



THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD



CHURCH OF THE
SAVIOR

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 2024



We're so glad you're here.



At Church of the Savior, our vision is to grow in “Loving God, Loving Others, Loving Life.” We hope you sense God's presence and our warm welcome. We'd love to meet you in the foyer after the service.

--Fr. Kevin and Mtr. Karen

About Our Worship: We use an Anglican liturgy. Liturgy simply means that everyone gets to participate, so please join in as you feel comfortable.

Children's Worship: Nursery is available for children 6 months through 4 years. Children's Worship rooms are available for children Kindergarten through 2nd Grade, and 3rd to 5th Grade. You may choose to keep children with your family, and coloring pages will be available to all.

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Today, on the First Week after Epiphany, we remember the baptism of Jesus. Before he began his ministry, Jesus went with the crowds down to the low, muddy Jordan River and was baptized by a fiery preacher named John. During that baptism, something unusual happened: When Jesus came up out of the water, heaven was torn open and God's spirit descended on Jesus like a dove. A voice from heaven boomed, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased” (Matthew 3:16-17). At Jesus' baptism, God revealed to John and the crowds, just as he still reveals to us, who Jesus really is.

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PRELUDE & WELCOME

Please enjoy a few moments of silence during the prelude to prepare for worship.

THE WORD OF GOD

PROCESSIONAL

You may stand.

To God Be the Glory

To God be the glory, great things He has done;
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord;
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord;
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory; great things He has done.*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Great things He has taught us,
Great things He has done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
All: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant: There is one Body and one Spirit;
All: There is one hope in God's call to us;
Celebrant: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
All: One God and Father of all.

O Gracious Light

O gra-cious light, pure bright-ness of the e-ver-liv-ing
Fa-ther in hea-ven. O Je-sus Christ, ho-ly and bles-sed.
Now as we come to the set-ting of the sun, and our eyes be-hold the
ves-per light, we sing your prai-ses, O God: Fa-ther,
Son and Ho-ly Spi-rit. You are wor-thy at all times to be
praised by hap-py voic-es, O Son of God, O Giv-er of life,
and to be glo-ri-fied through all the worlds.

Children from kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to follow the acolyte to Children's Worship during the next song.

I Lift My Eyes Up

I lift my eyes up to the mountains.
Where does my help come from?
My help comes from You, maker of heaven,
Creator of the earth.

*Oh, how I need You, Lord.
You are my only hope.
You're my only pray'r.
So I will wait for You
To come and rescue me.
Come and give me life.*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING

GENESIS 1:1-5

¹⁻² First this: God created the Heavens and Earth—all you see, all you don't see. Earth was a soup of nothingness, a bottomless emptiness, an inky blackness. God's Spirit brooded like a bird above the watery abyss.

³⁻⁵ God spoke: "Light!"
And light appeared.
God saw that light was good
and separated light from dark.
God named the light Day,
he named the dark Night.
It was evening, it was morning—
Day One.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

- ¹ Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, *
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- ² Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; *
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
- ³ The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- ⁴ The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.
- ⁵ The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; *
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- ⁶ He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- ⁷ The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; *
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- ⁸ The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.
- ⁹ And in the temple of the Lord *
all are crying, "Glory!"
- ¹⁰ The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; *
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- ¹¹ The Lord shall give strength to his people; *
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

¹⁻² Now, it happened that while Apollos was away in Corinth, Paul made his way down through the mountains, came to Ephesus, and happened on some disciples there. The first thing he said was, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed? Did you take God into your mind only, or did you also embrace him with your heart? Did he get inside you?”

“We’ve never even heard of that—a Holy Spirit? God within us?”

³ “How were you baptized, then?” asked Paul.

“In John’s baptism.”

⁴ “That explains it,” said Paul. “John preached a baptism of radical life-change so that people would be ready to receive the One coming after him, who turned out to be Jesus. If you’ve been baptized in John’s baptism, you’re ready now for the real thing, for Jesus.”

⁵⁻⁷ And they were. As soon as they heard of it, they were baptized in the name of the Master Jesus. Paul put his hands on their heads and the Holy Spirit entered them. From that moment on, they were praising God in tongues and talking about God’s actions. Altogether there were about twelve people there that day.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

You may stand.

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah; hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah.

⁵ Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah; hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah.

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

¹⁻³ The good news of Jesus Christ—the Message!—begins here, following to the letter the scroll of the prophet Isaiah.

Watch closely: I'm sending my preacher ahead of you;
He'll make the road smooth for you.
Thunder in the desert!
Prepare for God's arrival!
Make the road smooth and straight!

