

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

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Our re-creation in baptism is an image of the Genesis creation, where the Spirit of God moved over the waters. Both Mark's gospel and the story in Acts make clear that it is the Spirit's movement that distinguishes Jesus' baptism from John's. The Spirit has come upon us as upon Jesus and the Ephesians, calling us God's beloved children and setting us on Jesus' mission to re-create the world in the image of God's vision of justice and peace.

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST

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

PASTORAL WELCOME

PRELUDE

When Christ's Appearing Was Made Known

Wilbur Held

Beth Welz, soloist

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.

☪ Amen

GATHERING HYMN: 458 Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God

CHRISTE SANCTORUM

1 Praise and thanks - giv - ing be to God our
 2 Not our own ho - li - ness, nor that we have
 3 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come in vis - i -
 4 Praise to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly

mak - er, source of all bless - ing, prod - i - gal cre -
 striv - en; brings us the peace which you, O Christ, have
 ta - tion; you are the truth, our hope, and our sal -
 Spir - it: one Lord, one faith, one source of ev - 'ry

a - tor. Bap - tized and made your own, now we come be -
 giv - en. Bap - tized and set a - part, strength - en us, O
 va - tion. Bap - tize with joy and pow'r, give, O Dove de -
 mer - it. Here now re - new your church through this sym - bol

fore you, and we a - dore you.
 Sav - ior, with grace and fa - vor.
 scend - ing, life nev - er end - ing.
 giv - en; grant peace from heav - en.

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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

Beth Welz, Cantor

A *Assisting minister*



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

C *All*



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



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



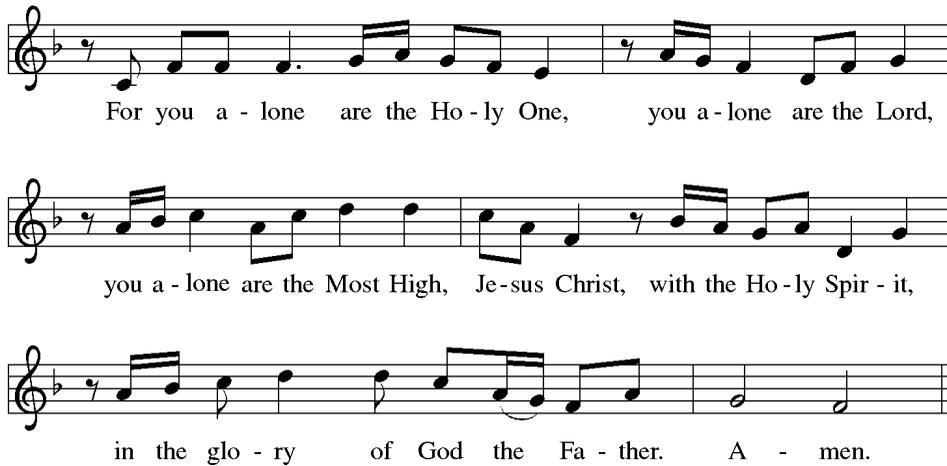
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



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.



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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. 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

FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1-5

Out of chaos, God brings order. Out of the formless void, God brings light. This familiar story was good news for the Israelites, who experienced much chaos in their history. It remains good news for us. God created and continues to create new life.

After the reading:

L Word of God, Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe
and strips the | forests bare.

And in the temple of the LORD all are | crying, "Glory!"

The LORD sits enthroned a- | bove the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king for- | evermore.

O LORD, give strength | to your people;
give them, O LORD, the bless- | ings of peace.

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SECOND READING: Acts 19:1-7

In Ephesus, Paul encounters people who had received John's baptism of repentance but had never heard of the Holy Spirit or of baptism in the name of Jesus. After Paul baptizes them, the Holy Spirit comes upon them and empowers them with gifts of the Spirit.

After the reading:

📖 Word of God, Word of life.

🙏 Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 1:4-11

Mark's gospel reports the story of Jesus' baptism with some irony: the one on whom the Spirit descends is himself the one who will baptize others with the Holy Spirit.

- P** The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark.
- C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After the reading

- P** The Gospel of our Lord.
- C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

453 Baptized and Set Free

BAPTIZED AND SET FREE



1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.
2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.
3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,
4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.
Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.
and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.
All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door
For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:
As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:
Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.
end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.
pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.
one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

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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** Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence.

- A** For the church throughout the world and its leaders, that guided by the Holy Spirit they proclaim the forgiveness of sins. We pray for Christ Episcopal and Fr. John; for Christ Lutheran and Prs. Katie and Art; for Bethany Lutheran; for our new bishop, Chris and his staff; for Trinity's staff – Pr. Alan, Deaconess Deborah, Karen, Peter, Matt, Rachel, Dave and Dee; and for Common Ground, Pr. Tom and Michael, let us pray.

A For Evelyn Josephine Bierly, who is baptized into Christ today, and for all the baptized, that we may live in the promises and power of God, let us pray.

C **Have mercy, O God.**

A For wilderness and water, wind and wild beasts, and all living things on earth, that God's goodness is revealed through creation and that faithful stewards care for all God has made, let us pray.

C **Have mercy, O God.**

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

C **Have mercy, O God.**

A For the sick and for those who provide medical care in this time of crisis, for the imprisoned and those who show them mercy, for the lonely and those who provide companionship, and for all who suffer -- especially Luther, Dee, Abbie, Gabriela, Dick, Darryl, Heather, Jim, Christina, Pete, Kate, Richard, David, Gloria, Ed, and all who have been exposed to or infected by Covid-19, that God shower compassion, let us pray.

C **Have mercy, O God.**

A For our congregation gathered remotely, for students returning to school, for those seeking renewal in their daily routines, and for our members: Beverly; Alan & Phyllis; Kathleen; Amy; and Megan, David, Ben & Jane, that all the beloved of God experience grace and peace, let us pray.

C **Have mercy, O God.**

- A** In thanksgiving for the faithful departed who now rest from their labors, that their witness inspire us in our baptismal vocations, let us pray.
- C** **Have mercy, O God.**
- P** Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.
- C** **Amen**

PEACE

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

OFFERING

ANTHEM

Carol of the Baptism – The Jubilee

Arranged by George Brandon

Beth Welz, soloist

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A** 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**

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

BLESSING

- P** God the creator strengthen you;
Jesus the beloved fill you;
and the Holy Spirit the comforter † keep you in peace.
- C** Amen

SENDING HYMN

455 Crashing Waters of Creation

STUTTGART

1 Crash - ing wa - ters at cre - a - tion, or - dered by the Spir - it's breath,
2 Part - ing wa - ter stood and trem - bled as the cap - tives passed on through,
3 Cleans - ing wa - ter once at Jor - dan closed a - round the one fore - told,
4 Liv - ing wa - ter, nev - er end - ing, quench the thirst and flood the soul.

first to wit - ness day's be - gin - ning from the bright - ness of night's death.
wash - ing off the chains of bond - age—chan - nel to a life made new.
o - pened to re - veal the glo - ry ev - er new and ev - er old.
Well - spring, source of life e - ter - nal, drench our dry - ness, make us whole.

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DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

G **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Canonic Improvisation on Christe Sanctorum

Max Sinzheimer

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We thank Kathrine Graf and Beth Welz for helping lead worship today.

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