

**“This is my Son,
the Beloved, with whom
I am well pleased.”**



Matthew 3:17, NRSV

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Welcome! Enter with Prayer - Worship in Awe - Leave to Serve.
All invitations to stand or kneel are for those who are able.

WELCOME TO THE STORY

The Baptism of Our Lord cannot help but recall our own and all baptismal blessings. 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.” On this day the heavens open again for this assembly, and we receive the gift of the beloved Son of God in bread and wine.

A Story that Invites Us

Singing Bowl

During the ringing of the bowl, you are encouraged to center your thoughts on God the Creator, Christ the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our Comforter.

PRELUDE . . . *Leilani Camara and Michael Keating*

WELCOME

Please Stand

P: The light of our Savior is with you all.
All: And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Arise with hope, and shine with love!

All: Shine forth with the wisdom of God!

L: Arise with mercy, and shine with grace!

All: Live in righteousness and peace.

L: Arise with justice, and shine with compassion.

All: Radiate the brightness of Christ!

THANKSGIVING FOR 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.

All: Amen.

P: 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.

All: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

P: Through the waters of 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. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

All: 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. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

P: To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

All: Amen.

GREETING

P: Arise, shine, for Christ's light has come! The glory of the Lord has arisen upon us, and Christ's mercy has restored us with forgiveness and grace.

All: Arise, shine, for Christ's light is shining upon us now!

HYMN . . . "This Is the Spirit's Entry Now" vs. 1, 4

Text: Thomas E. Herbranson - Tune: North American Traditional - ELW #448



1 This is the Spir - it's en - try now: the wa - ter and the word,
4 Re - new - ing Spir - it, hear our praise for your bap - tis - mal pow'r



the cross of Je - sus on your brow, the seal both felt and heard.
that wash - es us through all our days. Come, cleanse a - gain this hour.

INVOCATION

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

All: And also with you.

LITANY OF PEACE

L: We want to be people of unity and peace.

All: Transform our community with love that is boundless and with peace that passes all understanding,

L: that others may see us knit together as one,

All: built on the foundation of Christ.

L: In your loving peace we sing...



CANTICLE OF PRAISE



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



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



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



God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are



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.



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



3 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.



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son.

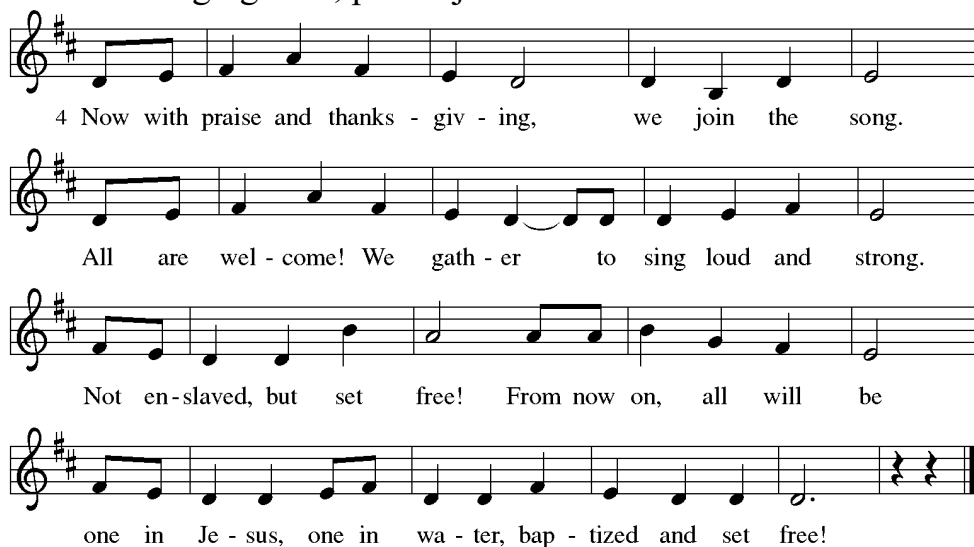
All: **Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Be Seated

one LORD,
one Faith,
one Baptism...

CHOIR ANTHEM . . . “Baptized and Set Free”

Congregation, please join in on the fourth verse:



4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.
All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.
Not en-slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be
one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

The Story that Shapes and Forms Us

Please Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

P: The Holy Gospel according to the third chapter of Luke.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL . . . Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

The reading opens with questions about the identity of the Messiah. John the Baptist insists that he is not the Messiah; instead he points ahead to one who is coming. And whether the voice of God was heard by all or only by Jesus, God settles the matter: Jesus is God’s beloved Son.