⁴⁻⁶ John the Baptizer appeared in the wild, preaching a baptism of life-change that leads to forgiveness of sins. People thronged to him from Judea and Jerusalem and, as they confessed their sins, were baptized by him in the Jordan River into a changed life. John wore a camel-hair habit, tied at the waist with a leather belt. He ate locusts and wild field honey.

⁷⁻⁸ As he preached he said, "The real action comes next: The star in this drama, to whom I'm a mere stagehand, will change your life. I'm baptizing you here in the river, turning your old life in for a kingdom life. His baptism—a holy baptism by the Holy Spirit—will change you from the inside out."

⁹⁻¹¹ At this time, Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. The moment he came out of the water, he saw the sky split open and God's Spirit, looking like a dove, come down on him. Along with the Spirit, a voice: "You are my Son, chosen and marked by my love, pride of my life."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

ALLELUIA

Please be seated.



A Whole New Dimension

Linda Richardson
Co-Founding Pastor

We take a few minutes of silence to reflect, pray, and listen for what God may be saying.

THE NICENE CREED

You may stand.

Celebrant: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

All: We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

The celebrant concludes the prayers.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Please sit or kneel for a time of silence.

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

At this time, parents should pick up their children from the nursery and Children's Worship.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

THE OFFERTORY

Justice Will Roll Down

Oh my love, you have grown so cold
To the world outside, to the house next door
She who has been loved much, has so much to give
Mercy is the fragrance, of the broken.

*Justice will roll down, oh justice will roll down
From high upon those mountains
With a mighty river sound.
It will roll down.
It will roll down.*

Oh my child, I will be your light;
In your secret pain, in the dark of night.
No enemy, no conqueror, will steal your life from Me
I am your salvation, and your victory.

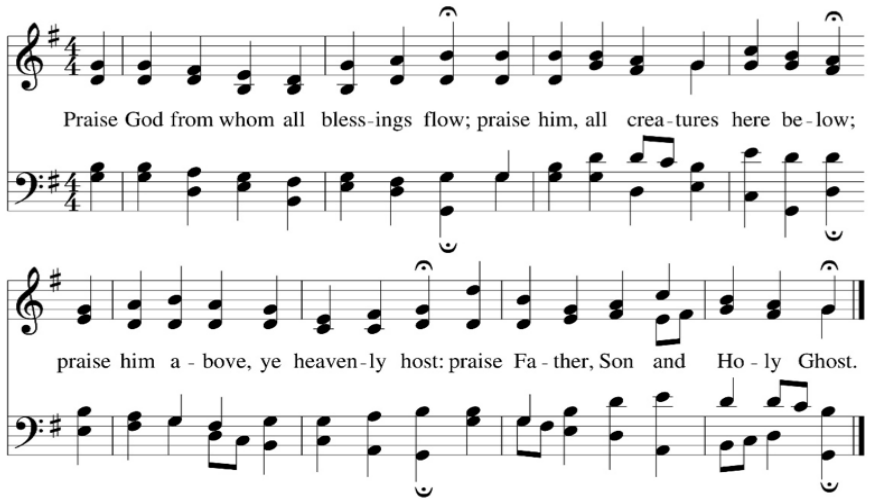
Soon oh soon, when the trumpet sounds,
Every knee will bend, every heart will pound.
I have made a new world,
Where the servant is the King.
Oppression will be over and the slave set free.

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THE DOXOLOGY

You may stand.



Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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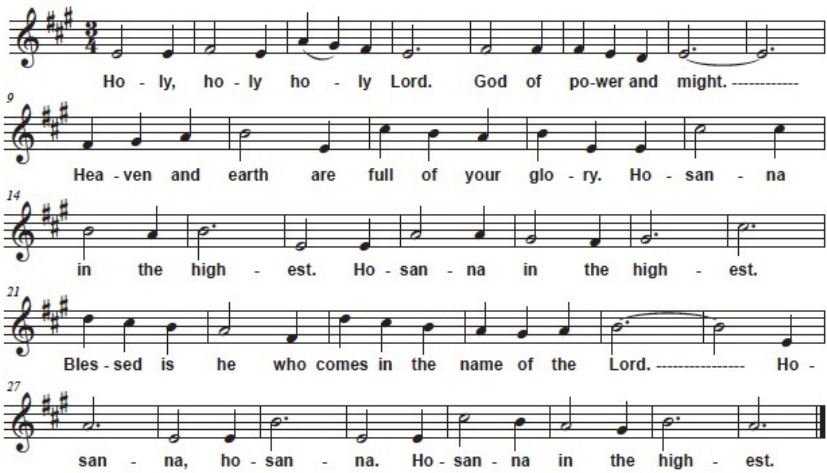
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Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly Lord. God of po-wer and might. -----
9 Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na
14 in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
21 Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. ----- Ho -
27 san - na, ho - san - na. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

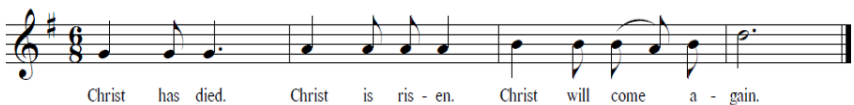
He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Celebrant: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All:



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

Celebrant: All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ:

All: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing

Our Fa-ther in hea - ven, hal-low-ed be your Name.

