

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
January 17, 2021  
Baptism of the Lord  
10:30 am via Facebook Live & YouTube Live

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, all who thirst. Come to the font!  
**Dip your soul into the water of life.**  
Come, all who hunger. Come to the table!  
**Eat your fill of the bread of life.**  
Come, all who are weary. Come to worship!  
**Rest your spirits in the grace of God.**

OPENING PRAYER

**Gracious God, in the waters of baptism you claim us as your own and commission us for lives of integrity and intention. Here in this place, help us to hear your call in our lives. Teach us, equip us, and inspire us, that we might live our lives in service to you. Amen.**

HYMN 475

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

NETTLEDON

*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 God's unchanging love!*

*Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.*

*O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let that grace now, 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; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.*

## TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

### CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Nothing can be hidden from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth, whose wisdom is endless, whose mercy is great. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess where our path has wandered that we might return to the way of Christ. Let us pray.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God whose spirit moved over the waters, you have washed us in your mercy, claimed us as your own, bound us in community, and called us to lives of baptismal grace. And yet, we have not lived as if we were your baptized people. We stumble over opportunities for forgiveness. We prioritize our own selfish interests. We are slow to disrupt the status quo, even when it means ignoring our neighbors' suffering. Forgive us, O God, and by your forgiveness, lead us back to your waters of grace.**

### DECLARATION OF PROMISE AND FORGIVENESS

#### PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

## THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Guide us, O God by your Word and Holy Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover peace. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Genesis 1: 1-5

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Mark 1: 1-11

The Gospel of the Lord. **May Jesus Christ be praised.**

### SERMON

### REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

#### INTRODUCTION

#### RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

And so I ask you, will you turn away from the powers of sin and death?

**We renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,  
Reject the evil powers of this world,  
And repent of our sin!**

Will you let the Spirit use you as prophets of the power that be?

**We accept the freedom and power God gives us  
To resist evil, injustice, and oppression  
In whatever forms they present themselves!**

Will you proclaim the good news and live as disciples of Jesus Christ, his body on earth?

**We confess Jesus Christ our Savior,  
Put our whole trust in his grace,  
And promise to serve him as our Lord,  
In union with the church which Christ has opened  
To people of all ages, nations, and races!**

Will you be living witnesses to the gospel, individually and together, wherever you are, and in all that you do?

**We will remain faithful members of Christ's holy church  
And serve as Christ's representatives in the world**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith, using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Spirit of the Lord is with us.  
**Even so, come Lord Jesus!**  
Let us pray.

Almighty God, the life you birthed in us  
by baptism into Jesus Christ  
will never die.  
Your justice never fails.  
Your mercy is everlasting.

**Your healing river flows.  
Your Spirit blows where you will.  
We cannot stop you, God!**

But sometimes we try.  
We try to block the flow,  
we redirect the winds of the Spirit,  
or we walk so far away from the life-giving Stream  
that we do not hear its sound,  
and we forget its power.  
We parch ourselves.

**We are dry and thirsty, O God.  
Come, refresh us!**

Come upon us, Holy Spirit!  
**Come upon us, Holy Spirit!**

Come upon these waters.  
**Come upon these waters.**

Let these waters be to us drops of your mercy.  
Let these waters remind us of your righteousness and justice.  
Let these waters renew in us the resurrection power of Jesus.  
Let these waters make us long for your coming reign.

Most Holy God, Abba, Father!  
**Glorify to you!**

Jesus Christ, Savior, Lord!  
**Glorify to you!**

Spirit of fire, Spirit over the waters, Spirit of holiness!  
**Glorify to you!**

Eternal God, One in Three and Three in One!  
**All glory is yours, now and forever, Amen!**

(touch the water before you, making the sign of the cross on your head or hand, or  
the head or hand of one in the room with you.)

Friends, remember your baptism and be thankful!  
In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

## THE EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Wade in the Water*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.**

SENDING

HYMN 307

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

CWM RHONDDA

*God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;  
crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.*

*Lo! The hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the living of these days, for the living of these days.*

*Cure thy children's warring madness; bend our pride to thy control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.*

*Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore.  
Let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY