



# The Baptism Of Our Lord

Order of Worship\*

January 8, 2012

8:15 a.m.

PRELUDE: "Shall We Gather at the River"

*Dale Wood*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## I. GOD GATHERS US IN HIS PRESENCE

**\*\*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

*In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

**Amen.**

*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.*

**Amen.**

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\*\* those who are able are invited to stand

OPENING HYMN: "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" hymn 800, vv. 1,2,4

GREETING

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*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.**

KYRIE

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*Refrain*

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way.

Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For peace in the world, for the health of the church,  
for the unity of all;  
for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*

That we may live out your impassioned response  
to the hungry and the poor;  
that we may live out truth and justice and grace,  
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes,  
for friends and family;  
for life and for love, for our work and our play,  
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives  
in the water and the Word;  
that you nourish our souls with your body and blood,  
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

*The Lord be with you.*

**And also with you.**

*Let us pray. Eternal God, at creation you moved over dark waters and brought light upon them with the spoken word. Help us to reflect upon the baptism of our Lord; that, seeing there the movement of your Spirit and hearing there the sound of your voice, we may appreciate anew his high and holy calling and our own. In his name we pray.*

**Amen.**

## II. GOD ENCOUNTERS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

WORSHIP TALK FOR CHILDREN

"Children of the Heavenly Father"

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 1:1-5 (page 1 in Old Testament)

Out of chaos, God brings order. Out of the darkness, God brings light.

(after the reading) *The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

THE SECOND READING

Acts 19:1-7 (page 139 in New Testament)

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 baptized them, the Holy Spirit came upon them and empowered them with gifts of the Spirit.

(after the reading) *The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

\*\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

THE GOSPEL

Mark 1:4-11 (page 34 in New Testament)

Jesus comes to John who is baptizing in the Jordan River; Jesus is baptized by him and proclaimed God's Son by a heavenly voice.

(after the reading) *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: "Baptized and Set Free"

Pastor Matthew A. Smith

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

- What does it mean to you to be truly free?

**\*\*HYMN OF THE DAY: "Be Still, Remember" tune: "One Bread, One Body"**

Chorus:

Be still, remember, who you are.  
Come touch the water of your birth.  
Be dead to sin, alive to God.  
Remember who you are in Jesus.

You are beloved.  
You are an heir.  
You are a child of God. (chorus)

You are claimed.  
You are marked.  
You are named by God. (chorus)

Chosen and blessed  
Gifted by God  
Witness through word and deed. (chorus)

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**CONFESSION OF FAITH: 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.

GATHERING OF OFFERINGS  
 Offertory: "Jesus Calls Us"

Edward Broughton

\*\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE (as the gifts are brought forward) hymn 185

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
 spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your  
 pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.  
 Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me  
 with your free Spir - it. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,  
 and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

*Let us pray. Great God, you have given us all good things and placed them  
 in our care. Make us faithful stewards of your world and teach us how to*

*use your gifts to build your kingdom among us. Bless the gifts we bring this day that they might renew and encourage your people. May they be signs of your goodness and symbols of your great joy; in Jesus' name we pray...*

**Amen.**

HYMN VERSE: "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"      hymn 92 (W&P)

Lord, listen to Your children praying.  
Lord, send Your Spirit in this place.  
Lord, listen to Your children praying.  
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

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#### THE PRAYERS

(after each petition) *Lord, in your mercy,*

**hear our prayer.**

(the prayers conclude) *...through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**Amen.**

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

#### IV. GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE FORTH TO SERVE

SENDING HYMN: "Go, My Children "

hymn 543

#### BENEDICTION

*The Lord bless you and keep you.*

*The Lord make his face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.*

*The Lord look upon you with favor  
and give you peace.*

*In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

**Amen.**

POSTLUDE: "Alleluia and Chorale"

*Richard Wamer*