

Order of Worship Bulletin

Saturday 1/7/2023 5:30pm
Sunday 1/8/2023 8:30am



Baptism of Our Lord

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Worship Services
Saturday at 5:30pm
Sunday at 8:30am & 10:30am

Prelude

Musicians

Welcome, Announcements, Greeting

Call to Worship

A Call to Worship for All Seasons

Choir

Gathering Hymn

God Whose Almighty Word

Green Hymnal # 400

Confession and Forgiveness (*please be seated or kneel as you are able*)

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son+, and of the Holy Spirit.

C. Amen.

P. Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: 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 Jesus Christ our Lord.

C. Amen

P. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

P. Most merciful God,

C. we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

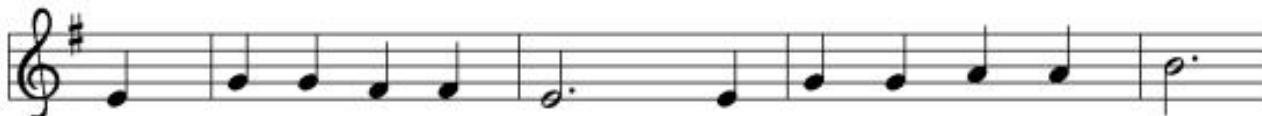
P. Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C. Amen**

The Apostolic Greeting (*please rise*)

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.

Kyrie



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.

2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.

3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.

Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.

Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

Prayer of the Day: Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful in their calling to be Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Lesson: Isaiah 42:1-9

Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him, he will bring forth justice to the nations. 2 He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; 3 a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. 4 He will not fail or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law. 5 Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread forth the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: 6 “I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, 7 to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. 8 I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to graven images. 9 Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them.”

Psalm 29 (read responsively, congregation reads the bold verses)

P. Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

C. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

P. The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters.

C. The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

P. The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

C. He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

P. The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

C. The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

P. The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare, and in his temple all cry, “Glory!”

C. The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

P. May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!

Second Lesson: Romans 6:1-11

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? 2 By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? 3 Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

5 For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. 6 We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the sinful body might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. 7 For he who has died is freed from sin. 8 But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. 9 For we know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. 10 The death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. 11 So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The Gospel Verse (please rise)

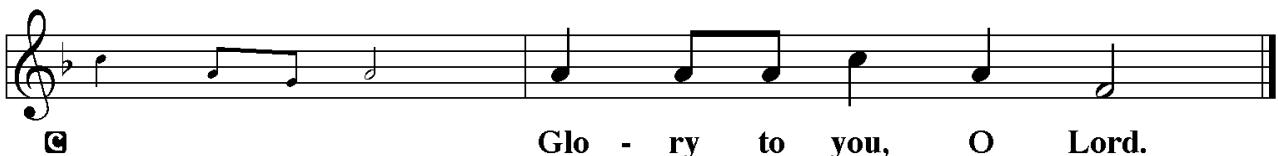


We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clin ed.

P. The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.



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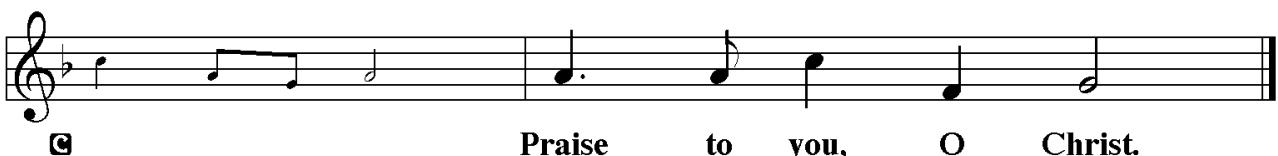
Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. 14 John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" 15 But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for thus it is fitting for us to fulfil all righteousness." Then he consented. 16 And when Jesus was baptized, he went up immediately from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and alighting on him; 17 and lo, a voice from heaven, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

P. The Gospel of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.



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Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Jesus Shall Reign

Green Hymnal # 530

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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

The Prayers of the People

A. Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.
Please be seated or kneel as you are able.
(The congregation's response to the petition, "Lord in your mercy," is "**Hear our prayer.**")

Sharing of the Peace (wave to one another!)

The offering will be received as you leave worship today. The offering plates are located in front of the baptismal font at the entrance to the sanctuary where you can place your donations and yellow connect/sign-in insert. Thank you for your stewardship and support of the mission!

