

Baptism of the Lord Sunday

January 12, 2020

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The Gathering of God's People

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude - *a time to prayerfully prepare oneself for worship*

"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

arr. F.D. Ashdown, 2013

Silent Prayer of Preparation

Holy One, untamed by the names I give you, in the silence name me, that I may know who I am, hear the truth you have put into me, trust the love you have for me, which you call me to live out with my sisters and brothers in your human family. Amen.

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Baptized to begin lives of faith,

People: **we would witness to all you do in our communities
in our midst, in our world.**

Leader: Baptized to serve,

People: **we would speak up for the voiceless, we would
bring justice to those who have none.**

Leader: Baptized to speak,

People: **we would heal, and not hurt; we would bless, and
and not curse.**

Leader: Baptized to do what is right,

People: we would not play favorites, but treat each as your Beloved.

***Hymn**

“Baptized in Water”

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The Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Merciful Savior, like Peter, we desperately need a renewed understanding and experience of your love. Our heads know that you love impartially and unconditionally, and we are all too eager to receive that gift of love ourselves. Yet, we confess that we are stingy with your gracious gift when it comes to others, especially others who are unlike us. We want to place limits and boundaries around your love, to decide who is “in” and who is “out.” We are afraid and appalled that we might be asked to love “them” in your name—not from a distance but face-to-face, with hearts and lives fully engaged. We see the error of our ways, and we are sorry. But we also know we cannot change ourselves. Come, Holy Spirit, come to cleanse and change us from the inside out. For the sake of Christ we pray. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Response Hymn**

“Spirit of the Living God”

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Sharing the Peace of Christ

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

The Ministry of the Word

Message for Young Christians

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading

Matthew 3:13-17

Anthem

“The Baptism of Jesus”

Austin Lovelace, 1980

When Jesus came to Jordan to be baptized by John,
He did not come for pardon, but as God’s Holy One.
He came to share repentance with all who mourn their sins,
To speak the vital sentence with which good news begins.
He came to share temptation, our utmost woe and loss,
For us and our salvation to die upon the cross.
So when the Dove descended on him, the Holy One,
The hidden years had ended, the age of grace begun.
Come, Holy Spirit, aid us to keep the vows we make;
This very day invade us, and every bondage break.
Come, give our lives direction, the gift we covet most:
To share the resurrection that leads to Pentecost.

Second Scripture Reading

Acts 10:34-43

Sermon

“No Partiality”

The Response to the Word

*Affirmation of Faith

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.

*Hymn

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

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Prayer of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

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Invitation to Offering

Offertory “Come to the Water”

O let all who thirst, let them come to the water.
And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord:
Without money, without price.
Why should you pay the price, except for the Lord?
And let all who toil, let them come to the water.
And let all who are weary, let them come to the Lord:
All who labor, without rest.
How can your soul find rest, except for the Lord?

***Response** Doxology #606

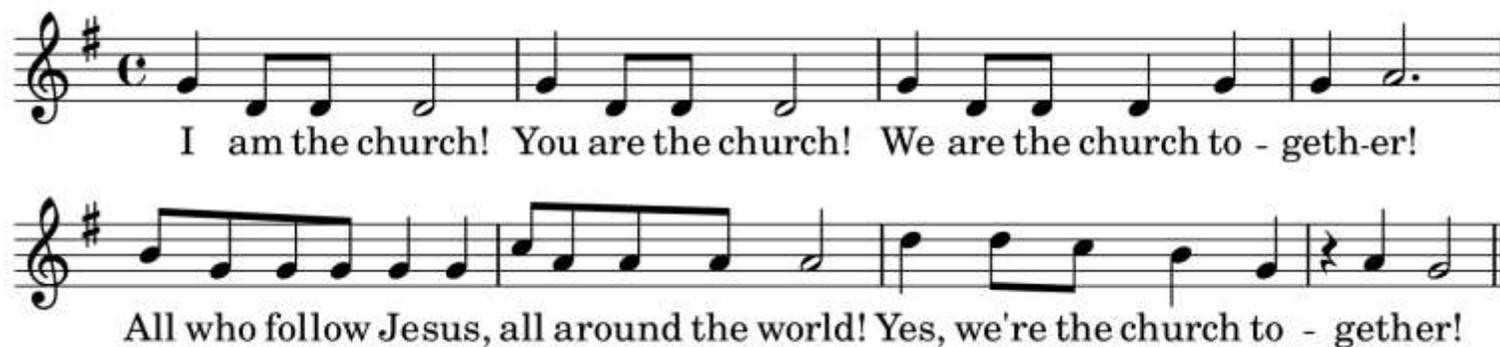
*Prayer of Dedication

The Sending of God’s People

***Closing Hymn** “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace” #753

*Charge and Blessing

*Congregational Response “We Are the Church”



The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and common time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "I am the church! You are the church! We are the church to - geth-er!". The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics: "All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church to - gether!". The music is written in a simple, accessible style suitable for congregational singing.

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*Postlude

"Wash, O God, our Sons and Daughters" arr. Phillip M. Young, 2012