5 Yourkingdom come. Your will be done on earth as is in hea-ven.

9 Give us this day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins, as

13 we for-give those who sin a-againstus. Lead us not to temp-

17 ta - tion, de - liv - er us from e - vil, for the king - dom, the

22 pow - er and the glo - ry are Yours, now and ev-er - more. A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Please join us for Communion: all who are baptized and seeking to follow Jesus are welcome. If that doesn't describe you, simply say "Blessing," or cross your arms, and the minister distributing bread will pray a short prayer for God's favor on your life. The first tray contains wine; the second contains grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you would like to receive prayer, a prayer minister is available in the foyer.

COMMUNION SONGS

All Who Are Thirsty

All who are thirsty,
All who are weak,
Come to the fountain.
Dip your heart in the stream of life.
Let the pain and the sorrow
Be washed away
In the waves of His mercy
As deep cries out to deep.

*We sing, Come, Lord Jesus, come.
Come, Lord Jesus, come.
Come, Lord Jesus, come.
Come, Lord Jesus, come.*

*Holy Spirit, come.
Holy Spirit, come.
Holy Spirit, come.
Holy Spirit, come.*

As deep cries out to deep.
As deep cries out to deep.
As deep cries out to deep, we sing...

Savior of All

You became hungry, yet, You're the Bread of Life.
You became thirsty, yet, You're the River of God.
You became lowly, yet, You're seated on high.
You became silent, yet, You're the Word of God.

*You're the Savior of all, the Word became flesh.
Emmanuel, You're God with us.
You're the Savior of all, the Word became flesh.
Emmanuel, You're God with us.*

Jesus, Jesus.

Blessed Be the Name

All praise to Him who reigns above
In majesty supreme;
Who gave His Son to die for us,
That He might all redeem!

*Blessed be the name, blessed be the name,
Blessed be the name of the Lord;
Blessed be the name, blessed be the name,
Blessed be the name of the Lord.*

His name above all names shall stand,
Exalted more and more;
At God the Father's own right hand,
Where angel hosts adore.

His name shall be the Counselor,
The mighty Prince of Peace;
Of all earth's kingdoms, Conqueror,
Whose reign shall never cease.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Celebrant: May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness.

You may be seated.

RECESSIONAL

Celtic Benediction

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you,
Wherever he may send you.
May he guide you through the wilderness,
Protect you through the storm.
May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you,
May he bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia. Alleluia.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Save the Dates for Our Annual Meeting

At the beginning of each year, we gather as a church to discuss and vote on our:

- * proposed budget (coming after January Vestry meeting)
- * proposed slate of new vestry members
- * proposed changes to our bylaws (coming after January Vestry meeting)

The process has 2 parts:

1. Family Conversation: Wednesday, January 24th. On Zoom. 7–8:30 PM. All may attend. This is a great chance to ask questions.

2. Annual Business Meeting: Saturday, Feb. 3rd. In person, at Pleasant Hill, immediately after the service, approximately 6:30–6:45pm. All may attend, but only members may vote. (And per our bylaws, no absentee voting, except by prior arrangement with the Vestry in cases of medical inability to attend.)

Questions most welcome. You may contact Senior Warden Christine Sloat or Fr. Kevin.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Nursery & Children's Worship: We provide Nursery for children 6 months through 4 years and two Children's Worship rooms. Kindergarten through 2nd Grade may attend Young Children in Worship, and 3rd to 5th Grade may attend Following Jesus.

Youth: Youth Group Gatherings will resume January 27th. See you then!
Future dates are: February 10th and 24th, March 9th, and April 6th and 20th.

UPCOMING SERMONS

The Season of Epiphany

January 6, Epiphany: Violent King vs. Vulnerable King, Kevin Miller, Matthew 2:1-15

January 13, A Whole New Dimension, Linda Richardson, Mark 1:4-11

January 20, He Sees You, He Calls You, Kevin Miller, Mark 1:14-20

January 27, What Real Authority Looks Like, Kevin Miller, Mark 1:21-28

February 3, Presentation of Jesus in the Temple, Kevin Miller, Luke 2:22-40

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