

Baptism of the Lord

January 9, 2022 Worship Bulletin

Gathering for God's Word

Prelude

*Introit

Come, People of the Risen King

Welcome & Announcements

Time of Silence & Ringing of the Bell

Preparing for God's Word

Call to Worship

[based on Psalm 29:2-4; 96:2-3]

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name, worship him in holy splendor.

People: The voice of the Lord is over the waters. The God of Glory thunders.

The voice of the Lord is powerful and full of majesty.

Leader: Sing to the Lord and praise his name. Let us proclaim his salvation day after day.

People: Let us declare his glory among the nations and his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

Hymn of Praise

#32, "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

I sing the mighty pow'r of God, that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.

I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at His command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord, who filled the earth with food,
Who formed the creatures through the Word, and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,
If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky.

There's not a plant or flow'r below, but makes Thy glories known,
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from Thy throne;
While all that borrows life from Thee is ever in Thy care;
And everywhere that we can be, Thou, God, art present there.

Prayer of Confession

[time of silent confession]

All: Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life and crowned him Lord of all. But Lord, we confess that we do not always acknowledge his rule in our lives. We often act as if Christ is powerless to help us face each day. Too often we have gone along with the ways of the world and failed to give you glory. Forgive us God. Help us to live with confidence in your presence today and in hope for life with you forever. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

[based on Hebrews 10:10; Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 66]

Leader: Hear the Good News. We have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

People: This is God's gospel promise: to forgive our sins and give us eternal life by grace alone because of Christ's one sacrifice finished on the cross.

Hearing God's Word

Children's Message

Ages 12 and under gather up front as congregation sings "Jesus Loves Me." After the Children's Message, the children may return to sit with their families.

*Hymn of Preparation

#697, "Take My Life," vs. 1, 3, 5

Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in endless praise,
let them flow in endless praise.

Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King.
Take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee,
filled with messages from thee.

Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.

Prayer of Illumination

New Testament Reading: Luke 3: 15-22

15 The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Christ. 16 John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one more powerful than I will come, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. 17 His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire." 18 And with many other words John exhorted the people and preached the good news to them. 19 But when John rebuked Herod the tetrarch because of Herodias, his brother's wife, and all the other evil things he had done, 20 Herod added this to them all: He locked John up in prison. 21 When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened 22 and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

Sermon

"Early Days of Faith... Filling Up on Appetizers"

Responding to God's Word

Affirmation of Faith

[The Apostle's Creed]

People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering

Offertory

Choral Anthem: "I am Thine, O Lord," Reawaken Worship

*Response

#606, "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

People: It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

[particular prayers]

Leader: God of grace and mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

All: 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. Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Hymn of Response

#2165, "It is the Cry of My Heart," Sing the Faith Hymnal

Refrain:

It is the cry of my heart to follow You

It is the cry of my heart to be close to You

It is the cry of my heart to follow

All of the days of my life

Teach me Your holy ways, O Lord

So I can walk in Your truth

Teach me Your holy ways, O Lord

And make me wholly devoted to You

Open my eyes so I can see

The wonderful things that You do

Open my heart up more and more

And make it wholly devoted to You

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

#2279, "The Trees of the Field," Sing the Faith Hymnal

You shall go out with joy

And be led forth with peace

The mountains and the hills

Will break forth before you

There'll be shouts of joy

And all the trees of the field
Will clap, will clap their hands

And all the trees of the field
Will clap their hands
The trees of the field
Will clap their hands
The trees of the field
Will clap their hands
While you go out with joy

*Postlude

*Please Stand if Able