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**January 15, 2023 – Baptism of Our Lord**

*Welcome in Jesus' name.*

*We extend a special welcome to guests and visitors.*



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# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

January 15, 2023

Baptism or Our Lord

Prelude/Procession/Bells

Welcome and Announcements

## **\*Confession and Forgiveness:**

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who makes all things new,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

L: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.  
(Silence for Private Confession)

Holy One, source of our renewal,

**C: we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free  
ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness.**

**Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the  
world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for  
the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

L: Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now  
declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of † Christ  
our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

## **\*Opening Hymn** "Shall We Gather at the River" ELW #423

1 Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,  
with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?

### **Refrain:**

Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

2 On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray,  
we will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day. **[Refrain]**

3 Ere we reach the shining river, lay we ev'ry burden down;  
grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown. **[Refrain]**

4 Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease;  
soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. **[Refrain]**

**\*Apostolic Greeting:**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**Hymn of Praise: “Glory be to God in Heaven”** Setting 10, page 204

1 Glory be to God in Heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.  
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth;  
We exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.

2 Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above;  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.

3 Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;  
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all;  
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.  
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

**\*The Prayer of the Day:**

O God our Father, **at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Scripture Reading**

**Isaiah 42: 1-9**

Here is 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. <sup>2</sup>He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; <sup>3</sup>a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. <sup>4</sup>He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. <sup>5</sup>Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: <sup>6</sup>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, <sup>7</sup>to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. <sup>8</sup>I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. <sup>9</sup>See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Responsive Psalm Reading:

## Psalm 29

L: Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord Glory and strength.

**C. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**

L: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

**C. The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.**

L: The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

**C. the Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

L: The voice of the Lord bursts forth in lightning flashes.

**C. The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

L: 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!"

**C. The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

L: O Lord, give strength to your people; give them, O Lord, the blessings of peace.

## Scripture Reading

## Acts 10: 34-43

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and his household: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Children's Sermon

**\*Gospel Acclamation:** "Alleluia" Setting 10, page 205, ELW  
Alleluia! Lord and Savior; open now your saving word.  
Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak until our hearts are stirred.  
Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

**\*Holy Gospel:** **Matthew 3: 13-17**

L: The Holy Gospel according to the Book of Matthew.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" <sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup>And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

**Hymn:** "Borning Cry" ELW #732

1 "I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.  
I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;  
In a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell."

2 "When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on;  
You were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.  
If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,  
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk 'till rising sun."

3 "In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,  
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.  
When the evening gently closes in, and you shut your weary eyes,  
I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise."

4 "I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold."

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### **\*Apostle's 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 the People**

#### **\*Peace:**

**L:** The peace of Christ be with you always. **C:** **And also with you.**

**Offering:** (children may bring offerings forward)

**Offertory Hymn:** "In the Bleak Midwinter" ELW #294 (v. 1 & 3)

1 In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,  
earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;  
snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,  
In the bleak midwinter, long ago.

3 What can I give him, poor as I am  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb  
If I were a wise man I would do my part  
Yet what can I give Him, give my heart

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#### **Offertory Prayer:**

Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free.  
Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and  
shape us as people of your justice and freedom.  
You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior, **Amen.**

#### **\*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, forever and ever. Amen.**

**\*Benediction:**

The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod † bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always. **Amen.**

**\*Sending Hymn:** "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" (see next page)

**\*Dismissal:**

L: Go in peace. Follow in the way of Jesus.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

# Every Time I Feel the Spirit

*Refrain*

Ev - 'ry time I feel the spir - it mov - ing

in my heart, I will pray. Ev - 'ry time I feel the

spir - it mov - ing in my heart, I will pray.

1 Up - on the moun - tain my Lord spoke,  
2 . . All a - round me looked so fine,  
3 . . Jor - dan riv - er, chilly and cold,

out of his mouth came fire and smoke.  
asked . . . . my Lord if all was mine.  
chills the bod - y but not the soul.

*Refrain*

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