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. 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 granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Be Seated

CHILDREN’S TIME . . . Pastor Tim

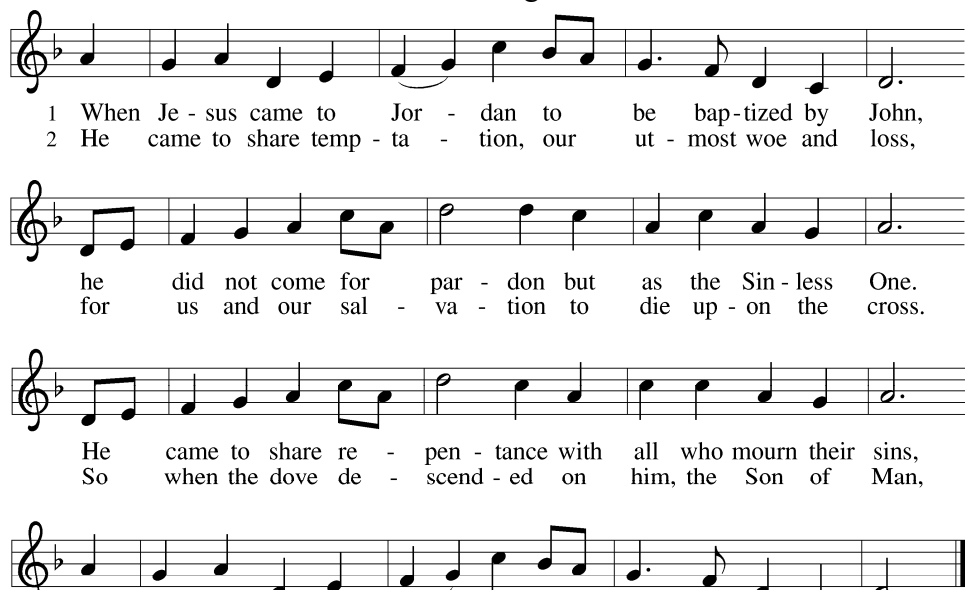
Please Stand



HYMN OF THE DAY . . . “When Jesus Came to Jordan”

vs. 1, 2

Text: Fred Pratt Green - Tune: English folk tune - ELW #305



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,
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.
He came to share re - pen - tance with all who mourn their sins,
So when the dove de - scend - ed on him, the Son of Man,
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.

Be Seated

MESSAGE . . . *Pastor Tim*

A Story that Feeds Us

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

L: Come into Christ's light with your gifts.

All: They need not be gold or precious oil. Gifts of love and compassion are the greatest treasures of all.

THANKFUL OFFERING

Please Stand

OFFERTORY RESPONSE . . . “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending” vs. 1

Text: Robert L. Edwards - Tune: C. Hubert H. Parry - Cranberry Book #678



1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and end - less store:
na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly cross, grave's shat - tered door,
gift - ed by you, we turn to you, of - f'ring up our - selves in praise;
thank - ful song shall rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.

OFFERING PRAYER

L: Generous God, you shower us with blessings and call us to share.

All: Thank you for this opportunity to shine your light into the world through our work of justice and compassion. We pray and live in the name of your true light, Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L: United as one body in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need. We pray for the church. Pour out your Spirit upon us and enliven us for mission. Draw us together in love that we may be one. Lead us in the way of your beloved Son. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: For the nations. Inspire leaders to work for the common good. Grant courage to those who put themselves at risk

to protect others. Turn us away from violence and teach us to live in peace. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: For those in need. Protect children and vulnerable adults who depend on others to provide for their daily care. Uphold those who struggle with depression. Console the grieving and heal the sick. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: For this assembly. Bless the newly baptized. Renew your children in the covenant of baptism. Empower us by your loving Spirit to serve our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

L: Hear now the prayers of our hearts said silently or aloud.

Here other prayers may be offered.

L: Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayers.

L: Receive our prayers and fill us with the radiance of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

INVOCATION

P: I lift up my eyes to the hills.

All: From where is my help to come?

P: My help comes from the Lord,

All: The maker of heaven and earth.

P: The Lord shall watch over our going out and coming in,

All: From this time forth forevermore.

P: God will wipe every tear from our eyes,

All: There will be no more death.

P: No more mourning or crying or pain,

All: For the old order of things will pass away. Thanks be to God.

Be Seated

REMEMBERING MICHAEL VANDUSEN

PRAYER OF THANKS FOR LIFE

P: We are God's work of art.

All: Each one a precious gem, a marvelous tapestry, a potter's delight.

P: We are God's handiwork, born in Christ Jesus to be a blessing.

All: Every one of us, woven together in love, shaped with infinite compassion, painted with incredible beauty.

P: We are God's creation,

All: All of us washed by grace, saved by faith and called to praise. Amen.

Please Stand

GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord is with you.

All: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

THE EUCHARIST

P: God of wisdom, with gratitude and love.

All: we remember your mighty acts.

