

Baptism of the Lord

Jan 10, 2021 – Online Worship Service

Congregation parts are printed in **bold**.

Please make sure you have the following items on hand and ready for communion:

- *Bread on a small plate. You may put a cloth or napkin on top if you like.*
- *Wine or grape juice (or some other beverage) and small glasses to drink from.*

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Ruth Bills, Musician

WELCOME

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: **Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are raised with him to new life.**

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and planted us in a well-watered garden.

In the desert you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the cross, you watered us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life. We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere.

Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy the thirsty, and give us the life only you can give. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN
O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!

ELW Red Hymnal 308
(Verses 1-3)

1. *O Morning Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's own truth and light,
aglow with grace and mercy!
Of Jacob's line, King David's son, our Lord and Savior, you have won
our hearts to serve you only!
Lowly, holy! Great and glorious, all victorious, rich in blessing!
Rule and might o'er all possessing!*
2. *Come, precious diamond, light divine, and deep within our hearts now shine;
there light a flame undying!
In your one body let us be as living branches of a tree, your life our lives
supplying.
Now, though daily earth's deep sadness may perplex us and distress us,
yet with heav'nly joy you bless us.*
3. *Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there falls from God above
a ray of purest pleasure.
Your word and Spirit, flesh and blood refresh our souls with heav'nly food.
You are our dearest treasure!
Let your mercy warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us! For you teach us
God's own love through you has reached us.*

GREETING

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

C: **And also with you!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING

Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, 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. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW Red Hymnal p 151

Alleluia



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:4-11

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the first chapter:

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

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

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 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. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Leona Olson, Presenter

SERMON

Pr. Christine Wenzel, Preacher

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW Red Hymnal 453

Baptized and Set Free

- 1. We are people created, chosen by God.
Then we're washed, ever gently, in mercy and love.
Sin has power no more. Jesus opened the door
to a fountain bringing healing, and wholeness and more.**
- 2. We are fed and we're nourished, filled and refreshed.
Then our hunger returns and again we are blessed.
For whatever the need, God is greater indeed:
endless ocean, always deeper than all of our need.**
- 3. We are nourished by water, all living things,
and by life that the Spirit abundantly brings.
As we journey toward home, may your presence be known:
precious river, ever-flowing, now carry us home.**
- 4. Now with praise and thanksgiving, we join the song.
All are welcome! We gather to sing loud and strong.
Not enslaved, but set free! From now on, all will be
one in Jesus, one in water, baptized and set free!**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

At this time, please send in on Facebook comments, any prayer requests. We will share your requests in our prayers.

P: Let us now enter into a conversation with the living God by offering up what is on our hearts and minds. We begin by praying for those among us who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially for Ruth, Cindy, Lorraine, Carol, Mike, Linda, Kathy, Kathy, Peggy, and the family of Paul,

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

Individual petitions from the congregation, silent and spoken, personal and global, are invited. If spoken, end with the words: Lord, in your mercy,

P: Into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy and in your grace.

C: **Amen.**

PEACE

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: O God, receive these gifts as you receive us: like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide. Nourish us anew in your tender care, and empower us in faithful service to tend to others with this same love, through Jesus Christ, our saving grace.

C: **Amen.**

MEAL

Checklist for communion:

- *Your hands are clean.*
- *You've appointed someone to be the main server, and someone to serve the server.*
- *There is bread on hand on a small plate. You may put a cloth or napkin on top if you like.*

- *There is wine or grape juice ready (or some other beverage if wine or grape juice is not available).*
- *That you have small glasses of some kind to drink from. The wine can either be poured ahead of time or at the time of serving.*
- *Don't worry if it doesn't go perfectly! Remember what the meal means: God's grace for imperfect people.*

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

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.

P: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

C: **Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

C: **Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

L: Let us pray as Jesus taught us:

C: **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.**

RECEIVING THE MEAL

For those who are doing the consecrating at home, AT THIS TIME you can now do the words of institution, followed by the Lord's Prayer. As you do the words of institution, you can hold up the appropriate element – the bread and the goblet or cup - if you wish (but it's not necessary).

L: This is the body of Christ, broken for you.

This is the blood of Christ, shed for you.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: We give you thanks, gracious God, that you have once again fed us from your very self with the body and blood of Christ. Through this mystery, send us forth to proclaim your promise to a world in need, through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FINAL BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace, in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

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Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

(Verses 1, 2 & 4)

- 1. *Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise;
manifested by the star to the sages from afar,
branch of royal David's stem in thy birth at Bethlehem:
anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.***
- 2. *Manifest at Jordan's stream, prophet, priest, and king supreme;
and at Cana wedding guest in thy Godhead manifest;
manifest in pow'r divine, changing water into wine;
anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.***
- 4. *Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, present in thy holy word;
grace to imitate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;
that we might become like thee at thy great epiphany,
and may praise thee, ever blest, God in flesh made manifest.***

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

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O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!

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