

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

THE HOLY EUCHARIST AT 10:00 AM

JANUARY 9, 2022



Today's festival rejoices in God's blessings. We recall and celebrate our adoption as God's children, 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 God's Beloved, Jesus, in bread and wine.

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WE WELCOME YOU to historic Trinity Church. We are blessed by your presence and pray God's richest blessing upon you. We invite you to receive the Risen Christ at the Lord's Table. Those not communing may come forward to receive a blessing.

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST

P Presiding Minister **A** Assisting Minister **C** Congregation

CARILLON

WELCOME

PRELUDE

O Blessed Spring

Robert Buckley Farlee/Arr. Anne Krentz Organ

A note from Minister of Music, Karen Eddinger: This is a musical offering in memory of Susan Palo Cherwien, who passed away December 28, 2021. Susan wrote insightful, challenging, and inspirational poems/meditations/hymn texts. Eight of her texts are included in our ELW - hymns 261, 306, 374, 447, 548, 648, 672, & 699. I would encourage you to read these magnificent words, hoping that they will speak to your heart as they have to mine. The fourth stanza of her text “O Blessed Spring” is:

*As winter comes, as winters must,
we breathe our last, return to dust;
still held in Christ, our souls take wing
and trust the promise of the spring.*

Please stand as you are able and face the font.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose voice is upon the waters,
whose mercy is poured out upon all people,
whose goodness cascades over all creation.

C Amen

P Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things.
Your voice thundered over the waters at creation.
You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys
to refresh and satisfy all living things.

Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom.
In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock,
and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection,
your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom.
The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up,
for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise.
He sends us to make disciples,
baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water;
clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons,
no longer slave and free, no longer male and female,
but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

C Amen

GATHERING HYMN

448 This Is the Spirit's Entry Now

LAND OF REST

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE



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



1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we



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



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



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of



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

P Let us pray. Almighty God, 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 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.

C Amen

Be seated.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:1-7

Near the end of Israel's exile in Babylon, God promises to bring the people home. They need no longer be afraid, because the one who formed, created, and called them by name now redeems them from all their enemies. God declares them precious and honored, and God loves them.

After the reading:

L Word of God, Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 29

The psalm is read in unison.

Give the Lord glory, you Spirits!

Give glory! Honor God's strength!

Honor the name of the Lord!

Bow when the Lord comes, majestic and holy.

God's voice thunders above the massive seas;

powerful, splendid,

God shatters the cedars,

shatters the cedars of Lebanon,

makes Lebanon jump like a calf,

Sirion like a wild ox.

God's voice strikes fire,

makes the desert shudder,

Qadesh shudder in labor, deer write in labor.

God strips the trees.

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All shout "Glory" in your temple, Lord.
For you rule the mighty waters,
you rule over all forever.
Give strength to your people, Lord,
and bless your people with peace.

SECOND READING: Acts 8:14-17

Peter and John are sent to support the new Christians in Samaria, a group that was recently baptized after hearing the good news of Christ through the preaching of Philip. Here the Samaritans receive the gift of the Holy Spirit in the laying on of hands.

L Word of God, Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

TEACHING TIME FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first two phrases: 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,'. The second staff contains the melody for the next two phrases: 'al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The lyrics are written below the notes.

THE HOLY 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.

P The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke.

G **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After the reading

P The Gospel of the Lord.

G **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Be seated.

SERMON

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

455 Crashing Waters at Creation

STUTTGART

APOSTLES' CREED

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- A** The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

A brief silence. Each petition concludes:

- A** God of grace,
C **hear our prayer.**

After the final petition:

- P** Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.
C **Amen**

PEACE

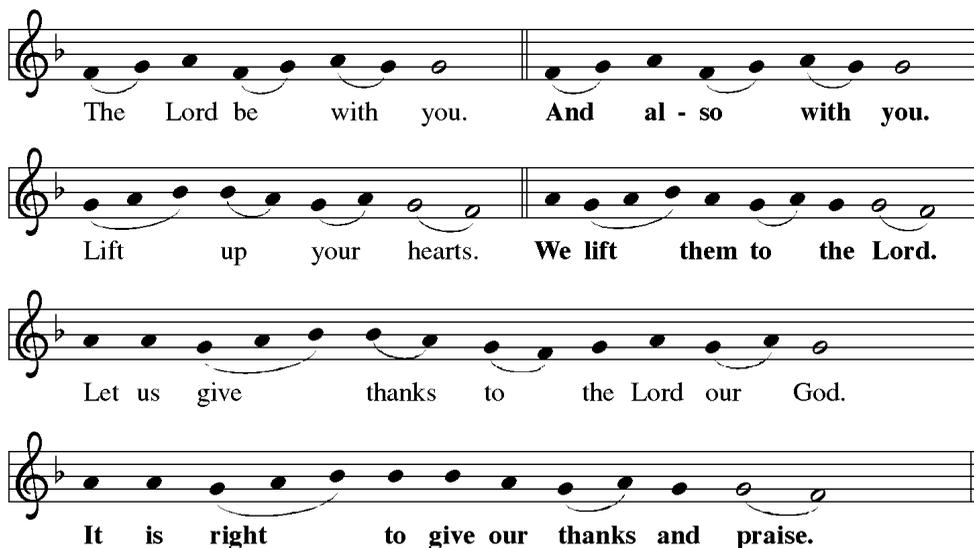
- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **And also with you.**

Please greet one another from a distance.

