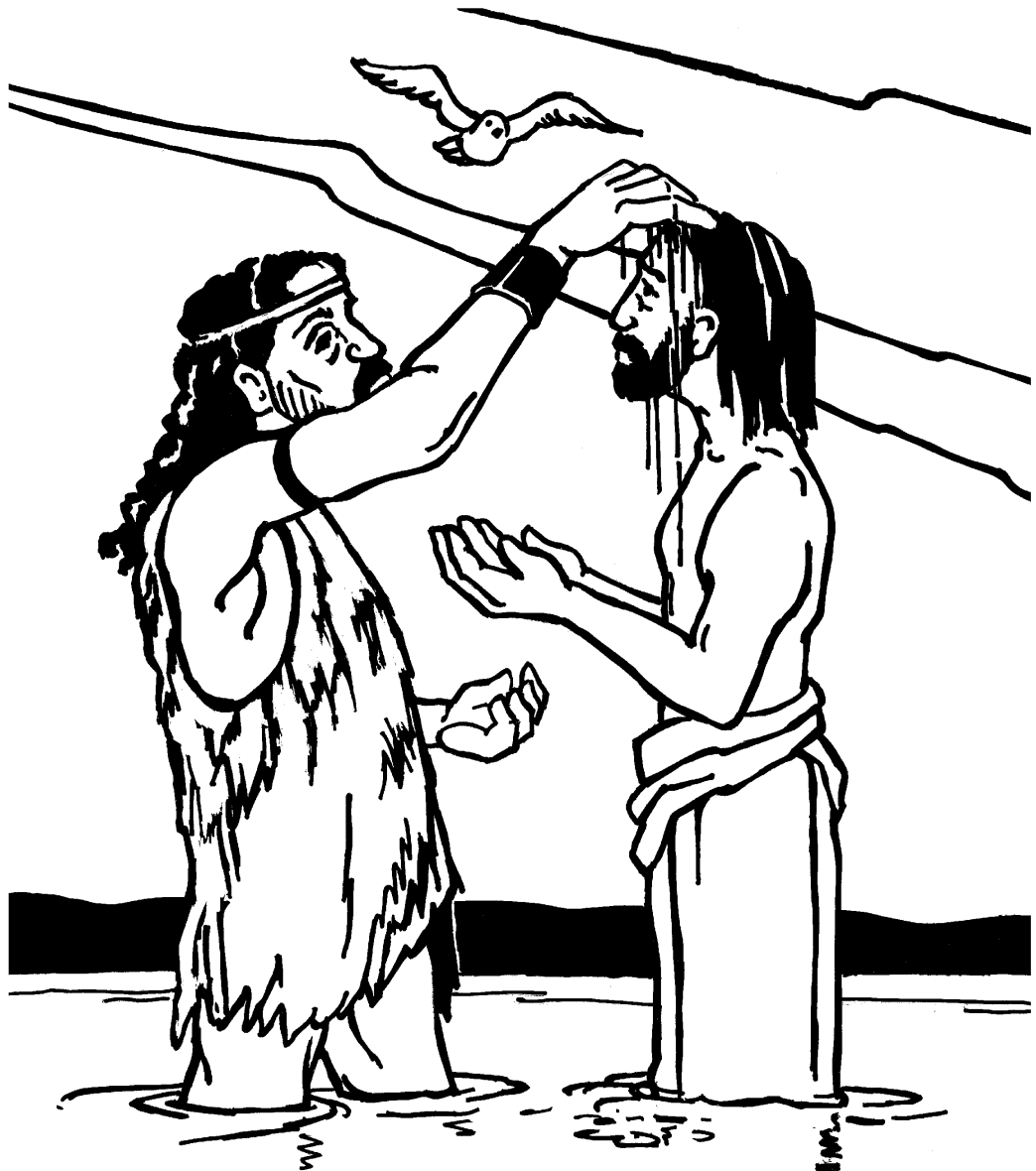


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CONTEMPORARY/LIVESTREAM WORSHIP
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THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
January 9, 2022

INTRODUCTION

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.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Please stand as you are able

P This is the day that the Lord has made:

C Let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Ps 118:24)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism as the presiding minister begins.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Most merciful God,

C we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect our love for all creation. Amen.

