

**ORDER OF WORSHIP  
THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024 – 11:00 AM**

**PRESERVICE MUSIC**

*Thank You, Lord*

**INVOCATION**

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**OPENING SONGS**

*God You Reign*

You paint the night  
You count the stars and You call them by name  
The skies proclaim  
God You reign  
Your glory shines  
You teach the sun when to bring a new day  
Creation sings  
God You reign

God You reign  
God You reign  
Forever and ever  
God You reign

You part the seas  
You move the mountains with the words that You say  
My song remains  
God You reign  
You hold my life  
You know my heart and You call me by name  
I live to say  
God You reign

God You reign  
God You reign  
Forever and ever  
God You reign

God You reign  
God You reign  
Forever and ever  
God You reign

Hallelujah  
Hallelu  
Hallelujah  
Hallelu

Hallelujah  
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Hallelu

God You reign  
God You reign  
Forever and ever  
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*Beneath The Waters (I Will Rise)*

This is my revelation  
Christ Jesus crucified  
Salvation through repentance  
At the cross on which He died

Now here my absolution  
Forgiveness for my sin  
And I sink beneath the waters  
That Christ was buried in

I will rise  
I will rise  
As Christ was raised to life  
Now in Him  
Now in Him I live

I stand a new creation  
Baptised in blood and fire  
No fear of condemnation  
By faith I'm justified

I will rise  
I will rise  
As Christ was raised to life  
Now in Him  
Now in Him I live

I will rise  
I will rise  
As Christ was raised to life  
Now in Him  
Now in Him I live

I will rise  
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As Christ was raised to life  
Now in Him  
Now in Him I live

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## CONFESSION

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
- C** **But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**
  
- P** Let us then confess our sins to God, our Father. In today's Second Reading from Romans, the apostle Paul asks, "Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? . . . How can we who died to sin still live in it?"
- C** **We are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved God with our whole heart, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**
  
- P** "We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life."

- C** For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

## **ABSOLUTION**

- P** We know that our old self was crucified with Him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.
- C** For one who has died has been set free from sin.
- P** The death Christ died He died to sin, once for all,
- C** but the life He lives He lives to God.
- P** So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you, and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore announce the grace of God to all of you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

- C** Amen.

## **SHARING GOD'S PEACE**

### **SALUTATION**

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

- P** Let us pray.

Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**☪ Amen.**

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Genesis 1:1–5*

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

## **NEW TESTAMENT READING**

*Romans 6:1–11*

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that

we will also live with him. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

*Mark 1:4–11*

John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **SONG OF THE DAY**

*My Story*

If I told you my story,  
You would hear hope, that wouldn't let go.  
And if I told you my story,  
You would hear love that never gave up.  
And if I told you my story,  
You would hear life, but it wasn't mine.

If I should speak, then let it be

Of the grace that is greater than all my sin,  
Of when justice was served and when mercy wins,  
Of the kindness of Jesus that draws me in.  
Oh, to tell you my story, is to tell of Him.

If I told you my story,  
You would hear victory over the enemy.  
And if I told you my story,  
You would hear freedom that was won for me.  
And if I told you my story,  
You would hear life overcome the grave!

If I should speak, then let it be

Of the grace that is greater than all my sin,  
Of when justice was served and where mercy wins,  
Of the kindness of Jesus that draws me in.  
Oh, to tell you my story, is to tell of Him.

This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior, all the day long.  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior, all the day long.

For the grace that is greater than all my sin,  
Of when justice was served and when mercy wins,  
Of the kindness of Jesus that draws me in.  
Oh, to tell you my story, is to tell -

Of the grace that is greater than all my sin,  
Of when justice was served and when mercy wins,  
Of the kindness of Jesus that draws me in.  
Oh, to tell you my story, is to tell of Him.  
Oh, to tell you my story, is to tell of Him.

This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior, all the day long.

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## **SERMON**

*His Story Is Your Story*

## **NICENE CREED**

**☞ I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down  
from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin  
Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the  
Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven**

and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the  
living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is  
worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic  
Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of  
sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

## **OFFERING**

### **OFFERING MUSIC**

*Welcome Home*

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

- P** Together we pray our family prayer:  
**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.**

## **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## **PAX DOMINI**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** And also with you.

## **AGNUS DEI**

**C** Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world  
Have mercy on us

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world  
Have mercy on us

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world**  
**Grant us peace**  
**Grant us peace**

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## **DISTRIBUTION**

### **DISTRIBUTION SONGS**

*Welcome Home*

If I believe in my heart, and confess with my mouth  
That Jesus Christ is Lord  
He is just to forgive, He is mighty to save  
He is shelter from the storm

I love Him more - than all these idols  
I bowed to before  
I called Him Lord - and He came running  
Opening up His arms  
“Welcome Home, my child” - I heard Him say  
“Welcome Home”

I have called on His name, now I’m telling the world  
The story of my Lord  
How He raised me to walk, in newness of life  
When I had fallen short

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I bowed to before  
I called Him Lord - and He came running  
Opening up His arms  
“Welcome Home, my child” - I heard Him say  
“Welcome Home”

Romans 15:7 Accept one another, then, just as Christ  
accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.

And I'll see Him - in His glory  
As the angels say, "Welcome Home"  
No more crying - no more sorrow  
No more death or pain, "Welcome Home"

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As the angels say, "Welcome Home"  
No more crying - no more sorrow  
No more death or pain, "Welcome Home"

I heard Him say "Welcome Home"  
I heard Him say "Welcome Home, my child"  
I heard Him say "Welcome Home"

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### *Above All*

Above all powers, above all kings,  
Above all nature and all created things;  
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man,  
You were here before the world began.

Above all kingdoms, above all thrones,  
Above all wonders the world has ever known;  
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth,  
There's no way to measure what You're worth.

Crucified, laid behind the stone;  
You lived to die, rejected and alone.  
Like a rose trampled on the ground,  
You took the fall, and thought of me,  
Above all.

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## **DISMISSAL**

## **BENEDICTION**

- P** 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.

**C** **Amen.**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CLOSING SONG

*Thank You, Lord*

For all that You've done  
I will thank You  
For all that You're going to do  
For all that You've promised  
And all that You are  
Is all that has carried me through  
Jesus I thank You

And I thank You thank You Lord  
Thank You thank You Lord  
Thank You for loving  
And setting me free  
Thank You for giving  
Your life just for me  
How I thank You  
Jesus I thank You  
Gratefully thank You  
Thank You

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