

"I BAPTIZE YOU WITH WATER,
BUT HE WILL BAPTIZE
YOU WITH THE
Holy Spirit."

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GATHERING . . . WORD . . . SENDING

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A WORD ON RECENT EVENTS . . . *Pastor Tim*

PRELUDE . . . *“Baptized and Set Free”*

WELCOME

SINGING BOWL

INVOCATION

P: O God, whose light dances across eternity, dazzle us into your presence this new year.

All: Open our hearts to the mystery of your love.

P: Awaken us to your presence, knit to the ordinary.

All: Reveal to us what is possible, but not yet present.

P: Heal us, that we might be healers.

All: Reconcile us to you and to ourselves.

P: Stop us often, we pray

All: with news that is good

P: with hope that holds

All: with truth that transforms

P: May the word of your grace guide our steps like the sun by day

All: and the north star by night, as we travel into the gift of a new year. Amen.



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 your children, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

You are invited to dip your fingers into a bowl of water
and make the sign of the cross on your forehead.

P: We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,

All: 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.

LITANY . . . *“Clothe Us” by Ciona D. Rouse*

L: We strip ourselves of the desire to live according to our will.

All: Clothe us in the Holy Spirit.

L: We strip ourselves of doubt and fear.

All: Clothe us in the Holy Spirit.

L: We strip ourselves of the oppression and hatred that attempt to hold us.

All: Clothe us in the Holy Spirit.

L: We strip ourselves of bitterness, frustration, and anger.

All: Clothe us in the Holy Spirit.

L: We strip ourselves of the stubbornness that keeps us from moving where you have commanded us to go.

All: Clothe us in the Holy Spirit.

L: We strip ourselves of the evil that calls to us daily.

All: Clothe us in the Holy Spirit.

L: We strip ourselves of the complacency that keeps us from truly being your disciples.

All: Clothe us in the Holy Spirit.

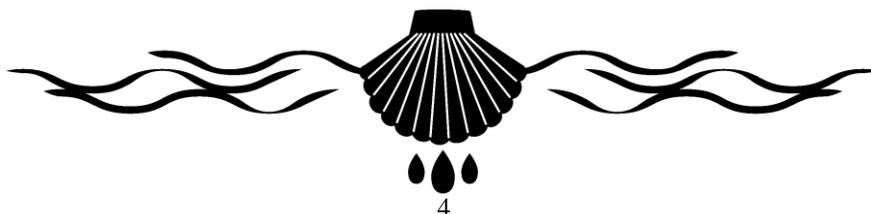
L: With all that calls to us, Lord, we are weakened when we dress ourselves in the ways of this world. Our strength comes from you alone.

All: Clothe us with your power, Lord. Clothe us in the Holy Spirit.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters.

All: 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. Amen.



INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD

Reader: Listen for God's word coming to us in scripture.

All: Our hearts and minds are open.

FIRST READING . . . *Acts 19:1-7*

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—altogether there were about twelve of them.

GOSPEL . . . *Mark 1:4-11*

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."

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Reader: God be in our listening. God be in our understanding.

All: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S TIME . . . *Pastor Tim*

HOMILY . . . *Pastor Tim*

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.

OFFERING



OFFERTORY 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.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L: Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need. For the church throughout the world and its leaders, that guided by the Holy Spirit they proclaim the forgiveness of sins, let us pray.

All: Have Mercy, O God.

L: For the nations of the world and their leaders, for laborers busy both day and night, and for peacemakers amid strife, that God inspire all people to use their strength wisely, let us pray.

All: Have Mercy, O God.

L: For the sick and those who provide medical care, for the imprisoned and those who show them mercy, for the lonely and those who provide companionship, for all who suffer, that God shower compassion, let us pray.

All: Have Mercy, O God.

L: For the congregation gathered here, for students returning to school, for those seeking renewal in their daily work, that all the beloved of God experience grace and peace, let us pray.

All: Have Mercy, O God.

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

Here other prayers may be offered.

L: Let us pray.

All: Have Mercy, O God.

L: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught 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.

GATHERING . . . WORD . . . SENDING

BENEDICTION

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!

DISMISSAL

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE . . . “Shine, Jesus, Shine”

SINGING BOWL

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