OFFERING PRAYER

- A** O Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe.
You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey.
Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food,
and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world,
in the name of Christ our light.
- C** Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

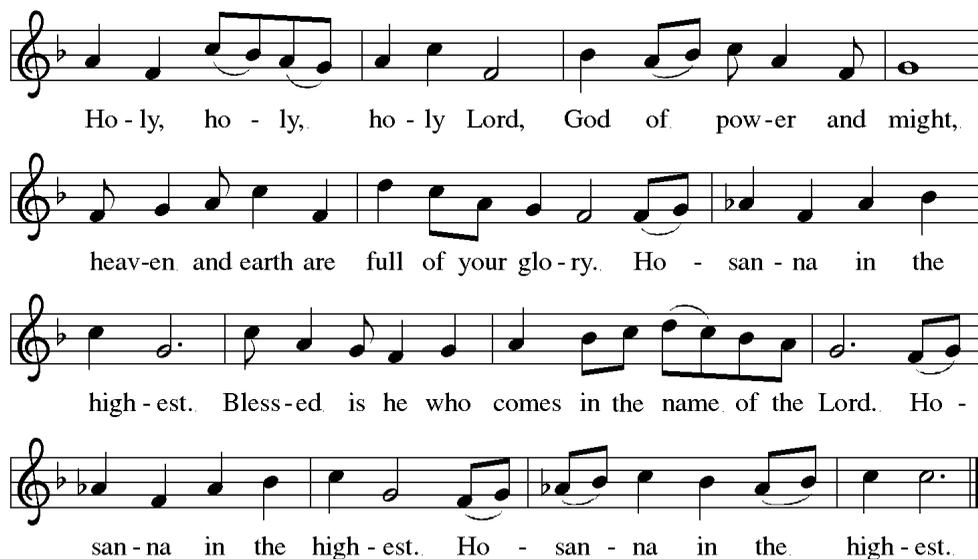
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The first staff has two measures: 'The Lord be with you.' and 'And al - so with you.'. The second staff has two measures: 'Lift up your hearts.' and 'We lift them to the Lord.'. The third staff has one long measure: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.'. The fourth staff has one long measure: 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'.

PROPER PREFACE

- P** It is indeed right, ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

- P** Holy God...within each cell; with every breath.
- C** We praise you, O God.
- P** Generations bless your faithfulness...into the future.
- C** We bless you, O God.
- P** We give you thanks for your dear Son ...with us now.
- C** We thank you, O God.
- P** In the night in which he was betrayed ...we proclaim the mystery of faith:
- C** Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
- P** We pray for the gift of your Spirit...in your church, without end.
- C** Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

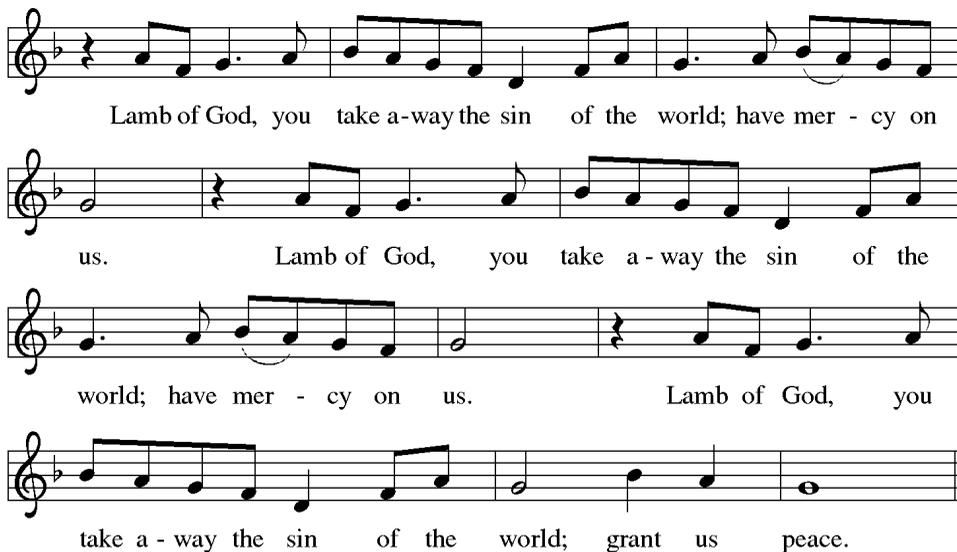
- P** Let us pray as Jesus taught us.
- C** Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
- Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
- For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- P** Come to God's table. There is a place for you and enough for all.
- C** Amen

Be seated.

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.

DISTRIBUTION

We invite all who wish to receive the Risen Christ in this meal to join us at the Lord's table. Coming to the altar, following the direction of the usher, be sure to maintain a safe distance between households. If you are in need of a gluten-free wafer or would prefer grape juice to wine, please ask your server. Returning to your seat, please deposit the used glass in the baskets provided. Those not receiving the sacrament may come forward for a blessing. If you are unable to come to the altar for communion, tell the usher and the sacrament can be brought to you. God bless you with the bread of heaven and the cup of salvation!

After all have received Communion, please stand as you are able.

TABLE BLESSING

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- G** Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- A** Let us pray. We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ.
- G** Amen

BLESSING

- P** The God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, † bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever.
- G** Amen

SENDING HYMN

310 Songs of Faithfulness and Praise

SALZBURG

DISMISSAL

- A** Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.
- G** Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

Jakob Hintze/Arr. Anne Krentz Organ

