer

LIVESTREAM: 8:30-Michele Sciarra

LITURGIST: 8:30-Patty Stein /10:45-Marianne Sands

LECTOR: 8:30-Patty Stein /10:45-Marianne Sands

COMMUNION: 8:30-Michele, Patty Stein and Josh Miller
10:45-Marianne Sands

ALTAR GUILD: Darlene Treisner /Diane Hahn

HOSPITALITY: *Volunteer needed*

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SUNDAY SCHEUDLE

Worship - 8:30 AM & 10:45 AM † Sunday School - 9:45 AM
(*Holy Communion 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays & Major Feasts*)

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