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Baptism of OUR LORD



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Followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all... an adventure for life!

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Shall We Gather at the River, arr. John Carter



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Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional
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WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

First Reading

Acts 19:1-7 (The Message, alt.)

A reading from Acts

Paul made his way down through the mountains, came to Ephesus, and happened on some disciples there. The first thing he said was, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed? Did you take God into your mind only, or did you also embrace God with your heart? Did the Holy Spirit get inside you?"

"We've never even heard of that—a Holy Spirit? God within us?"

"How were you baptized, then?" asked Paul.

"In John's baptism."

"That explains it," said Paul. "John preached a baptism of radical lifechange so that people would be ready to receive the One coming after him, who turned out to be Jesus. If you've been baptized in John's baptism, you're ready now for the real thing, for Jesus."

And they were. As soon as they heard of it, they were baptized in the name of the Master Jesus. Paul put his hands on their heads and the Holy Spirit entered them. From that moment on, they were praising God in tongues and talking about God's actions. Altogether there were about twelve people there that day.

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God.



Psalm 29



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Ascribe to the | LORD, you gods,

ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due God's name; worship the LORD in the beau- | ty 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 pow- | erful voice; the voice of the LORD is a | voice of splendor.

The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedar trees;

The LORD breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon;

The LORD makes Lebanon skip | like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.

The voice | of the LORD

bursts forth in | lightning flashes.

The Lord shakes the wilder Lord of Kadasi

The LORD shakes the wilder- | ness 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 a- | bove the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king for- | evermore.

O Lord, give strength | to your people; give them, O LORD, the bless- | ings of peace.



Gospel

Mark 1:4-13 (Common English Bible)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark

Glory to you, O Lord.

John the Baptist was in the wilderness calling for people to be baptized to show that they were changing their hearts and lives and wanted God to forgive their sins. Everyone in Judea and all the people of Jerusalem went out to the Jordan River and were being baptized by John as they confessed their sins. John wore clothes made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He ate locusts and wild honey. He announced, "One stronger than I am is coming after me. I'm not even worthy to bend over and loosen the strap of his sandals. I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

About that time, Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and John baptized him in the Jordan River. While he was coming up out of the water, Jesus saw heaven splitting open and the Spirit, like a dove, coming down on him. And there was a voice from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I dearly love; in you I find happiness."

At once the Spirit forced Jesus out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among the wild animals, and the angels took care of him.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

THE PATH IS THE ADVENTURE

Pilgrim, your footsteps are the road, and nothing more; pilgrim, there is no road, the road is made by walking. By walking one makes the road, and upon glancing behind one sees the path that never will be trod again.

Antonio Machado (1875-1939)

Ministry of Music

Bell Carol of the Kings

arr. Philip Kern Senior Choir

We three kings of orient are bearing gifts we traverse afar. Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star. Hark to the bells, merrily ring, Tell all the world, Jesus is King!

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain. Gold I bring to crown him again, King forever ceasing never, Over all to reign!

REFRAIN Oh, Star of wonder, start of night. Star of royal beauty bright. Westward leading, still proceeding Guide us to thy perfect light.

Hark! How the bells, sweet silver bells All seem to say, "Throw cares away" Christmas is here, bringing good cheer to young and old, meek and the bold, Ding dong, ding dong, that is their song: With joyful ring, all caroling.
One seems to hear words of good cheer from everywhere, filling the air.
O! how they pound, raising the sound, O'er hill and dale, telling their tale!
Gaily they ring while people sing Songs of good cheer; Christmas is here.

Glorious now before him arise! King and God and Sacrifice! Alleluia! Alleluia! Earth to heaven replies. *REFRAIN*

Apostles Creed

Let us confess our faith in the Triune God as expressed in these historic words: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father. and he will come to judge the living and the dead. 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. Amen.

Community Prayers

Let us pray.... Amen.

Included in our daily prayers are those with special needs or concerns:

Bebe McCoy, Robin Stokes, Lea Spang, Bonnie Hegreness, Heidi Carman, Cora Marquez, Mary Kennedy, Kelly Scott, Diane Louangrath, Sue Baker, Julie Denniss' uncle Ed Stewart, Kevin Bailey's sister Kleta Childs, Kathie and Nancy Ehrich, Stan Heacock, Jeremy Davis, Val Farnham, Bebe McCoy's brother-in-law Walt, Brittany Parsons, Lynn Belhorn's friend MaryAnn, Laura Warren's brother Walter Hudson and his wife Jan, Doretha Holland, Shirley and Jack Miller, Deidre (DJ) Zimmer, Jon Denniss, Mary Bowling's sister Val, Carolyn and Ed Klopfer, Nancy Stinson's brother Tom Starkey, Kathleen Zwanziger's brother Mark Zwanziger, Larry Trover, Earl Bradley's brother Fay Bradley, David Hairston, Kay Ernsthausen, Ken Jones, Skye Andre, Dora Pinder and family, Bill Boys, Ruth Murray's brother Allen Harju, Kim and Kendall Meyer-Turner, Greg Williams, family of Edwina Bradley's sister-in-law Pat Johnson, Heidi Sherer's sister and brother-in-law Wendy and Sion, Julianne Johnson's niece on the premature birth of a daughter.

