



Risen Christ Lutheran Church  
Baptism of Our Lord  
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*“Baptism of Christ” by Pietro Perugino c. 1482  
Sistine Chapel, Rome*

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**ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION** – (2nd & 4th Sundays) We believe: that Christ’s body and blood are truly present for forgiveness and spiritual strength, that God desires our sincere confession, continuous seeking and giving forgiveness and, that being genuine in taking Communion so that we not harm ourselves by taking it in an unworthy manner. If you believe the above, are a baptized believer who trusts in the death and resurrection of Jesus for the forgiveness of sins, and have examined yourself, you are welcome to commune with us. Please talk to Pastor if you have any questions. The bread is offered before the “individual” and “common” cups of wine. (Note: White Grape Juice is in the center of the tray.)

**OFFERING** – Through the offerings of His faithful people, our Lord provides for the ongoing work of His Church. If you are a visitor, we are glad that you came to be served by the Lord this day. If you choose to contribute to the ongoing work of the Gospel, we give thanks that God has moved you to contribute toward the work of sharing the Gospel here in Plymouth and around the world! You can also take advantage of Online Giving by visiting [www.RisenChrist.info](http://www.RisenChrist.info)

**A WORD TO OUR GUESTS** – Welcome and thank you for coming. Brochures can be found at each door. Please complete a Worship Card and place it in the offering plate. Pastor will send you a welcome card. Please indicate that you "desire" a call for any further contact.

**Large Print Bulletins** – Available from an usher.

**Listening Assistance Devices** – Available at the Sound Booth.

**Parent Room** – A row of seating and plenty of area for standing or walking is available in the Welcome Area/Lobby (“Narthex”)

**For Children** – Children’s Book Cart for Worship: Available in the Welcome Area.

**As We Gather** – The First Sunday after Epiphany takes us down to the Jordan River, flowing from the North, where our Lord Jesus is baptized by His cousin John. We may have not been baptized in the Jordan River, but we share with our Lord the experience of being baptized. For the sinless Son of God, the Baptism was done in fulfillment of the will of His Father. For us, Baptism is a lavish washing away of sin. We are blessed through this Sacrament, which links us personally and intimately with our Lord.

## Welcome and Announcements

### Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

### 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

**CHORUS:** *Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before, O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name*

1. The sun comes up it's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing when the evening comes **CHORUS**

2. You're rich in love and You're slow to anger  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find **CHORUS**

3. And on that day when my strength is failing  
The end draws near and my time has come  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore **CHORUS**

**ENDING:** Sing like never before O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name  
Jesus I'll worship Your holy name  
I'll worship Your holy name

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### Confession and Absolution

- P** Let us now make confession of our sins to God, our heavenly Father.

**C** Merciful Lord, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We admit that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; we have done those things which we ought not to have done. We have not always shaped our lives around the Gospel and have not always shared our faith as opportunity was given to us. We have not always been generous in sharing the bounty You have given us. We sincerely repent of our sins and humbly ask Your grace and forgiveness in Jesus Christ. By the renewing work of the Holy Spirit, lead us to change what is sinful in our lives that each day we may grow in righteousness and godly living to the glory of Your holy name.

**P** God has gathered His people from north and south, east and west, and to them says, "Fear not!" In His mercy He promises pardon, life, and salvation because of the atoning sacrifice of His beloved Son. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I announce to you the forgiveness of all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. As you believe, so may it be.

**C** Amen.

### **Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King**

Come Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise;  
Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love.

I was lost in utter darkness 'til You came and rescued me;  
I was bound by all my sin when Your love came and set me free;  
Now my soul can sing a new song, now my heart has found a home;  
Now Your grace is always with me and I'll never be alone.

***CHORUS: Come Thou Fount, come Thou King,  
Come Thou precious Prince of Peace;  
Hear Your bride, to You we sing;  
Come Thou Fount of our blessing***

O to grace, how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;  
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee;  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above. ***CHORUS***

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I was bound by all my sin when Your love came and set me free;  
Now my soul can sing a new song, now my heart has found a home;  
Now Your grace is always with me and I'll never be alone.

## Salutation and Prayer of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

Gracious God, in the Baptism of our Lord Jesus in the Jordan River You affirmed Him as Your beloved Son. Help us, Your beloved children, to live out each day in our baptismal grace as we await the joy of life in Your eternal presence. This we ask for the sake of Jesus, our Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 43:1-7*

<sup>1</sup>But now thus says the LORD,  
he who created you, O Jacob,  
he who formed you, O Israel:

"Fear not, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are mine.

<sup>2</sup>When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you.

<sup>3</sup>For I am the LORD your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom,  
Cush and Seba in exchange for you.

<sup>4</sup>Because you are precious in my eyes,  
and honored, and I love you,  
I give men in return for you,  
peoples in exchange for your life.

<sup>5</sup>Fear not, for I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from the east,  
and from the west I will gather you.

<sup>6</sup>I will say to the north, Give up,  
and to the south, Do not withhold;  
bring my sons from afar  
and my daughters from the end of the earth,

<sup>7</sup>everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made."

