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Baptism of the Lord

January 7, 2018 at 9 and 11:15 am

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Word and Sacrament

*Please silence your cellular telephones and other electronic devices.
We encourage you to begin this time of worship in silent prayer.*

Prayer of Preparation

Almighty God, you have filled us with the light of your Word who became flesh and lived among us. At his baptism in the River Jordan you revealed him as your beloved Son, and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Grant that all who are baptized into his name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

PRELUDE

Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern, *Dieterich Buxtehude*
BuxWV 223 (1637-1707)

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 69

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright *Wie schön leuchtet*

CONFESSION OF SIN (*unison*)

Beverly A. Bartlett

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from sisters and brothers in Christ. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome and forgive one another; we allow the past to hold us hostage. In your loving kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Remind us of the promises you make in baptism so that we may rise to new life, and live together in your grace.

(Silence for personal confession)

LORD, HAVE MERCY (*Service in F*)

John Weaver



Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Weaver

(Cantor)



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

(Congregation)



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us;



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our



prayer. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



You a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,



with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

*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

Christina A. Cosby

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Genesis 1:1-5

(nrsv, page 1 OT)

*PSALM 29 (Hymn 180)

Glory

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

LESSON FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS &
DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN'S & YOUTH WORSHIP

Dr. Springsted

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

Youth Worship – Young people 4th grade to 8th grade may exit to the Dana Chapel.

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

EPISTLE LESSON

Acts 19:1-7
(*nrsv, page 130 NT*)

Ms. Bartlett

GRADUAL (11:15 am)

Andrew Henderson

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, full of grace and truth.

(*John 1:14*)

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1:4-11
(*nrsv, page 32 NT*)

Ms. Bartlett

SERMON

“Opening the Heavens”

Dr. Springsted

*HYMN 70
(11:15 am)

Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized

Caithness

*THE NICENE CREED

Dr. Springsted

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

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (11:15 am)

From *Hodie* (1954) *Ralph Vaughan Williams*
(1872-1958)

The blessed son of God only
In a crib full poor did lie;
With our poor flesh and our poor blood
Was clothed that everlasting good.
Kyrie eleison.

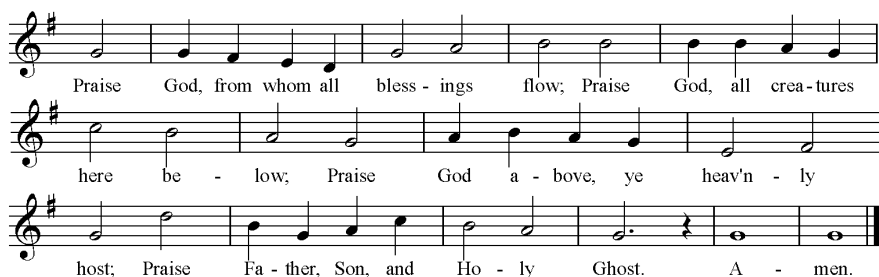
The Lord Christ Jesu, God's son dear,
Was a guest and a stranger here;
Us for to bring from misery,
That we might live eternally.
Kyrie eleison.

All this did he for us freely,
For to declare his great mercy;
All Christendom be merry therefore,
And give him thanks for evermore.
Kyrie eleison.

– *Miles Coverdale* (1488-1569), after *Martin Luther*

*DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise God, all crea - tures
here be - low; Praise God a - bove, ye heav'n - ly
host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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.

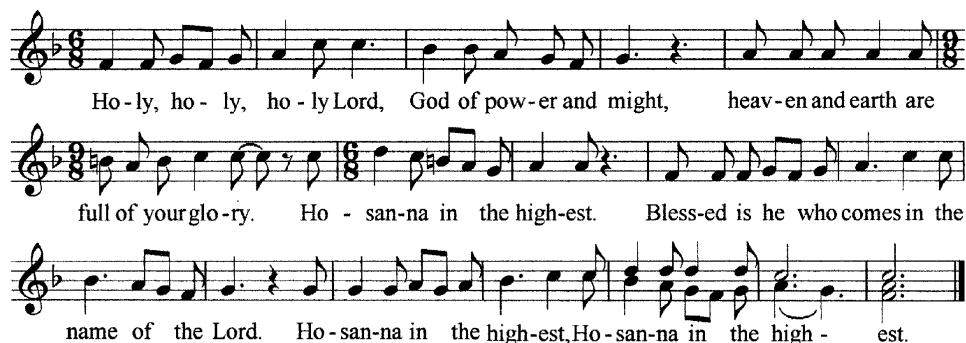
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

COMMUNION PRAYER

"...who forever sing to the glory of your name:"

SANCTUS

Weaver



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

ACCLAMATION

Weaver

Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Weaver

Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - low - ed be your name, your
king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heav - en. Give us to - day our
dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.
Save us from the time of tri - al and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the
king - dom, the pow'r and the glo - ry are yours now and for - ev - er. A - men.

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 ANTHEM

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 (11:15 am)

**Raise a song of gladness, peoples of the earth.
Christ has come, bringing peace, joy to ev-'ry heart.
Alleluia, alleluia, joy to ev-'ry heart!
Alleluia, alleluia, joy to ev-'ry heart!**

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CLOSING PRAYER

