



Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

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Baptism of the Lord

January 10, 2016 at 9 and 11:15 am

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Word and Sacrament

Please silence your cellular telephones

We encourage you to begin this time of worship in silent prayer.

Prayer of Preparation

Holy God, you sent your Son to be baptized among sinners to seek and save the lost. May we, who have been baptized into Christ, like him, never turn away from those in need, but reach out in love to correct the wayward, seek out and rescue the lost, and care for all in any form of need, through the mercy of Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PRELUDE Christ, unser Herr, zum Jordan kam, BWV 684 *J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Eric O. Springsted

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Sing, and bless God's name;

People: Tell the glad news of salvation from day to day.

Pastor: Proclaim God's glory to the nations,

People: God's marvelous deeds to all peoples

Pastor: In the name of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

People: Let us worship God.

*Let all who are able stand.

*HYMN 492

Baptized in Water

Bunessan

CONFESSİON OF SIN (*unison*)

Andrew D. Smothers

Merciful God, in baptism you give forgiveness and new life; the past is over and done, we are of Christ himself. Yet, we confess that still we have resisted following our Lord, and being the new persons you would have us be. We have not loved you with all our heart, mind and soul; we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from sisters and brothers in Christ. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges; we allow the past to hold us hostage. In your loving kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Stir in us the grace of our baptism and let it rise in us so that we may rise to new life, and live together in peace.

(Silence for personal confession)

LORD, HAVE MERCY (*Service in G*)

John Weaver



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: ... Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*GLORIA PATRI

Weaver

(Organ)

Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the
Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it: as it was in the be - gin - ning, is —
now, and will be for ev - er. A - men. A - men. A - men.

*SUMMARY OF THE LAW

*PASSING THE PEACE

Pastor: Since we have been reconciled to God in Jesus Christ,
let us be reconciled to one another.

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Greet one another with signs of Christ's peace.

Please greet those around you with: "The peace of Christ be with you," responding, "And also with you."

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Christopher N. De La Cruz

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 43:1-7

(nrsv, page 631 OT)

(During the last stanza of the psalm, children and young people are invited to come forward, gathering around the Baptismal Font for the Lesson for Young Christians.)

*PSALM 29

Kingsfold

1. As - crie to God both strength and pow'r, Come wor - ship in God's name. The
2. The trees are stripped, the leaves are shred, God makes the fo - rest bare. There
3. God sits en-throned a - bove the flood, Let all cre - a - tion sing. Great
un - i - verse pro - claims our Lord, Must we not do the same? God's
is no force u - pon the earth That can with God com - pare. The
strength and peace a - bide with those Who wor - ship God as King. The
voice rolls through the heav'n and sea And thun - ders o'er the land. This
wil - der - ness is God's do - main, It too shakes at that voice. Its
Lord is sov' - reign for all time, Su - preme in ev - 'ry place. The
voice is full of ma - je - sty, More migh - ty than the wind.
shift - ing sand and bar - ren space Sing prais - es and re - joice.
whole cre - a - tion sings God's praise, Must we not do the same?

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Music: English Traditional, arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

LESSON FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

Dr. Springsted

DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

Children's Worship – Children preschool through 3rd grade may exit to the Phillips Lounge

Youth Worship – No Youth Worship today.

The Children & Youth return to the Sanctuary at the Doxology to participate in the rest of the service.

EPISTLE LESSON

Acts 8:14-17
(nrsv, page 118 NT)

Mr. Smothers

GRADUAL (11:15 am)

Andrew Henderson

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. Give me understanding that I may live.
(*Psalm 119:105, 107b*)

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
(nrsv, page 56 NT)

Beverly A. Bartlett

SERMON

"Good Beginnings"

Dr. Springsted

*HYMN 70

Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized

Caithness

(11:15 am)

*THE NICENE CREED

Mr. Smothers

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 on 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 THE PEOPLE

Ms. Bartlett

...Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Dr. Springsted

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (11:15 am)

The Baptism of Christ (1980)

Peter Hallock
(1924-2014)

Jesus autem hodie regressus est a Jordane.
(Jesus now returns today to the Jordan.)

When Jesus Christ baptised was,
The Holy Ghost descended with grace;
The Father's voice was heard in the place:
 Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende.
(This is my beloved son; listen to him.)

There were Three Persons and one Lord,
The Son baptised with one accord,
The Father said this blessed word:
 Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende.

Now, Jesus, as thou art both God and man,
And were baptised in from Jordan,
At our last end, we pray thee, say then:
 Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende.

— Medieval English Carol

Helen Karloski, alto

*DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heav'n-ly host; Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

(The table of our Lord Jesus Christ is open to all who are baptized. Those who do not wish to take Communion are invited to remain seated in prayer. You are asked to join in the responses as indicated.)

INVITATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

COMMUNION PRAYER

“...who forever sing to the glory of your name.”

SANCTUS

Weaver

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

(Communion Prayer continues) "...therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:"

ACCLAMATION

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BREAKING BREAD & SHARING THE CUP

Pastor: Gifts of God for the people of God.

People: Let us keep the feast.

DISTRIBUTION

When the pastors take their serving places, please come forward, using the center aisle, beginning with the front row. The white bread is made from wheat; darker bread in the center is gluten-free rice bread. The bronze chalices contain wine; the glass chalices contain grape juice. Hold out your hands, one open palm placed on the other, and bread will be placed in your hand. For rice bread, please take it yourself, exercising care not to touch other pieces. You may eat the bread and move to the cup of wine to drink or dip your bread before eating, or move to the cup of juice and dip your bread, exercising care not to touch the liquid or cup with your fingers. Those unable to come forward will be served in their pews. If not communing, please remain in your pew in prayer.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND WHOLENESS

Once you have communed, you may return to your pew, or you may join one of the pastors in the side transepts for anointing, laying on of hands and prayers for yourself or for another. Thereafter you may return to your pew.

COMMUNION MOTET (11:15 am)

O Lord, Give Thy Holy Spirit

Thomas Tallis
(c.1505-1585)

O Lord, give thy Holy Spirit into our hearts, and lighten our understanding, that we may dwell in the fear of thy Name all the days of our life, that we may know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent.

– from *Lidley's Prayers* (1566)

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God.

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CLOSING PRAYER

*HYMN 495

We Know That Christ Is Raised

Engelberg

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Dr. Springsted

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Weaver



*POSTLUDE

Wir glauben all' an einen Gott, BWV 681

J. S. Bach

Welcome! We're glad you've joined us for worship today. We pray that you experience Christ in our midst, and that his presence will sustain you in the week ahead. We invite you to place your name and contact information on one of the pew pads. If our pastors can assist you in some special way, indicate this in the space provided and they will be in touch with you. If you are considering becoming Christian or looking for a church home, our pastors would be delighted to talk with you about it. We urge you to consider becoming a member of this congregation and hope you will make MAPC your church home in this city.

Have children? Children and families are always welcome in the Sanctuary to worship. Children three and under may be taken to the Nursery on the 4th Floor or remain with their parents. The Narthex or the Children's Library, adjacent to the Sanctuary, are also available for families and have speakers that provide audio of the service.

MAPC Mission Statement

The mission of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church is to bring people into the transforming presence of Jesus Christ through worship, teaching the Word, Christian nurture, and ministry in and to the world. As Christ's ministers, our members are striving to build a community of God's love, justice and mercy, trusting God to lead us into faithfulness.

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