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 29

- L** **Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.**
- II** *Women: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.*
- L** **The voice of the Lord is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over many waters.**
- I** *Men: The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.  
The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.*
- L** **He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.**
- II** *Women: The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.  
The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.*
- L** **The voice of the Lord makes the deer give birth  
and strips the forests bare, and in His temple all cry, "Glory!"**
- I** *Men: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.  
May the Lord give strength to His people! May the Lord bless His people with peace!*

## Epistle

*Romans 6:1–11*

<sup>1</sup>What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>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.

<sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup>Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual and Verse

*Psalm 117:1–2a, 96:8, Mark 1:11b*

**G** **Praise the Lord, all nations! Extol Him, all peoples!**

**II** *Women: For great is His steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.*

**I** *Men: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name; bring an offering, and come into His courts!*

**G** **Alleluia. You are My beloved Son; with You I am well pleased. Alleluia!**

## Holy Gospel

Luke 3:15–22

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>15</sup>As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, <sup>16</sup>John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

<sup>18</sup>So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. <sup>19</sup>But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, <sup>20</sup>added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

<sup>21</sup>Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, <sup>22</sup>and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**"Jesus' Baptism and Yours"** by *Pastor Rennie*

### How Deep the Father's Love for Us

1. How deep the Father's love for us,  
How vast beyond all measure,  
That He should give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss;  
The Father turns His face away,  
As wounds which mar the chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory.

2. Behold the Man upon a cross,  
My sin upon His shoulders;  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice,  
Call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that left Him there  
Until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life -  
I know that it is finished.

3. I will not boast in anything,  
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,  
His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer.  
But this I know with all my heart:  
His wounds have paid my ransom.  
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## **Catechism** *The Third Article; The Small Catechism: The Sacrament of Holy Baptism*

**C** I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**P** The Word of God tells us that the Holy Spirit works through the Means of Grace, but we ask: "How can water used in Holy Baptism do such great things?"

**C** **Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this Word of God in the water. For without God's word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says in Titus, chapter three, "He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying."**

### **Prayer of the Church**

**P** Almighty God, we give thanks for all Your goodness and bless You for the love that sustains us from day to day. We praise You for the gift of Your Son, our Savior, in whom we have the forgiveness of sins. We thank You for the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, for Your holy Church, for the Means of Grace, for the lives of all believers here and in every place, and for the hope of the life to come. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Bless all who are gathered in Your name with a full measure of Your grace. Grant us an appreciation of the diverse and worldwide nature of the fellowship that we share in Christ, that we may see in each sister and brother in Christ a reflection of Your glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Give Your holy wisdom and heavenly grace to all pastors and all those who hold office in Your Church, that by their devoted service in response to their calling, faith and faithfulness may abound and Your kingdom increase. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Send the light of Your Word and Sacraments into all the earth. Raise up faithful servants of Christ to advance the Gospel both at home and in distant lands. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** While the Church grows according to Your plan, strengthen new and established congregations, supporting them in challenging times. Make them steadfast, abounding in the work of Christ, and let their faith and zeal for the Gospel refresh and renew the witness of Your people everywhere. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Watch over our nation and help us live peaceful lives with security and justice. Grant Your divine favor to all who bear office in our land. Help them to serve all those in their care with Your justice according to Your holy and perfect will. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Remove prejudices, give us a spirit of love, and fill our days in Your peace. Prosper the labor of those who work to bring peace and justice to all nations, that mutual understanding and common endeavor may be increased among all people. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Bless the schools of the Church and all colleges, universities, and centers of research and those who teach and work in them. Be with those whose work supports and secures our lives, including medical personnel, law enforcement workers, and all civil servants. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Bless our homes with Your presence, that the gift of family may be experienced everywhere. Help all children grow in the covenant of their Baptism, and enable their parents and their congregations to bring them up in lives of faith and devotion. Unite the members of all families in a spirit of affection and service, that they may show Your praise in our land and in all the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Let Your blessing remain upon the seedtime and harvest, commerce and industry, leisure and rest, and the arts and culture of our people. Take under Your special protection those whose work puts their bodies in harm's way, and strengthen their spirit in times of trouble. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Let Your Holy Spirit comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Bring consolation to those in sorrow, taking them into Your tender care. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served You in Your Church on earth, who now rest from their labors, waiting for the resurrection of the body. Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints, and bring us at last to the joys of Your heavenly kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

### **Lord's 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.**

**Offering – DURING THE OFFERING: Whether you are a visitor or a member, please turn in a Worship Card so we may know whom the Lord has served with His Word.**

## Who You Say I Am

1. Who am I that the highest King  
Would welcome me  
I was lost but He brought me in  
Oh His love for me  
Oh His love for me

***CHORUS 1: Who the Son sets free  
Oh is free indeed  
I'm a child of God  
Yes I am***

2. Free at last  
He has ransomed me  
His grace runs deep  
While I was a slave to sin  
Jesus died for me  
Yes He died for me

***CHORUS 2: Who the Son sets free  
Oh is free indeed  
I'm a child of God  
Yes I am***

***In my Father's house  
There's a place for me  
I'm a child of God  
Yes I am***

***BRIDGE:*** I am chosen not forsaken  
I am who You say I am  
You are for me not against me  
I am who You say I am ***CHORUS 2***

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## 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.

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