

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

11:00 A.M.

Rev. Mark Piedmonte

Music Director – Gregory Fraser

** Congregation will stand*

PRELUDE with SILENT PRAYERS: Grieg Lyric piece

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS - **During Covid, masks are required. There will be no singing other than by the minister and organist. At this time there is no need to stand during designated hymns. Hymn lyrics are provided as inserts so you may participate spiritually. We do not touch hymnals, friendship pads, Bibles, or offering plates. Place offering in plate upon entrance or when exiting.**

INTROIT: "Now the Silence" (*See Insert to follow along*)

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 29)

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

All: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.

Leader: The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.

All: The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

Leader: The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

All: The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire and shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

Leader: The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say,

All: "Glory!"

Leader: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

All: May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!

*OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray:

All: 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 Christ our Lord. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN: "Baptized in Water" (*See Insert*)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: A prophet appeared in the wilderness, calling the people to repent, be baptized, and prepare the way of the Lord. We return to the water to confess our sins, giving thanks for the grace of Jesus Christ, the one who has come to save us. Let us pray:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God of all glory, you look from heaven and see us as we are— not worthy to kneel at your feet, not ready to welcome your way. Forgive us, gracious God. In Christ, stoop down to save us; loosen the ties that bind us to sin and set us free to love and serve you; in Jesus' name. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Hear the good news of the gospel: As a voice from heaven said to Jesus, so God says to each of us: You are my beloved child, and with you I am well pleased. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God.

*RESPONSE: GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE: (*turn to extend signs of peace to neighbors from a distance*)

Leader: The peace of Christ be with all of you. **All: And also with you.**

YOUTH MESSAGE: "Skloosh!"

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*SONG OF PRAISE: "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Leader: Let us join together in prayer, asking for the Scriptures to be opened to us:

All: Send down your Holy Spirit, O God—tear open the veil of heaven and speak to us as beloved children so that we may hear and believe the good news of your Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 1: 1-5

Mark 1: 4-11

RESPONSE TO THE READING OF GOD'S WORD:

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord! **All: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON: "The Voice of Water"

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*HYMN: "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" (*See Insert*)

SERVICE OF RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS (*See Insert*)

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE (Responsive)

Leader: Give strength, O Lord; **All: and bless us with peace.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING / OFFERTORY MUSIC

*SONG OF DEDICATION: "Doxology"

*CLOSING HYMN: "Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud" (*See Insert*)

*BENEDICTION / RESPONSE:

Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know He will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

POSTLUDE: Mozart's Sonata in A – 2nd Movement

INTROIT: NOW THE SILENCE

Now the silence now the peace now the empty hands uplifted
Now the kneeling now the plea now the Father's arms in welcome
Now the hearing now the power now the vessel brimmed for pouring
Now the body now the blood now the joyful celebration
Now the wedding now the songs now the heart forgiven leaping
Now the Spirit's visitation now the Son's epiphany now the Father's blessing
Now Now Now

OPENING HYMN: BAPTIZED IN WATER

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ our king;
heirs of salvation, trusting his promise - faithfully now God's praise we sing.

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One with his rising, Freed and forgiven Thankfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ our king;
born of one Father, we are his children - joyfully now God's praise we sing.

SONG OF PRAISE: LORD, I LIFT YOUR NAME ON HIGH

Lord I lift Your name on high. Lord I love to sing Your praises.
I'm so glad You're in my life. I'm so glad You came to save us.
You came from heaven to earth to show the way. From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay.
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky. Lord I lift Your name on high

2ND HYMN: BREATHE ON ME, BREATH OF GOD

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God, Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what Thou dost love, And do what Thou wouldst do.
2. Breathe on me, Breath of God, Until my heart is pure,
Until with Thee I will one will, To do and to endure.
3. Breathe on me, Breath of God, Till I am wholly Thine,
Until this earthly part of me Glows with Thy fire divine.
4. Breathe on me, Breath of God, So shall I never die,
But live with Thee the perfect life Of Thine eternity.

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All: I do.

Who is your Lord and Savior?

All: Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love?

All: I will, with God's help.

Leader: With the whole church, let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles Creed

CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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