

Facebook Live Worship Outline

Baptism of Jesus - 10 January 2021

GATHERING

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation.

C: **Amen.**

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

ELW #304

Christ, When for Us You Were Baptised

1 Christ, when for us you were baptized,
God's Spirit on you came,
as peaceful as a dove, and yet
as urgent as a flame,
as urgent as a flame.

- 2 God called you, "My beloved Son";
you are God's servant true,
sent to proclaim the reign of heav'n,
God's holy will to do,
God's holy will to do.
- 3 Straightway and steadfast until death
you then obeyed the call
to serve with free and willing heart,
to give your life for all,
to give your life for all.
- 4 Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord;
your cross on us be signed,
that likewise in God's service we
may perfect freedom find,
may perfect freedom find.

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GREETING

- P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C: **And also with you.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

- P: In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
- C: **The Spirit of God swept over the face of the waters:**
- P: Then God said: Let there be light,
C: **and God saw that it was good.**
- P: In the beginning of his ministry, Jesus was baptized by John.
- C: **The heavens opened and the Spirit descended like a dove;**
- P: then God said: This is my beloved Son,
C: **in whom I am well pleased.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P: Let us pray. God of heaven and earth, we gather in the name of Jesus to hear your holy Word and to be immersed in your Spirit. Speak to us with grace and truth and pour out your love upon us so that this temple may resound with joyful shouts of glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C: Amen

WORD

FIRST READING:

In our first reading, while 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. Reading from the acts of the Apostles in the 19th chapter:

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied - altogether there were about twelve of them.

Acts 19: 1-7

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL

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. This is the Holy Gospel according to Mark:

Glory to you, O Lord

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the

Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Mark 1:4-11

P: The Gospel of the Lord
C: **Praise to you, O Christ**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY **ELW #453** *Baptised and Set Free*

- 1 We are people created,
 chosen by God.
 Then we're washed, ever gently,
 in mercy and love.
 Sin has power no more.
 Jesus opened the door
 to a fountain bringing healing,
 and wholeness and more.

- 2 We are fed and we're nourished,
 filled and refreshed.
 Then our hunger returns and
 again we are blessed.
 For whatever the need,
 God is greater indeed:
 endless ocean, always deeper
 than all of our need.

- 3 We are nourished by water,
 all living things,
 and by life that the Spirit
 abundantly brings.
 As we journey toward home,
 may your presence be known:
 precious river, ever-flowing,
 now carry us home.

- 4 Now with praise and thanksgiving,
 we join the song.
 All are welcome! We gather
 to sing loud and strong.
 Not enslaved, but set free!
 From now on, all will be

one in Jesus, one in water,
baptized and set free!

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: 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.

For the church throughout the world and its leaders, that guided by the Holy Spirit they proclaim the forgiveness of sins, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

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

For the nations of the world and their leaders, for labourers busy both day and night, and for peacemakers amid strife, that God inspire all people to use their strength wisely, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For the sick and those who provide medical care, for the imprisoned and those who show them mercy, for the lonely and those who provide companionship, for all who suffer. In this season of Epiphany we pray for: Ferolyn, Jordan, Pat, Carol, Beryl, Barb, Elethia, Pat and for all those we name aloud or quietly in our hearts - that God shower compassion, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For the congregation gathered in our homes, for students returning to school, for those seeking renewal in their daily work, that all the beloved of God experience grace and peace, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

In thanksgiving for the faithful departed who now rest from their labours, that their witness inspire us in our baptismal vocations, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

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 Saviour.

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

P: Let us pray.

Holy God,
everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, wonderful Counselor,
at the birth of time your Word brought light into the world,
and throughout the ages, you proclaim newness of life.
For your wondrous Word, we thank you, O God.

C: We thank you, O God.

P: In the fullness of time, your Word became flesh,
to shine in our world's darkness,
to speak peace to all peoples,
and to welcome us as members of your family.
For your loving Word, we adore you, O God.

C: We adore you, O God.

P: Grant us now the gift of your Spirit,
that held, nourished, and protected by your Word,
we may live as your children,
bearing your goodness throughout the world.
For your powerful Word, we praise you, O God.

C: We praise you, O God.

P: All glory to you, holy God,
now and forever. Amen.

C: Amen.

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

**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.**

CHARGE

P: Go forth in the light and love of God
giving glory to God in all that you do.

BLESSING

P: God, ruler of heaven and earth, dismiss you in peace;
Jesus Christ, ✝ light of the world, uphold you in love;
and the Holy Spirit, revealer of God's mystery, lead you in truth.

C: **Amen**

SENDING SONG ELW #310 *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*

- 1 Songs of thankfulness and praise,
 Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise;
 manifested by the star
 to the sages from afar,
 branch of royal David's stem
 in thy birth at Bethlehem:
 anthems be to thee addressed,
 God in flesh made manifest.

- 2 Manifest at Jordan's stream,
 prophet, priest, and king supreme;
 and at Cana wedding guest
 in thy Godhead manifest;
 manifest in pow'r divine,
 changing water into wine;
 anthems be to thee addressed,
 God in flesh made manifest.

- 3 Manifest in making whole
 weakened body, fainting soul;
 manifest in valiant fight,
 quelling all the devil's might;
 manifest in gracious will,
 ever bringing good from ill:
 anthems be to thee addressed,
 God in flesh made manifest.

- 4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord,
 present in thy holy word;
 grace to imitate thee now

and be pure, as pure art thou;
that we might become like thee
at thy great epiphany,
and may praise thee, ever blest,
God in flesh made manifest.

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807-1885, alt.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Readings for the Week:

Monday Psalm 69:1-5, 30-36

Tuesday Exodus 30:22-39

Wednesday John 1:29-34

Thursday Judges 2:16-23

Friday Acts 13:16-25

Saturday Matthew 25:1-13

Epiphany 2- 17 January 2021: 1 Samuel 3:1-20; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18;
1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51