



Baptism of our Lord

January 10, 2021 - 10am

The Gathering of the Community

The people's responses are in bold

OPENING SONG

The Voice of the Lord (Psalm 29)

The voice of the Lord is over the waters
In splendor and power, igniting the air

The voice of the Lord shatters the cedars
It flashes like fire till forests are bare

And we cry glory, glory
We hear his voice and we cry glory

The voice of the Lord in torrents of thunder
The deserts will flood, the mountains will shake
The voice of the Lord, destroying all idols
The high places fall, the wilderness quakes

And we cry glory, glory
We hear his voice and we cry glory

The Lord, he alone sits enthroned forever
The one Sovereign King
He will rain down strength and peace
He alone, sits enthroned forever
The one Sovereign King
He will reign with grace and glory

And we cry glory, glory
We hear his voice and we cry glory

GATHERING

The Reverend Richard LeSueur

GATHERING HYMN

Today I Awake, CP 9

Today I awake and God is before me.
At night, as I dreamt,
God summoned the day;
For God never sleeps
but patterns the morning
with slithers of gold or glory in grey.

Today I arise and Christ is beside me.
He walked through the dark
to scatter new light,
Yes, Christ is alive,
and beckons his people
to hope and to heal, resist and invite.

Today I affirm the Spirit within me
at worship and work,
in struggle and rest.
The Spirit inspires
all life which is changing
from fearing to faith,
from broken to blest.

Today I enjoy the Trinity round me,
above and beneath, before and behind;
The Maker, the Son, the Spirit together
they called me to life
and call me their friend.

THE COLLECT

Eternal Father, whose blessed son Jesus Christ did take our nature upon him, and was baptized for our sakes in the river Jordan: Mercifully grant that we being regenerate, and made thy children by adoption and grace, may also be partakers of thy Holy Spirit; through him whom thou didst send to be our Saviour and Redeemer, even the same thy son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Proclamation of the Word of God

THE FIRST READING

Genesis 1: 1 - 5

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. God called the light 'day', and the darkness he called 'night'. And there was evening, and there was morning – the first day.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 29: 1-11

Ascribe to the Lord, you heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due to his name;
worship the Lord in the splendour of his holiness.
The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the Lord thunders over the mighty waters.
The voice of the Lord is powerful;
the voice of the Lord is majestic.
The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;
the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.
He makes Lebanon leap like a calf,
Sirion like a young wild ox.
The voice of the Lord strikes
with flashes of lightning.
The voice of the Lord shakes the desert;
the Lord shakes the Desert of Kadesh.
The voice of the Lord twists the oaks
and strips the forests bare.
And in his temple all cry, 'Glory!'
The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;
the Lord is enthroned as King for ever.
The Lord gives strength to his people;
the Lord blesses his people with peace.

God of mystery and power, open our eyes to the flame of your love, and open our ears to the thunder of your justice, that we may receive your gifts of blessing and peace, to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SECOND READING

Acts 19: 1 - 7

While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples and asked them, 'Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?' They answered, 'No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.' So Paul asked, 'Then what baptism did you receive?' 'John's baptism,' they replied. Paul said, 'John's baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to

believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus.’ On hearing this, they were baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied. There were about twelve men in all.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

HYMN

Shine on Us

Lord let Your light
Light of Your face shine on us
Lord let Your light
Light of Your face shine on us
That we may be saved
That we may have life
To find our way in the darkest night
Let Your light shine on us

Lord let Your love
Love with no end come over us
Lord let Your love
Love with no end come over us
That we may be saved
That we may have life
To find our way in the darkest night
Let Your love come over us
Let Your light shine on us

Lord let Your grace
Grace from Your hand fall on us
Lord let Your grace
Grace from Your hand fall on us
That we may be saved
That we may have life
To find our way in the darkest night
Let Your grace fall on us

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:4 - 11

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptised by him in the River Jordan. John wore clothing made of camel’s hair, with a leather belt round his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. And this was his message: ‘After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I baptise you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.’

At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised by John in the Jordan. Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: 'You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.'

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

CHILDREN'S TALK

Brit, Seth, & Eve

THE SERMON

The Reverend Howard Thornton

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, hear our prayer.

CONFESSION

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Most merciful God, we confess that 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 neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY HYMN

Holy Spirit Rain Down

Refrain

Holy Spirit rain down rain down

O Comforter and Friend

How we need Your touch again

Holy Spirit rain down rain down

Let Your power fall let

Your voice be heard

Come and change our hearts

as we stand on Your Word

Holy Spirit rain down *Refrain*

No eye has seen no ear has heard

No mind can know what

God has in store

So open up heaven open it wide

Over Your church

and over our lives *Refrain*

Let Your power fall let

Your voice be heard

Come and change our hearts as

we stand on Your Word

Holy Spirit rain down

THE EUCHARIST

God of life and freedom, we celebrate the revelation of Jesus as the Christ who makes all creation new. Accept all we offer you this day and make us new in him, who is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

... Now with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

... Awaiting his coming in glory, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has 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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.
God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.

The gifts of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God, lover of all, by this sacrament you make us one family in Christ your Son, one in the sharing of his body and blood, one in the communion of his Spirit. Help us to grow in love for one another and come to the full maturity of the Body of Christ. We ask this in his name.

Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN

The Voice of God Goes Out, CP 627

The voice of God goes out
to all the world
And His glory speaks across the universe
The great King's herald cries
from star to star:

The broken reed
He will not trample down
Nor set His heel upon the dying flame
He binds the wounds
and health is in His hand: *Refrain*

Refrain
With power with justice
He will walk His way

Anointed with the Spirit and with power
He comes to crown with
comfort all the weak
To show the face of
justice to the poor: *Refrain*

The Lord has said
"receive my messenger
My promise to the world,
my pledge made flesh,
A lamp to every nation,
light from light.": *Refrain*

His touch will bless the eyes that
darkness held
The lame shall run, the
halting tongue shall sing
And prisoners laugh
in light and liberty: *Refrain*

THE DISMISSAL

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be amongst you and remain with you always. Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia

Join us for our virtual Church ZOOM Coffee hour.