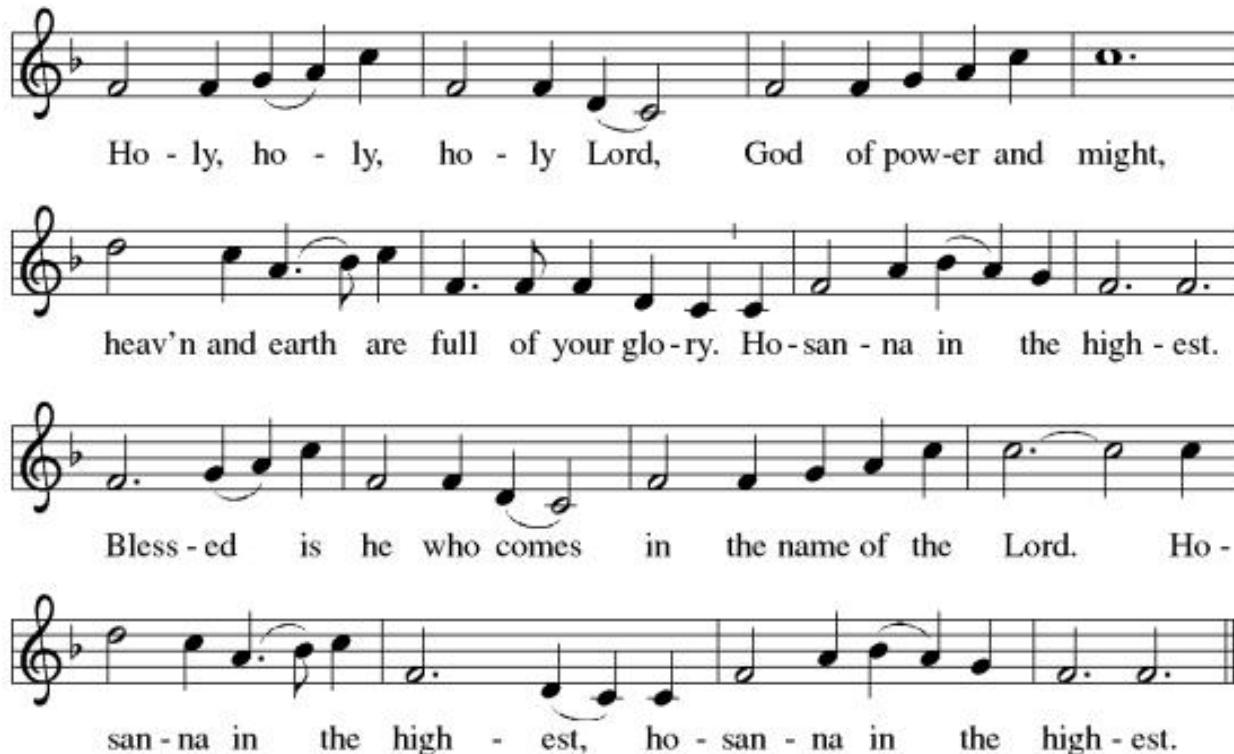
Preparation of the Table for Holy Communion

The Offertory Prayer

A. Let us pray, Merciful Father,
C. We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Great Thanksgiving

P. The Lord be with you.
C. And also with you.
P. Lift up your hearts.
C. We lift them to the Lord.
P. Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
C. It is right to give him thanks and praise.
P. It is indeed right and salutary... we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n 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.

The Consecration of the Elements for Communion

P. In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

The Lord's Prayer

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, for ever and ever. Amen

Communion Distribution

At the direction of the ushers, we invite all who recognize the body and blood of Christ and seek forgiveness in His name, to receive communion today. You are invited to kneel or stand at the altar or you may receive in your pew by letting an usher know.

As is our custom, both the common cup for intinction and individual glasses are made available. If you wish to intinct from the chalice, please hold on to the host after you receive it and dip it carefully in the chalice. The center glasses in each tray contain grape juice. If you would like a gluten-free host, please indicate this to the Pastor.

Children who do not yet receive communion are invited to come to the altar to receive a blessing indicating that desire by crossing their arms over their chests.

Communion Hymns

Lamb of God



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a-way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a-way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a-way;
you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e-ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Baptized in Water

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Red Hymnal # 465

Red Hymnal # 11

Dismissal from Communion (please rise)

P. May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C. Amen.

Post-Communion Canticle

O Lord, now let your servant depart in heav'n - ly peace,
for I have seen the glo - ry of your re - deem - ing grace;
a light to lead the na - tions un - to your ho - ly hill,
the glo - ry of your peo - ple, your cho - sen Is - ra - el.

Text: Ernest E. Ryden, based on the Nunc dimittis

Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune

Prayer after Communion

A. Let us pray. Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive Him always with thanksgiving and to conform our lives to His; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Closing Prayer

P. Lord God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Benediction

P. Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bless us now and forever.

C. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

Green Hymnal # 90

The Dismissal to Serve

A. "Go in peace, Serve the Lord!"
C. "Thanks be to God!"

Postlude

Musicians

Next Sunday's readings: *Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 29:29-42a*

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