

# CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

The First Sunday of Epiphany: The Baptism of Our Lord

JANUARY 10, 2021

# LOVE DIVINE ALL LOVES EXCELLING

### Verse 1

Love divine all loves excelling Joy of heav'n to earth come down Fix in us Thy humble dwelling All Thy faithful mercies crown Jesus Thou art all compassion Pure unbounded love Thou art Visit us with Thy salvation Enter ev'ry trembling heart

### Verse 2

Breathe oh breathe Thy loving Spirit Into ev'ry troubled breast Let us all in Thee inherit Let us find that second rest Take away our bent to sinning Alpha and Omega be End of faith as its beginning Set our hearts at liberty

### Verse 3

Come Almighty to deliver Let us all Thy life receive Suddenly return and never Never more Thy temples leave Thee we would be always blessing Serve Thee as Thy hosts above Pray and praise Thee without ceasing Glory in Thy perfect love

### Verse 4

Finish then Thy new creation Pure and spotless let us be Let us see Thy great salvation Perfectly restored in Thee Changed from glory into glory Till in heaven we take our place Till we cast our crowns before Thee Lost in wonder love and praise

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Celebrant: I will make you as a light for the nations, People: that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.

Isaiah 49:6

Celebrant: There is one Body and one Spirit; People: There is one hope in God's call to us;

Celebrant: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism; People: One God and Father of all.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People: And with your spirit.** 

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Eternal Father, at the baptism of Jesus you revealed him to be your Son, and your Holy Spirit descended upon him like a dove: Grant that we, who are born again by water and the Spirit, may be faithful as your adopted children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

# Arise, Shine, For Your Light Has Come

### From Isaiah 60

### Verse 1

Arise shine for your light has come and the glory of God is on you Arise see when the earth grows dark that the Lord will arise upon you The Lord will arise upon you

### Chorus

Nations will come to your light lift up your eyes and see We'll gather together and come to you And your love will be all that we know Your love will be all that we know

### Verse 2

Arise come to the open gates for the Father is welcoming you Fear not for the Lord brings peace and redemption to all who believe Redemption to all who believe

### Bridge

The sun will not shine cause you'll be all the light that we need and violence will end all the wars that we wage will cease We will glorify your name We will glorify your name.

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# Isaiah 42:1-9

- <sup>1</sup> Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
- I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.
- <sup>2</sup> He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street;
- <sup>3</sup> a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice.
- <sup>4</sup> He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law.
- <sup>5</sup> Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it,

who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it: <sup>6</sup> "I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. <sup>8</sup> I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. <sup>9</sup> Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them."

The Holy Bible, ESV

Reader: The Word of the Lord **People: Thanks be to God.** 

# GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

At the Gospel reading, we stand and the Scripture is read in the midst of the congregation as a way to honor the truth that in Christ God became flesh and dwelt among us.

Send forth your light and your truth, let them lead me; Let them bring me to your holy mountain, to the place where you dwell.

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

# Mark 1:7-11

<sup>7</sup> And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. <sup>8</sup> I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

<sup>9</sup> In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup> And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup> And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

The Holy Bible, ESV

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord. People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Paul Calvin

# HOLY BAPTISM

# The Exhortation

The Presentation

# Heidi Joy Willey

Celebrant: The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented. Parents & Godparents: We present N.N. to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant: Today, on behalf of this child...

...Are you willing and ready to undertake this?

Parents and Godparents: I am, the Lord being my helper.

# Profession of Faith

Question: Do you renounce the Devil and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Question: Do you renounce the empty promises and deadly deceits of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Question: Do you renounce the sinful desires of the flesh that draw you from the love of God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Celebrant: Almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness and evil, and lead you into the light and obedience of the kingdom of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Question: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and confess him as your Lord and Savior?

Answer: I do.

Question: Do you joyfully receive the Christian Faith, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments? Answer: I do. Question: Will you obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in them all the days of your life? Answer: I will, the Lord being my helper.

Please stand.

Celebrant: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ? Congregation: We will.

Celebrant: Let us join with these candidates to proclaim our faith in the words of the ancient baptismal confession, the Apostles' Creed.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father? People: I do. I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant: Do you believe and trust in Jesus Christ?

People: I do. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant: Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

People: I do. 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.

# Litany for the Candidates

Deacon: Let us now pray for these candidates, who are to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

That all these candidates may continue in the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, in the breaking of bread and in the prayers.

People: We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

That they may walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which they have been called, ever growing in faith and all heavenly virtues.

