Baptism of our Lord

January 10, 2021

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

## **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

L: In the name of the Father, and of the +Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

### L: A reading from Psalms:

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters. O Lord, give strength to your people; give them, O Lord the blessings of peace (Psalm 29:3, 11)

### L: A reading from Romans:

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. (Romans 6:3-5)

L: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth.

C: Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow. Your waters are below us, around us, above us; our life is born in you. You are the fountain of resurrection.

L: Praise to you for your saving waters; Noah and the animals survive the flood, the Israelites escape through the sea, and they drink from your gushing rock. Naaman washes his leprosy away, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again.

C: Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this sacrament. Breath your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us. Satisfy all our thirst with our living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

L: Almighty God, who gives us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ our king: heirs of salvation, trusting his promise, faithfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, dead in the tomb with Christ our king: one with his rising, freed and forgiven, thankfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ our king: born of the Spirit, we are God's children; joyfully now God's praise we sing.

## **Prayer of the Day**

L: O God our Father,

C: at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Gospel Mark 1: 4-11

Children's Sermon

Sermon Pastor Matt Schroeder

Hymn of the Day "Waterlife"

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Before I can remember the covenant was sealed with Father, Son, and Spirit, in water was revealed. The cleansing was for certain, with water and the Word; gentle words were spoken, in heaven they were heard.

They were singing waterlife, beginning life waterlife all my life, waterlife, Spirit life, waterlife.

A simple sweet beginning, a loving place to start: Christ began the singing that swells within my heart. His love became my calling, his life my ministry. His name is my adoption into his family. (*Refrain*) They were singing waterlife, beginning life waterlife all my life, waterlife, Spirit life, waterlife.

My hope and expectation for true community begins with resurrection, his death and life in me. His Spirit fills the Body: his church through water sees promise for tomorrow, his waterlife in me.

They were singing waterlife, beginning life waterlife all my life, waterlife, Spirit life, waterlife.

# Offering Prayer

L: O God, Jesus taught that where our treasure is, there will our hearts be also. In this hour, we come bringing our treasures all that we have and all that we are for the sake of those in need. We come seeking your treasure in this place treasure found in water and word, treasure that does not fade, decay, or disappoint, treasure of grace and life eternal. Share with us the treasure of heaven, that we may learn to boldly share it with others.

C: Amen.

# Prayers of the people

L: Celebrating the coming of the One who brings the reign of God to all people, let us pray for the world God loves, the Church God calls, and all people according to their needs, saying, Lord, in your mercy, and responding, Hear our prayer.

L:God of light and darkness, through water and Word you shine your light into the darkness of our lives. We give thanks for this incredible gift. Lord, in your mercy,

# C: Hear our prayer.

L: God of hope and fear, you walk with us through the challenges which surround us. Wash away our anxiety by your promised presence, and set us free from despair. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: God of church and world, in baptism you unify yourself with our world, and bring your reign into being.

Keep us from seeing your love as a hiding place.

Motivate us to infuse the world with your justice. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: God of health and illness, there is nothing that separates us from your love. Inspire us to bring your health to the sick, your encouragement to the discouraged, your promise to the dying, especially those we name before you now. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: God of life and death, all that exists is from you, and for you. Enable us to trust your baptismal promise, and serve this hurting world. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: God who shines in the darkness, receive these prayers and the prayers of our hearts, in the name of the one who is your light, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

### **Lord's Prayer**

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

### **Benediction**

L: The Lord bless you with newness of life each day so that you may know God's life-giving ways and your light may shine before others, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Amen

Sending Hymn "Wade in the Water"

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Wade in the water, wade in the water, children, wade in the water, God's a gonna trouble the water. See that host all dressed in white, (God's a gonna trouble the water) the leader looks like the Israelite (God's a gonna trouble the water)

Wade in the water, wade in the water, children, wade in the water, God's a gonna trouble the water.

See that band all dressed in red, (God's a gonna trouble the water) Looks like the band that Moses led. (God's a gonna trouble the water)

Wade in the water, wade in the water, children, wade in the water, God's a gonna trouble the water.

Look over yonder, what do I see? (God's a gonna trouble the water) The Holy Ghost a coming on me. (God's a gonna trouble the water)

Wade in the water, wade in the water, children, wade in the water, God's a gonna trouble the water.

If you don't believe I've been redeemed (God's a gonna trouble the water)
Just follow me down to Jordan's stream.
(God's a gonna trouble the water)

Wade in the water, wade in the water, children, wade in the water, God's a gonna trouble the water.

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. C: Thanks be to God!

Accompanist: Jane Fasching