



Risen Christ Lutheran Church
1st Sunday in Epiphany Worship
The Baptism of Our Lord
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"The Baptism of Christ" Francesco Trevisani 1723

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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 Non-Alcoholic Wine 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

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As We Gather

When Jesus was coming up out of the baptismal waters, the voice of the Father proclaimed Him as His Son, in whom He delighted. Those words would be repeated on the Mount of Transfiguration, but with this order to the disciples: “Listen to Him!” Those two events “framed” Jesus’ ministry of obedient service and His revelation of God’s great love even before His sacrifice on the cross. Seeing Him, we learn what it means to be “alive to God in Christ Jesus,” as Paul urges in the Epistle. We are also “framed”—considered God’s children through our Baptism. It is all grace, of course; we never achieve our Lord’s righteousness, but are given it as a gift. Today we listen again to the Gospel, respond with prayer and praise, and are given grace to tell our friends what Christ has done for us all.

Pre-Service Music by Mrs. Jennifer Kirk

Invocation and Opening Sentences

Romans 6:4; Matthew 3:17

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen.

P We were buried therefore with [Christ] by baptism into death,

G **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.**

P This is My beloved Son,

G **with whom I am well pleased.**

Confession and Absolution

Romans 6:3, 10

P Isaiah wrote about God's gracious Servant. It was a prophecy about Jesus, who, although He was righteous, exchanged places with us in Baptism and on to death. Let us confess our failures to reflect His obedient servanthood in our daily living.

The Father put His Spirit upon His Servant.

C **We confess, good Lord, that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed. We have sought to live by our own strength and will. In our sinful condition, we cannot help ourselves. Forgive us for the sake of Jesus, our Brother.**

P Paul wrote, "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? . . . 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." As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen. Thanks be to God for our Baptism into Christ!**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

1. Praise to the Lord the Almighty

The King of creation

O my soul praise Him

For He is your health and salvation

Let all who hear now to His temple draw near

Joining in glad adoration

2. Praise to the Lord Who o'er all things

Is wondrously reigning

And as on wings of an eagle

Uplifting sustaining

Have you not seen all that is needful has been

Sent by His gracious ordaining

3. Praise to the Lord Who has fearfully

Wondrously made you

Health has bestowed and when

Heedlessly falling has stayed you

What need or grief ever has failed of relief

Wings of His mercy did shade you

4. Praise to the Lord Who will prosper

Your work and defend you

Surely His goodness and mercy

Shall daily attend you

Ponder anew what the Almighty can do

As with His love He befriends you

5. Praise to the Lord

O let all that is in me adore Him

All that has life and breath

Come now with praises before Him

Let the Amen sound from His people again

Gladly forever adore Him

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

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.

C **Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life;**

P through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 42:1–9

L Jesus was revealed to be God's unique, Spirit-filled servant, and we are revealed as His followers through the fruit of the Spirit. The prophecy was written in psalm-like poetry. Let us read the covenant charge responsively in one another's hearing:

Behold My servant, whom I uphold, My chosen, in whom My soul delights;
I have put My Spirit upon Him;

I **He will bring forth justice to the nations.**

II **He will not cry aloud or lift up His voice, or make it heard in the street;**

I **a bruised reed He will not break,**

II **and a faintly burning wick He will not quench;**

I **He will faithfully bring forth justice.**

II **He will not grow faint or be discouraged
till He has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for His law.**

L Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,

who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it:

"I am the Lord; I have called You in righteousness; I will take You by the hand and keep You;

I will give You as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations,

I **to open the eyes that are blind,**

II **to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.**

L I am the Lord; that is My name; My glory I give to no other, nor My praise to carved idols.

Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth I tell you of them."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 29

¹Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

²Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

³The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters.

⁴The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

⁶He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

⁷The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

⁸The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

⁹The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare,
and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"

¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

¹¹May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!

Epistle

Romans 6:1–11

- I** What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound?
- II** *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?*
- I** 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.
- II** *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.*
- I** 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.
- II** *For the death He died He died to sin, once for all, but the life He lives He lives to God.*
- L** 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.**

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise



1 Songs of thank - ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to Thee we raise,
2 Man - i - fest at Jor-dan's stream, Proph-et, Priest, and King su-preme;
3 Man - i - fest in mak-ing whole Pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;
4 Sun and moon shall dark-ened be, Stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee;
5 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Pres - ent in Thy ho - ly Word—



Man - i - fest-ed by the star To the sa - ges from a - far,
And at Ca - na wed - ding guest In Thy God-head man - i - fest;
Man - i - fest in val - iant fight, Quell - ing all the dev - il's might;
Christ will then like light - ning shine, All will see His glo - rious sign;
Grace to im - i - tate Thee now And be pure, as pure art Thou;



Branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem In Thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
Man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, Chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
Man - i - fest in gra - cious will, Ev - er bring-ing good from ill;
All will then the trum - pet hear, All will see the Judge ap - pear;
That we might be - come like Thee At Thy great e - piph - a - ny



An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
Thou by all wilt be con - fessed, God in man made man - i - fest.
And may praise Thee, ev - er blest, God in man made man - i - fest.