People: We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

That they may persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever they fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord.

People: We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

That they may proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ Jesus to a lost and broken world.

People: We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

That as living members of the Body of Christ, they may grow up in every way into him who is the head.

People: We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

That, looking to Jesus, they may run with endurance the race set before them, and at the last receive the unfading crown of glory. **People: We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.** 

# Prayer for the Candidates

### Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting Father, in your great mercy you saved Noah and his family in the Ark from the destruction of the flood, prefiguring the sacrament of Holy Baptism. Look mercifully upon these your servants. Wash and sanctify them through your Holy Spirit, that they may be delivered from destruction and received into the Ark of Christ's Church; and being steadfast in faith, joyful through hope, and rooted in love, they may pass through the turbulent floods of this troublesome world and come into the land of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# Sharing of Baptismal Scriptures

# Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Deacon pours the water for baptism.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. People: And with your spirit. Celebrant: Lift up your hearts. People: We lift them up to the Lord. Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John in the River Jordan when the Holy Spirit descended upon him as a dove.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are made regenerate by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now, Father, sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit. May all who are baptized here be cleansed from sin, be born again, and continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

# The Baptism

N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

N., receive the sign of the Cross as a token of your new life in Christ, in which you shall not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, to fight bravely under his banner against the world, the flesh, and the devil, and to continue as his faithful ambassador and servant to the end of your days. Amen.

A baptismal candle is given.

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, received them as your own children by adoption, made them members of your Church, and raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit, that they may enjoy everlasting salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People: We receive you into the fellowship of the Church. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in the royal priesthood of all his people.

# The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you. **People: And with your spirit.** 

As we remember the peace that we have been given with God through his forgiveness, we also remember that He has made us at peace with one another. That is why we "exchange the peace." You may say "The peace of the Lord" to those around you, or just say "Hello."

### Announcements

# The Offertory

In order to support the mission of the church financially, you may send checks to Church of the Redeemer, P.O. Box 130965, St. Paul, MN 55113, or if you wish to give online or set up direct deposit from your bank account, please visit <a href="https://oftheredeemer.org/give/">https://oftheredeemer.org/give/</a>

Officiant: Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the Kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O Lord,

People: And of your own have we given you.

1 Chronicles 29:11, 14

# The Holy Communion

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. People: And with your spirit. Celebrant: Lift up your hearts. People: We lift them up to the Lord. Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. People: It is right to give him thanks and praise. Celebrant: It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth...

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:

Holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna, hosanna in the highest. (2x)

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father... Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving...

...all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

Celebrant and People: AMEN.

And now, as our savior Christ has taught us we are bold to sing together,

### Celebrant and People:

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed for us, once for all upon the cross. People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant and People:

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord,

trusting in our own righteousness,

but in your abundant and great mercies.

We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord, whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

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.

### Directions for Communion

All baptized believers in Jesus Christ are welcome to receive Communion. However, if you are not able to receive you may remain seated or come forward for a prayer of blessing from one of our ministers. Please indicate your desire for a prayer of blessing by crossing your arms across your chest.

You will be dismissed from each section row-by-row and Communion servers will shift from section to section. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Please extend your hand to receive the bread and return to your seat before consuming.

### Distribution of Reserved Sacrament

Reserved sacrament was distributed by our clergy prior to today's service so that we could receive the sacrament together. Reserved sacrament is consecrated elements of the Lord's Supper that are brought to the sick, confined, or others kept away from celebration of Holy Communion. All baptized believers in Jesus Christ are welcome to receive communion. Please sign up for our weekly email for information about times and locations of distribution.

### Prayer Ministry

In respect for the safe gathering guidelines, we are not offering in-person prayer ministry during Eucharist. <u>Please follow this link to our website</u> to view a list of prayer ministers offering prayer by phone or Zoom. You may also contact Deacon Dawn (dawn@oftheredeemer. org) or another member of our clergy to share personal prayer concerns. Prayer ministry is always private and confidential.

If you are are unable to receive Communion today, you may participate in worship with the following prayer:

### A Prayer When Unable to Receive Communion

Heavenly Father, I now join my heart and mind with all my brothers and sisters in Holy Mother Church throughout the world who gather at your holy table this day to remember your death and proclaim your resurrection. Accept my soul and body as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to you, through the merits of your dear son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Hasten the day when I may once more draw near with them to receive the most precious sacrament of your body and blood. Amen.

