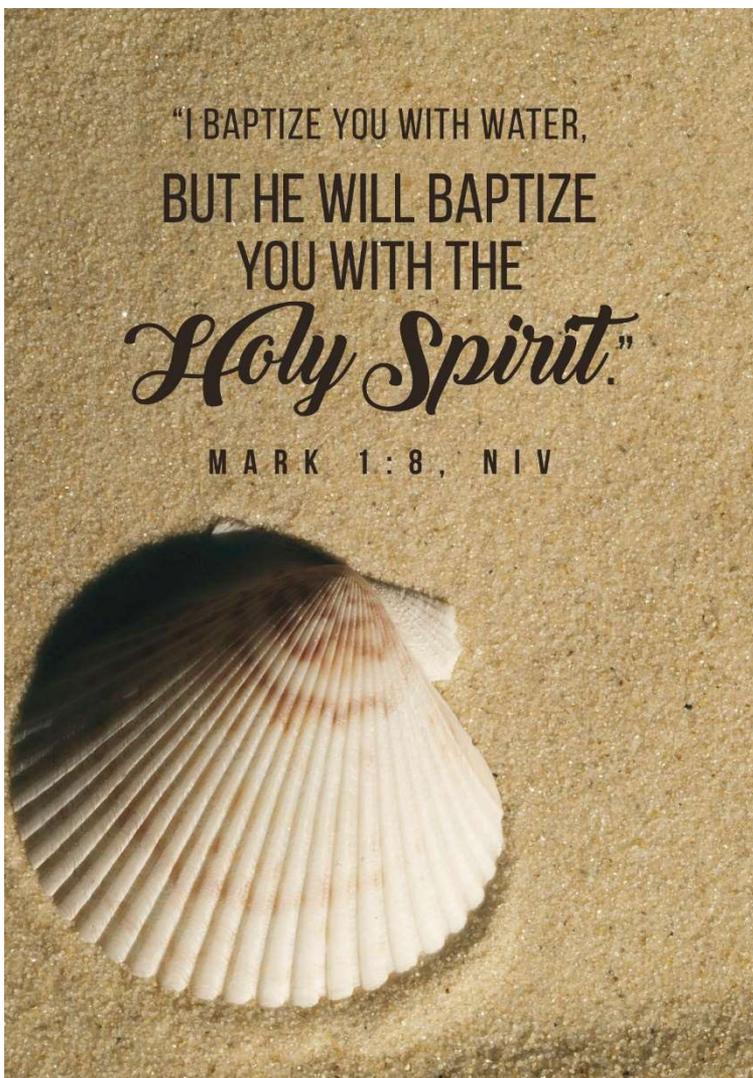


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Our vision for ministry ...

**"God calls us to reach out and to grow in Christ's love"**



Baptism of Our Lord

*Announcements and Parish Concerns*

The grace and peace of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

Let's join in praising our Lord Jesus!

*Hymn* ELW (red book) **304** "Christ, When For Us You Were Baptized"

**<sup>1</sup>Christ, when for us you were baptized, God's Spirit on you came,  
as peaceful as a dove, and yet as urgent as a flame,  
as urgent as a flame.**

**<sup>2</sup>God called you, "My beloved Son"; you are God's servant true,  
sent to proclaim the reign of heav'n, God's holy will to do,  
God's holy will to do.**

**<sup>3</sup>Straightway and steadfast until death you then obeyed the call  
to serve with free and willing heart, to give your life for all,  
to give your life for all.**

**<sup>4</sup>Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord; your cross on us be signed,  
that likewise in God's service we may perfect freedom find,  
may perfect freedom find.**

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*Greeting*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

*Hymn Of Praise* Tune: ELW (red book) **855**  
"Crown Him With Many Crowns"

**Glory to God on high, and to the earth God's peace!  
With thanks God's name we glorify; let glad some praise increase!  
With angel hosts we sing / your holy name to bless,  
Almighty Father, heav'nly King, enthroned in holiness.**

**Jesus, the Father's Son, the Lamb for sinners slain,  
You are the Lord, the Holy One / by earth and heav'n proclaimed.  
To all eternity / You with the Spirit live,  
In God the Father's majesty, To God all glory give!**