P: You created a world that was good.

All: You gave us this earth to enjoy.

P: You trusted us to share with you in caring for it.

All: And when we sinned, you still did not abandon us but made covenant with our ancestors.

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

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 in 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." Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: Christ has died, Christ has risen. Christ will come again. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

All: 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.

FRACTION RITE

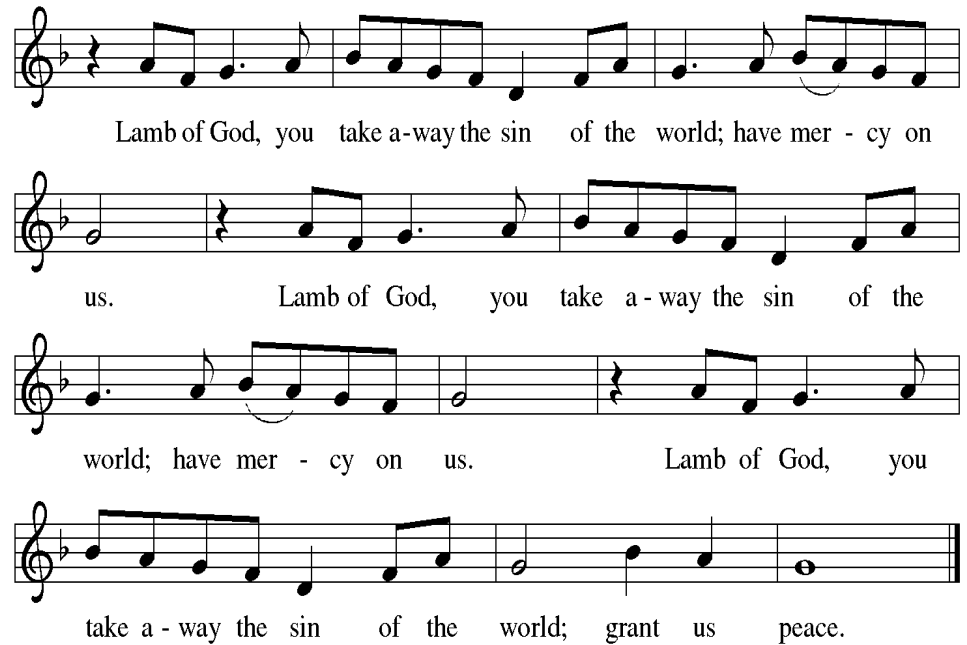
P: We who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. Come. Be filled with light and life.

All: For this meal we give thanks!

Be Seated

The ushers will invite you to the Lord's Table after the Lamb of God is sung.

LAMB OF GOD



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.

Holy Communion is open to all.
Grape juice is white, wine is red.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Let an usher know if you desire communion brought to you.

All are welcome to the Prayer and Healing Station in the narthex during communion.



COMMUNION HYMN . . . “Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized”

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



1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spir - it on you
 2 God called you, "My be - lov - ed Son"; you are God's ser - vant
 3 Straight-way and stead - fast un - til death you then o - beyed the
 4 Bap - tize us with your Spir - it, Lord; your cross on us be



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



ur - gent as a flame, as ur - gent as a flame.
 ho - ly will to do, God's ho - ly will to do.
 give your life for all, to give your life for all.
 per - fect free - dom find, may per - fect free - dom find.



The Baptism of our Lord

COMMUNION HYMN . . . “Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”

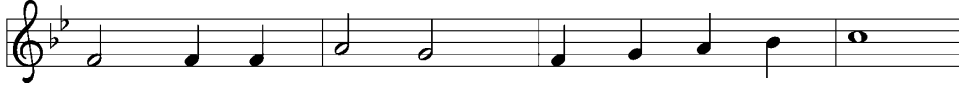
Text: George Croly - Tune: Frederick C. Atkinson - ELW #800



1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
 2 I ask no dream, 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 - scend - ed dove,



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

Singing Bowl



Please Stand

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people.

All: Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the light of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

L: O Morning Star, fair and bright, you have refreshed us again with heavenly food. Go with us now—today, tomorrow, every day.

All: As we, like the shepherds, return on our way, may we proclaim all we have heard and seen, praising you in word and loving deed for the gift of Jesus, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Be Seated

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Stand

A Story that Sends Us Out to Love and Serve

WORDS FOR THE JOURNEY

P: You are the light of the world!

All: We will take that light into all the places that need the light and love of God.

P: Take that light into all the places that need the light and grace of Jesus Christ.

All: We will take that light into all the places that need the light and inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

P: Go and be the light of the world!

All: Amen!

SENDING SONG . . . “Baptized in Water” vs. 1, 3

Text: Michael Saward - Tune: Gaelic tune - ELW #456

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.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Be the light of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

