



Baptism of Jesus

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Introduction

Our re-creation in baptism is an image of the Genesis creation, where the Spirit/wind moved over the waters. Both Mark's gospel and the story in Acts make clear that it is the Spirit's movement that distinguishes Jesus' baptism from John's. The Spirit has come

upon us as upon Jesus and the Ephesians, calling us God's beloved children and setting us on Jesus' mission to re-create the world in the image of God's vision of justice and peace.

For Children

Water is a gift not just for life and our bodies and for the world but also for how we remember that God has come to us and made us God's children. "Today we hear in the gospel of Mark about the baptism of Jesus and that we received the same promise from God as God's loved children. Each time we use water, we can remember this promise! Also in baptism we are given a candle—a light to help us know that we are called to shine God's light that has been given to us in the world."

The **altar flowers** and **worship folders** are given by Linda Rock in memory of her mother Eunice Rock's birthday.

GATHERING

Gathering Music

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

Early American; Arr. Mark Sedio

Creator of the Water

Creator of the water that makes the world so green,
That satisfies the thirsty, and keeps us cool and clean,
We take from your creation this gift we use each day;
You call us now to use it in this most holy way.

As in the time of Noah, the sea engulfed the land,
And through the Red Sea, Moses led Israel 'cross the sand,
And to the Jordan waters, Christ went and was baptized –
Your water has a power: It change all our lives.

God, through your gift of water, your family we become;
You take away divisions; in Christ you make us one.
Now send your Spirit on us and give us work to do
That we may share with others the love we have from you.

Invocation

P We gather for worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

Call to Worship

P On that first day, when time began:
you gave birth to creation;

**C light danced through the darkness;
the waters of hope flowed free and clear.**

P On that first day at the Jordan, when redemption began:
you spoke of life for all your children,

**C as your Child stepped into the waters of forgiveness,
dancing in hope with his cousin, John.**

P On this first day of the week, when we begin anew:
you call us to faithfulness,

**C as we open our hearts to you,
your voice claiming us as your own.**

Confession

P We confess together:

**C Forgive us:
when we treat others in hurtful ways;**

**when we do not do the things we should do;
when we fail to welcome the stranger; and
when we refuse to forgive as we should.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

P Touched by the waters of life, fed at the feast of grace and hope, embraced in the warmth of God's love and hopes - this is good news! We are indeed God's people – forgiven, redeemed, and refreshed to serve.

C Thanks be to God.

People who walk in darkness have sought
a light in the heart of the darkest night.
Just when we thought all would be lost,
we were drawn to the light of God.
Dawn is in sight! Gone is the night,
drawn to the light and the morning.
Glorious and bright, oh, what a sight
to be drawn to the light of God.

Greeting

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

Prayer

P Let us pray together.

**C O spirit dove,
who flew over the chaotic water of creation,
and alighted upon Jesus in his baptism,
grace us with your presence.
May we feel the brush of your wings,
and know that your gift of life is upon us.
Amen**

Children's Sermon

Pastor Darryl Thompson Powell

Welcome & Announcements

Sharing of the Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

Fellowship Choir Anthem

Jesus Went to Jordan's Stream

Johannes Plag; arr. Richard Proulx

WORD

Reading: **Genesis 1:1-5**

(Out of chaos, God brings order. Out of the primeval darkness, God brings light. This familiar story was good news for the Israelites, who experienced much chaos in their history. It remains good news for any person living in the chaos and darkness of despair. God created and continues to create new life.)

In 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.

Gospel Acclamation

God, whose almighty word chaos and darkness heard
And took their flight: hear us we humbly pray,
And where the gospel day sheds not its glorious ray,
Let there be light.

Gospel: Mark 1:4–11

(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.)

P The Good News according to Saint Mark, the first chapter.

C 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."

P The Good News of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Darryl Thompson Powell

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

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.

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.

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.

Apostles' Creed

P Let us boldly confess our faith before God.

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of
the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

**the holy catholic* Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen** (*catholic means universal)

MEAL

Offering Music

Pavane

William Byrd

Offering Response

- 1 This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

- 2 Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Prayers of the People

The assisting minister will end each prayer petition with:

A Lord, in your mercy,

The congregation will respond with:

C **hear our prayer.**

The prayers will end with:

P Hear the hopes and prayers of our hearts, O God, and magnify our joy
at the birth of your Light among us, Jesus Christ our Savior.

C **Amen**

Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord make us whole:

Peace to all people, hope for each soul.

God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

The Words of Institution

P As your Spirit changed chaos into creation,
may these simple gifts
of the bread and the cup
be transformed into
your life and peace for us.
We come to this table,
your beloved children,
hungry for your hope in our lives,
yearning for your peace to fill us.

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, broken 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.

The Lord's Supper

P On this day we remember our baptism,
we would proclaim the life which was his,
and the hope which is ours in that mystery we call faith:

**C Christ has died. Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

**C 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**

Communion

- *Our table is open to all who wish to share in the sacrament.*
- *Non-communing children and adults are invited to receive a blessing.*
- *Please kneel if you are able or stand at the communion rail.*
- *Please take a communion cup from the basket located by the end of the front pew. If you would rather have grape juice, a wheat wafer or a gluten-free wafer, please let the communion assistant know.*
- *Place empty cups in the baskets on the side as you return to your pew.*

Communion Music

Legende

Louis Vierne

Blessing after Communion

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in his grace.

C **Amen**

SENDING

Spirit of Gentleness

Refrain

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness calling and free;
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing:
"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings." *Refrain*

You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes.
From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams;
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise. *Refrain*

Text: James K. Manley, b. 1940
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Benediction

P Almighty God, Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless us now and forever.

C **Amen**

Sending Forth the People of God

P Go out to share the story of faith,
the story of life, with the world around you.
Go in peace to serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Sending Music

Jesus, the Name High Over All

Ludvig Nielsen