Children's Time

Remembrance of Baptism

- P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.
- Holy God, merciful and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth.
- Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow. Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you. You are the fountain of resurrection.
- Thank you for your saving waters: Hagar discovers your well. The Israelites escape through the sea and drink from your gushing rock. Namaan washes his leprosy away, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again.
- Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in the water. Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us and drown the evil around us. Renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.
- To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Spirit, now and forever.

 Amen.



WE SHARE HOLY COMMUNION

Sharing the peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
Lift up your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

And also with you. We lift them to the Lord.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

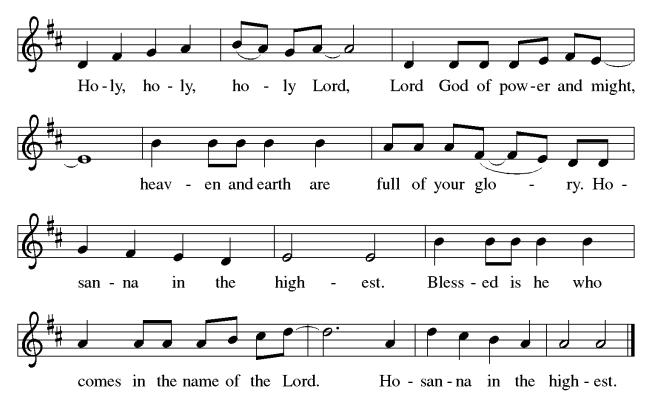
In a refugee child playing under a star, in an anonymous young man requesting baptism, in a wandering preacher refreshed by water from a woman's hand, God was waiting to be recognized and known, to transform seeing and change the world.

In the routine smallness of everyday life, in the jagged discomfort of struggle and transition, in the timeless grace of hospitality, and the gifts of bread and wine, God is waiting to be recognized and known, to transform our seeing and change our world.

Here, at this table, under the welcoming light of a morning star, the God of epiphanies waits to be encountered. So – though you may be weary and worn by your journey or stained and sore with travel – look up and see the star, lay aside your packs, and enter with joy for God waits here – to refresh and renew, to comfort and restore, to challenge and transform, to know, and be known.

Now, gathered around this table, we recall and recount how the Epiphany God appeared in the actions and words of Jesus as he shared a last supper with his friends in which Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to his friends, saying, "Take this and eat. This is my body, broken for you. Do this to remember me." And after supper, Jesus took the cup and gave it to them, saying, "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood. It is shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. As often as you drink this, do so to remember me."

Recalling and treasuring these things, we join our voices with those of all creation to recognize and celebrate the grace and goodness of God present and at work in the world.



Epiphany God, send down your Holy Spirit now on us, and on these gifts of bread and wine – that we might recognize and know you present with us here, and in receiving the gifts of your love find ourselves renewed. By this meal, renew our commitment to make real the prayer Jesus teaches:

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. This is Jesus' table: he made no restrictions, and neither do we.

Sharing the Meal

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Emmanuel – bright Morning Star: Gift us the grace and generosity to respond freely and fully, whatever you might ask of us. So may our loving and living become places of epiphany where you can be recognized and known, and the transforming life of your Kingdom unleashed.

Amen.

WE ARE SENT

Hymn

Borning Cry



- 1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
- 2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
- 3 "In the mid-dle a ges of your life, not too old, no lon ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold. you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long. I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well; If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one, When the eve-ning gent-ly clos-es in and you shut your wea-ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell." I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun." I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re-joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold."

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Blessing Amen.

Announcements

Postlude

Baptized in Water, arr. John Carter

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Adult Sunday School 11:15 am Sundays



A TIME OF JUDGEMENT: Seeing Our Sin in a Disastrous Year

Contact Pastor Dave if you'd like a copy of the *Christian Century* article that is the basis for this discussion

Topic: Redeemer Sunday adult ed Zoom Meeting Time: Sunday mornings 11:15 AM

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83783266885?pwd=S3hq d1dQR3lUbjdvYU9nWGk3MnI0dz09

Meeting ID: 837 8326 6885 Passcode: 043099 Phone only: 646 876 9923



Tuesdays 1-2:30 pm

The Book of Genesis

We'd love to have you join us via

ZOOM!

Topic: Tuesday Bible Study Zoom Meeting

Time: Tuesdays 1:00 PM

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Meeting ID: 871 3736 6983 Passcode: 619946 Phone only: 646 876 9923



A Brewing Faith

Second Tuesdays 6:30 pm

Conversation and fellowship Via Zoom

Topic: Brewing Faith Zoom Meeting Time: November 10, 2020 06:30 PM

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Meeting ID: 884 0660 7138

Passcode: 010809

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Conversations on Race Wednesday, January 13 7:00 pm Via Zoom

Any who wish are invited to join us as we talk about concrete steps we can take to bear witness to the inclusive love and justice of Jesus.

Topic: Redeemer Race Conversations **Time**: January 13, 2021 07:00 PM ID: 886 0172 3199; Passcode: 131323

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Noisy Offering will go to Kaleidoscope Youth Center.

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER JANUARY 10 - 17

Today	10:00 am 11:15 am	LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion ZOOM Adult Education
Tuesday	1:00 pm 6:30 pm	ZOOM Bible Study ZOOM A Brewing Faith
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Zоом Anti-Racism Group
Next Sunday	10:00 am	LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:30 am	ZOOM Annual Congregational Meeting