*Prayer of the Day*

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

Let us pray together: **Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*First Lesson: Genesis 1: 1-5* In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. nrsv

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

*Second Lesson: Acts 19: 1-7* While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied - altogether there were about twelve of them. Nrsv

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God**

*Response: Please stand and sing*

Tune: ELW (red book) **301** "Bright and Glorious is the Sky" verse 6

**And this star, as bright as day, that will never lead astray  
with its message so appealing, is the word of God, revealing  
Christ, the way, the truth, the life, Christ, the way, the truth, the life**

*Gospel Lesson: The Good News of Our Lord Jesus Christ!*

The Good News according to St. Mark the First Chapter.

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

*Mark 1: 4-13* John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. nrsv

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*Sermon; Pastor Dan Clayborne*

*Hymn* ELW (red book) **453** "Baptized and Set Free"

**<sup>1</sup> We are people created, chosen by God.  
Then we're washed, ever gently, in mercy and love.  
Sin has power no more. Jesus opened the door  
to a fountain bringing healing, and wholeness and more.**

**<sup>2</sup> We are fed and we're nourished, filled and refreshed.  
Then our hunger returns and again we are blessed.  
For whatever the need, God is greater indeed:  
endless ocean, always deeper than all of our need.**

**<sup>3</sup> We are nourished by water, all living things,  
and by life that the Spirit abundantly brings.  
As we journey toward home, may your presence be known:  
precious river, ever-flowing, now carry us home.**

**<sup>4</sup> Now with praise and thanksgiving, we join the song.  
All are welcome! We gather to sing loud and strong.  
Not enslaved, but set free! From now on, all will be  
one in Jesus, one in water, baptized and set free!**

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*Installation of Church Council members and Officers for 2021*

## *Affirmation of Baptism*

We give thanks for the gift of baptism as we come before God to affirm our baptism into Christ.

*Let us pray.* Merciful God, we thank you for making us your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called us to yourself, enlightened us with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished us in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

**I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**Amen.**

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ?

**We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

*Prayers of the Church*

Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.....

..... Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

*Sharing of the Peace*

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

*Preface to Communion*

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

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and good that we should at all times and in all places thank you for Jesus Christ, your chosen in whom you are well pleased, whom you anointed with the Holy Spirit and raised from the dead, making the earth shudder with the birth pains of new life, and raising with him all who have died with him in the waters of baptism. Therefore we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*Sanctus* Tune ELW (red book) **302** "As With Gladness"

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord. God of power and might adored!  
Heav'n and earth cannot contain. All the glory of Your name!  
With the heav'nly host we sing; Praise to our eternal King.**

*Words of Institution*

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took break, and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

*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 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.**

*Invitation to the Table*

Beloved: here is bread; here is wine. Here is Jesus. Come and be fed. **Amen!**

*Pastoral blessing for children and those not receiving communion.*

*Sharing of Holy Communion*

**Body of Christ, given for you.**

**Blood of Christ, shed for you.**

*Post-Communion Blessing*

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

*Post-Communion Prayer*

Christ Jesus, at this table we have feasted on your very life and are strengthened for our journey. Send us forth from this banquet nourished in body and in spirit to proclaim your good news and serve others in your name. **Amen.**

*Benediction: ( ✕ Signifies the sign of the cross, a reminder of our Baptism)*

God the creator strengthen you; Jesus the beloved fill you; and the Holy Spirit the comforter ✕ keep you in peace. **Amen.**

*Hymn ELW (red book) 671 “Shine, Jesus, Shine”*

Refrain: **Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;  
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with love and mercy;  
send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!**

**<sup>1</sup>Lord, the light of your love is shining,  
in the midst of the darkness, shining;  
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us,  
set us free by the truth you now bring us.  
Shine on me, shine on me; Refrain**

**<sup>2</sup>As we gaze on your kingly brightness,  
so our faces display your likeness,  
ever changing from glory to glory,  
mirrored here, may our lives tell your story.  
Shine on me, shine on me. Refrain**

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*Sending Forth to Serve*

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

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