



10:00 am

January 12, 2024 – Baptism of Jesus

Opening Hymn: “Be Thou My Vision” (CP #505)

Land Acknowledgement

Call to Worship

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. **And also with you.**

Almighty God, **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Sung Gloria: “Gloria, Gloria, in Excelsis Deo” (CP #376)

Kyrie: Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.** Lord, have mercy.

The Collect

Holy One, 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 Spirit faithful in your service, so that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

Children's Focus

Children's Song: "I am the Light of the World" (VU #87) verse 2

The First Reading: Isaiah 43:1-7 (*Barb Herbert*)

Psalm 29 (VU #756)

The Second Reading: Acts 8:14-17 (*Susan Parsons*)

Gradual Hymn: "Breathe on Me Breath of God" (CP #649)

The Gospel: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 (*Tony Herbert*)

The Sermon: *The Rev. Marnie Peterson*

"Silence & Stillness for Prayer & Reflection"

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

May God be with you. **And also with you**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to God our Creator. **It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, O God, Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. You are the One who makes all things new. To the thirsty you give water from the spring of the water of life. You make the wasteland glad, the desert rejoice and blossom, turning parched ground into a refreshing pool and arid terrain into an overflowing fountain. By the gift of water you nourish and renew all living things.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

In the beginning, when darkness covered the face of the deep, you breathed your Spirit over the waters, calling forth life in abundance. In the time of Noah, when the flood of judgment engulfed the earth, you rescued and made a covenant with your creation.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At the Red Sea, you drove back the waters by the strong wind of your Spirit, opening up a path to liberation. You released the children of Israel from the shackles of slavery to dance and sing on the shore of freedom and promise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

In the fullness of time, Jesus was baptized in the River Jordan, repenting for the sin of the world and restoring to water its healing work in all creation.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

In the Jordan, you revealed Jesus as the one in whom your soul delights. You anointed him to open the eyes that are blind, to rescue the prisoners from the dungeon, to set free those who sit in darkness, and to bring forth justice to the nations.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Suffering the baptism of death and resurrection, Jesus set us free from the bondage of sin and death, and gave birth to the New Creation. The crucified and risen Christ stands among us, baptizing with the Holy Spirit and with fire, enlivening us to proclaim the gospel to all nations, serve you as a royal priesthood, and act as faithful stewards of all that you have made.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Breathe your Spirit, O God, upon this water that your servants who are washed and anointed may share with your Christ in his death and resurrection. Let there be no distinction among those whom one font, one Spirit, one faith make one people. Together, may we stand as a sign and foretaste of your Kingdom, a covenant to the people, a light to the nations. We give you praise and honour and worship through your Child, Jesus the Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.

Baptismal Covenant

Do you believe in God? **I believe in God, the Creator of Heaven and Earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilot, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of God. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in God the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Will you continue in the apostle's teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread and in the prayers? **I will, with God's help.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord? **I will, with God's help.**

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?
I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?
I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being? **I will, with God's help.**

“Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth? **I will, with God's help.**

**Congregation is sprinkled with water.*

Prayers of Intercession (*Peter Bayley*)

The Peace: The peace of Christ be always with you. **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn: “You Are the Salt of the Earth” (CP #502)

— *The Celebration of the Eucharist* —

Prayer Over the Gifts

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, so that we might for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

May God be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to God.**

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Eternal God, Source of all being, we give you thanks and praise for your faithful love. You call us into friendship with you and one another to be your holy people, a sign of your presence in the world.

When those we trust betray us, unfailingly you remain with us. When we injure others, you confront us in your love and call us to the paths of righteousness. You stand with the weak, and those, broken and alone, whom you have always welcomed home, making the first last, and the last first. Therefore, we raise our voices with angels and archangels, forever praising you and singing: *(CP #735)*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full, full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed are you, O Holy One: when Hagar was driven into the wilderness you followed her and gave her hope. When Joseph was sold into bondage, you turned malice to your people's good. When you called Israel out of slavery, you brought them through the wilderness into the promised land. When your people were taken into exile you wept with them by the river of Babylon and carried them home.

Restore us, O God, let your face shine!

At the right time you sent your Anointed One to stand with the poor, the outcast, and the oppressed. Jesus touched lepers, and the sick, and healed them. He accepted water from a woman of Samaria and offered her the water of new life. Christ knew the desolation of the cross and opened the way for all humanity into the redemption of your reconciling love. On the night he was betrayed, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to them, and said, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Loving and Holy One, recalling Christ's death and resurrection, we offer you these gifts, longing for the bread of tomorrow and the wine of the age to come.

Therefore we proclaim our hope.

Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Pour out your Spirit on these gifts that through them you may sustain us in our hunger for your peace. We hold before you all whose lives are marked by suffering, our sisters and brothers. When we are broken and cast aside, embrace us in your love.

Restore us, O God, let your face shine!

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O Source of all life, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Sung Lord's Prayer *by Gordon Light*

Our Father in heaven, hallowed by your name; your kingdom come, your will be done on earth, as in heav'n. 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 for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Communion Anthem: "Come, Share with God" (VU #469) *verses 1, 2, 1*

Come to the banquet for now all is ready.

These are the gifts of God for you, the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

If you require a gluten free wafer, please only extend one hand. If you do not feel comfortable drinking from the cup, please just acknowledge it and let it pass.

We ask that you refrain from intincting or dipping your wafer.

Communion Hymn: "Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters" (CP #35)

Prayer after Communion

Radiant God, with our eyes we have seen your salvation, and in this meal we have feasted on your grace. May your Word take flesh in us, so that we may be your holy people, revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

The Doxology

Glory to God, whose power working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

Sung Blessing

The Closing Hymn: “Here in this Place New Light is Streaming” (CP #465)

The Dismissal: Go in peace, share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

Announcements

January book study: The Good Book

After spending several weeks digging into scripture with our study The Path, I would like to suggest that we take a little break.

I am going to spend the month of January reading, The Good Book by Peter Gnomes. In this book, the author tackles several difficult topics and attempts to give us some context for what we find in the Bible.

Then we will have a conversation about it on Wednesday, January 29th at our usual times: 11am in person and 7pm online.

You can order this book on online or through your local bookstore.



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