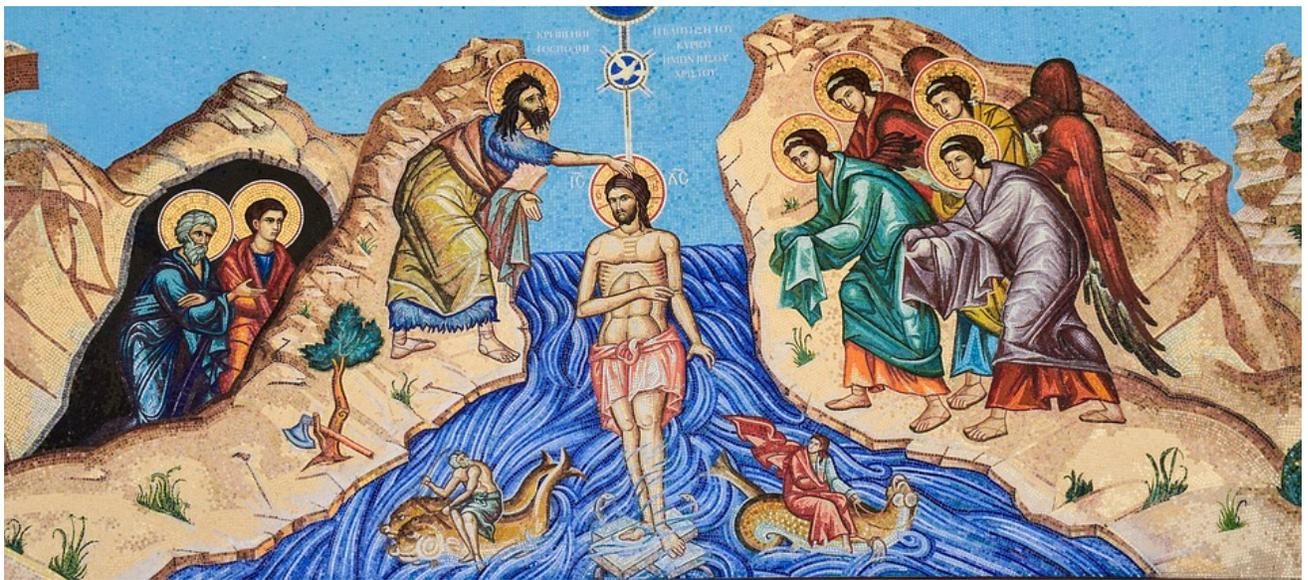


The Baptism of Our Lord



Sunday, January 10, 2021

**Our Saviour
Lutheran Church
Warrenton, Virginia**

GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The presiding minister may comment briefly on the service of the day, and then shall invite the assembly to confess.

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.
Amen.

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

The assembly kneels or stands. Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive 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.

The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God 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.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Shall We Gather at the River ELW 423

(Stanza I only)

1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
 3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
 4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;

with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
 we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
 grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
 soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

Refrain

Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;

gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899
 Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry

LITANY: Kyrie eleison

(An assisting minister speaks the Kyrie.)

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The presiding minister offers the Prayer of the Day.

Let us pray.

Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

THE FIRST READING

Genesis 1:1-5

A reading from Isaiah.

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

The reading concludes:

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING

(Acts 19:1-7)

A reading from Acts.

¹While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ²He 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.” ³Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.” ⁴Paul 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.” ⁵On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—
⁷altogether there were about twelve of them.

The reading concludes:

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(Matthew 3:17)

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel

Alleluia. A voice from Heaven said “This is my Son, the Beloved”
With whom I am well pleased. Alleluia.

GOSPEL *Mark 4:1-11*

The holy gospel according to St. Mark.
Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And 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.
⁶Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He 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. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And 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. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The gospel concludes:

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

THE NICENE CREED

Let us confess the faith of the whole Church in the words of 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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. 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 and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

An assisting minister invites the assembly to pray for those in need

Guided by Christ, 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 the waters that cover the earth, for oceans and lakes, rivers and streams, that we use them wisely; and in thanksgiving for the water of Holy Baptism, in which we are joined to Christ forever, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For these United States of America, that our citizens may join together in love of liberty and respect for the dignity of every human being; that by divine grace we may live in peace and prosperity, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the congregation gathered here, for students returning to school, for those seeking renewal in their daily work, for our partners at Good Shepherd in Papua New Guinea, that all the beloved of God experience grace and peace, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

The presiding minister concludes the prayers.

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 (*especially*), that God shower compassion, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

In thanksgiving for the faithful departed who now rest from their labors, (*including names*) 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 Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

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

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

MEAL

OFFERING

The presiding minister may invite the assembly to participate.

Let us offer to God what God has first given us: our selves, our time, and our possessions – signs of God's gracious love.

You may leave an offering in the plate near the door. You may also give online at www.oslc-warrenton.org/donate.

During this time, the table is set.

OFFERING PRAYER

The assisting minister offers this or a similar prayer.

Let us pray. *[A brief silence]*

Accept our gifts, O God, and by your sacred meal make us one with you and with one another; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

SURSUM CORDA

The presiding minister invites the assembly to give thanks.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The presider offers a sacrifice of praise on behalf of the assembly.

Blessed are you, O holy God: you are the Life and Light of all. By your powerful word you created all things. Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.

Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son. He is your Light, shining in our darkness and revealing to us your mercy and might.

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. Remembering, therefore, his preaching and healing, his dying and rising, and his promise to come again, we await that day when all the universe will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.

By your Spirit bless us and this meal, that, refreshed with this heavenly food, we may be light for the world, revealing the brilliance of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as our Savior 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The presiding minister invites the assembly to the table in the words of Psalm III:

The Lord has sent redemption unto his people.
Holy and awesome is his name.

The assembly may be seated. The bread may be broken for the communion.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Those who cannot be present in body may offer this prayer, and trust that Christ is with them in faith and love. If you would like the pastors to bring communion to your home, please let us know.

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in Holy Communion, according to your promise. I love you above all things and I desire you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you in the sacrament, come to my heart in the spirit. I embrace you now as if you were here and unite myself wholly to you. Never let me be separated from you. Amen.

ABOUT COMMUNION

- *Communion today will be under the form of bread alone.*
- *Ushers will direct you toward the altar.*
- *Please maintain a six-foot distance from those outside your own household and approach the presiding minister with your arms fully extended.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The assisting minister offers this or a similar prayer.

Let us pray. *[A brief pause]*

O God, you have fed us with bread from heaven. May we hear your Son with faithful ears, and become your children in name and in fact; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brief announcements may be made. You may also access the following on the OSLC website:

- *News/Announcements – www.oslc-warrenton.org/blog*
- *Calendar – www.oslc-warrenton.org/calendar*
- *Upcoming Events – www.oslc-warrenton.org/news/upcoming-events*

BENEDICTION

The presiding minister blesses the assembly.

Almighty God, Father, † Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

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We All Are One In Mission

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DISMISSAL

The assisting minister sends the assembly into mission.

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

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We All Are One in Mission

1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit - ness in God's name.
3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.

our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same:
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.

A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris - ing grace,
We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,

to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

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