P Rejoice in this good news: In † Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

LORD I LIFT YOUR NAME ON HIGH

Lord I lift Your name on high
 Lord I love to sing Your praises
 I'm so glad You're in my life
 I'm so glad You came to save us.

Chorus

**You came from heaven to earth,
 to show the way, from the earth to the cross,
 my debts to pay, from the cross to the grave,
 from the grave to the sky, Lord I lift Your name on high.**

Repeat Verse and Chorus

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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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Almighty God,

C 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. Amen.

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ROB WILLIAMSON

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.

¹But now thus says the LORD,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
³For I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.
⁴Because you are precious in my sight,
and honored, and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.
⁵Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;
⁶I will say to the north, "Give them up,"
and to the south, "Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth—
⁷everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made."



R Word of God, word of life

C Thanks be to God.

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.

¹⁴Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

R Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel reading as you are able

GOSPEL VERSE

**C Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world,
They resound with God's own heart Oh, let the Ancient words impart.**

**Ancient words, ever true, changing me and changing you;
We have come with open hearts, O, let the ancient words impart.**

GOSPEL READING

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 St. Luke the 3rd chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

P The Gospel of our Lord

C Praise to You, O Christ

Please be seated

SERMON

"DRAGON'S TALE"

PR. SCOT SORENSEN

Please stand as you are able



SONG OF THE DAY

CHILD OF THE WATER

Refrain

You're a child of the water, child of the word,
guided by promise and stories you've heard.
God of the wounded knows you by name
and carries you home everyday.

- 1) From your first breath to the last step, all of the dance; down deep in your laughter,
whatever your fears, try to remember. **Refrain**
- 2) Life is a gift, time carries on, and you will grow; amidst your believing and throughout your doubt,
something is sure. **Refrain**
- 3) We journey together as children of God, sealed by the cross. **Refrain**

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — APOSTLES CREED

C 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

Please be seated

MINISTRY MOMENTS (ANNOUNCEMENTS)

OFFERING *(Please place your offerings in the collection plate located by the doors as you exit)*

SPECIAL MUSIC

WORSHIP TEAM

OFFERING PRAYER

P 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.

Please stand as you are able

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

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

**C 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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

We invite all baptized Christians who desire God's presence and forgiveness in their life to receive Communion. The "Eucharistables" with options of wine or grape juice are located on the round table in the narthex. Please see an usher for the gluten-free option.

If you are worshiping in your homes, you are invited to commune each other, or to take communion yourself. You may use these words:

The body of the Christ, given for you. The blood of the Christ, shed for you.

For those abstaining from communion, I invite you to offer a blessing to each other. Here are two options:

1. *Marking the forehead in the sign of the cross and saying:*

(Name) child of God, know that you are loved and protected by God.

2. *Prayer for those abstaining from Communion:*

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen

Please be seated

COMMUNION SONG

1) In this time of desperation
When all we know is doubt and fear
There is only one foundation
We believe, we believe

Chorus

**We believe in God the Father
We believe in Jesus Christ
We believe in the Holy Spirit
And He's given us new life
We believe in the crucifixion
We believe that He conquered death
We believe in the resurrection
And He's comin' back again, we believe**

2) So, let our faith be more than anthems
Greater than the songs we sing
And in our weakness and temptations
We believe, we believe!

WE BELIEVE

Chorus

Bridge

Let the lost be found and the dead be raised!
In the here and now, let love invade!
Let the church live love our God will save
We believe, we believe!

And the gates of hell will not prevail!
For the power of God, has torn the veil!
Now we know Your love will never fail!
We believe, we believe!

Chorus

Please stand as you are able

BLESSING

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in God's grace, now and forever.

C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P 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.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P 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.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

WE WANT TO SEE JESUS LIFTED HIGH

Chorus

We want to see, we want to see,
We want to see Jesus lifted high.
We want to see, we want to see,
We want to see Jesus lifted high.

Verse:

We want to see Jesus lifted high,
A banner that flies across this land.
That all might see the truth and know,
He is the way to heaven. **Repeat**

Chorus

Bridge:

Step by step we're moving forward,
Little by little taking ground.
Every prayer a powerful weapon, strongholds come
Tumbling down, and down, and down, and down.

Chorus, Verse (2x), Chorus

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DISMISSAL

P Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