Verse

Mark 1:11b

- P** Alleluia. You are My beloved Son;
- C** with You I am well pleased. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 3:13–17

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter. **C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; ¹⁷and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sermon – “The Baptism of Jesus”

Baptismal Remembrance

- P** Do you renounce the devil?
C **Yes, I renounce him.**
- P** Do you renounce all his works?
C **Yes, I renounce them.**
- P** Do you renounce all his ways?
C **Yes, I renounce them.**
- P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?
C **Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**
- P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?
C **Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**
- P** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
C **Yes, 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.**

Catechism

Baptism, First and Fourth

- P** What is Baptism?
C **Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God’s command and combined with God’s word.**
- P** Which is that word of God?
C **Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”**
- P** What does such baptizing with water indicate?
C **It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.**
- P** Where is this written?
C **St. Paul writes in Romans, chapter six: “We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.”**

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How Great Is Our God

The splendor of a King clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice all the earth rejoice

He wraps himself in Light
and darkness tries to hide

And trembles at His voice trembles at His voice

***CHORUS: How great is our God sing with me
How great is our God and all will see
How great how great is our God***

Age to age He stands and time is in His hands
Beginning and the end beginning and the end

The Godhead Three in One Father Spirit Son,
The Lion and the Lamb the Lion and the Lamb

CHORUS

BRIDGE: Name above all names
worthy of our praise
My heart will sing how great is our God ***CHORUS***

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Prayer of the Church

Romans 6:11; Isaiah 42:6; Psalm 29:11

P Because of our Baptism we “must consider [ourselves] dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.”
Let us therefore boldly go to our heavenly Father in prayer for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus
and for all people according to their needs.

For all the baptized in the Body of Christ, given “as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations,”
that they would be strengthened by the Holy Spirit to respond as His chosen servants with faith-filled
thoughts, words, and deeds in both their private and public lives, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the Church here and around the world, that we not feel unworthy in our service, as did John the
Baptist, but may spread the news of God’s proclaimed favor in Christ and that those who make,
administer, and judge the laws of all the nations would order society in peace and justice so that the
Church may flourish, let us pray to the Lord. **C Lord, have mercy.**

P For all who work in the healing arts, those who respond first in disasters, and those who protect us at
home and while deployed in harm’s way, that God would protect them in time of danger, give them
courage to use their gifts for the good of all entrusted to their care, and guide them when making
difficult decisions, let us pray to the Lord. **C Lord, have mercy.**

P For all who, like bruised reeds or faintly burning wicks, cry out to God for compassion, strength, and
healing [*including . . .*], that God would not let them grow faint or discouraged, but would visit and
relieve them according to His gracious will, using us whenever possible to bring renewal of life and
joy, let us pray to the Lord. **C Lord, have mercy.**

P That “the LORD give strength to His people . . . [and] bless His people with peace”; into Your hands,
gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son,
Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C Amen.**

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proclamation of Christ

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.**

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei



C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

Communion

"What A Beautiful Name" led by Esther Kaufmann

1. You were the Word at the beginning
One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You our Christ

***CHORUS 1: What a beautiful Name it is
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a beautiful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus***

2. You didn't want heaven without us
So Jesus You brought heaven down
My sin was great Your love was greater
What could separate us now

***CHORUS 2: What a wonderful Name it is
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a wonderful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus***

BRIDGE 1: Death could not hold You
The veil tore before You
You silence the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring
The praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again

BRIDGE 2: You have no rival
You have no equal
Now and forever God You reign
Yours is the kingdom
Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name above all names

***CHORUS 3: What a powerful Name it is
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a powerful Name it is
Nothing can stand against
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus***

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Be Thou My Vision

1. Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart,
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

2. Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word,
I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

3. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

4. High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

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There Is a Redeemer

1. There is a Redeemer,
Jesus, God's own Son,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Holy One.

**CHORUS: Thank You, O my Father,
for giving us Your Son;
And leaving Your Spirit 'til
the work on earth is done.**

2. Jesus, my Redeemer,
Name above all names,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Hope for sinners slain. **CHORUS**

3. When I stand in glory
I will see His face,
And there I'll serve my King forever,
In that holy place. **CHORUS**

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Post-Communion Prayer

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.

Who You Say I Am

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

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

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: 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
(Oh) (Yes) I am who You say I am **CHORUS****

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Dismissal

P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

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