### Sanctus

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# CHRIST IS THE LIFE OF THE WORLD

Verse 1 In Christ we offer all that He has offered The perfect offering Christ is the life of the world Christ is the life of the world

Verse 2 So we remember all that He re-membered The whole of life returned Christ is the life of the world Christ is the life of the world

Bridge Let us lift up lift our hearts Let us lift up lift our hearts It is good to lift our hearts to the Lord

Verse 3 Sent forth in beauty reconciling all things Radiant in holiness Christ is the life of the world (3x)

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# The Solid Rock

### Chorus

On Christ the solid Rock I stand All other ground is sinking sand All other ground is sinking sand

### Verse 1

My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness I dare not trust the sweetest frame But wholly lean on Jesus' name

### Verse 2

When darkness veils His lovely face I rest on His unchanging grace In every high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil

### Verse 3

His oath His covenant His blood Support me in the whelming flood When all around my soul gives way He then is all my hope and stay

### Verse 4

When He shall come with trumpet sound

O may I then in Him be found Dressed in His righteousness alone Faultless to stand before the throne

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Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out into the world to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Celebrant: May God, who in Christ gives us a spring of water welling up to eternal life, perfect in you the image of his glory; and the blessing of Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you now and remain with you always. Amen.

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

Please keep social distance of at least six feet as you exit the sanctuary and depart the church. Out of respect for the space and our host congregation, please take a moment to check for papers, bulletins and other items as you leave the sanctuary today.

# Welcome!

Thank you for joining us in worship today. We are blessed by your participation with us. If you would like to be contacted by one of our clergy or added to our weekly email communication, please enter your information <u>using this link</u>. Thank you!

A digital copy of today's bulletin with links is available at: https://oftheredeemer.org/events/gathered-worship/

# GIVING UPDATE – THANK YOU!

Thank you, Church of the Redeemer, for your generosity! Your financial gifts in the month of December helped us to meet our year-end giving goal, and with the collection of \$8,000 towards the Christmas Eve offering, we are able to support a student at Hope Academy for an entire year.

General Fund Giving Summary		
As of	Actual Giving	Budgeted Giving
January 3, 2021	\$194,576	\$200,278

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# Annual Meeting – Save the Date

### Friday, Jan. 29, 7 p.m. Video and via Zoom

Join us for Church of the Redeemer's Annual Meeting, which will include reception of new members and voting on vestry members.

# Women's Inductive Bible Study

A women's inductive Bible studay on the Gospel of Luke will begin this **Monday night, January 11th, 7-8pm via Zoom.** Please join us to spend time with the Lord Jesus in the winter and spring of 2021! The Luke LifeChange study will be our guide. We will adjust our meeting venue as the pandemic and the weather allow. Contact Barbie Anderson at bwanderson70@comcast.net with questions and to RSVP.

# Men's Listening Prayer - Jan. 13

### Wednesday, Jan. 13, 7 p.m.

Join us a for a time of worship via Zoom for the first 15 minutes, followed by sharing of reflection questions, journaling, and intercession in breakout groups. Our reflection questions this winter center on habits of leadership drawn from the book <u>Rare Leadership</u>. The topic of this week's discussion will be *Enduring Suffering Well*. You may join with the same facilitator from past months or sign up with a different one if you wish <u>using this link</u>.

# Refugee Life Ministry

For the next year, Church of the Redeemer has committed to support the Htoo family through a Refugee Life team. This is a great opportunity for service, partnership, and fellowship with our brothers and sisters at St. John's Karen Anglican church, where the Htoos are members. Please contact Kyong Song (kyongmin.song@gmail.com) with questions or if you'd like to participate.

# Youth of the Redeemer

Youth in 6th-12th Grade meet on Sunday afternoons from 3:00–4:15 at Calvary in a large group/small group format. There is also a Zoomin option hosted by youth leaders for those not able to meet in person. Be in touch with Caleb or Breana Dahl, Katie Pitchford (6th Graders) or Pete or Caitlyn Talbert (Zoom Group) with questions or encouragements as they lead and develop ministry to and with our youth.

# ParentConnect

Book Reads and Conversation in the New Year:

Choose a book that would suit your stage of parenting or interest and mark your calendar to join the zoom conversation with other parents from Restoration Anglican and Church of the Cross.

<u>Spiritual Parenting</u> by Michelle Anthony - "It's hard enough to train kids to behave, but good behavior isn't what Jesus calls for in the Bible. God wants hearts and souls that are shaped in vibrant faith and love toward Himself and others."

• Tuesday, January 12, 7:30 - 8:15 p.m.

<u>Spiritual Conversations with Children</u> by Lacy Finn Borgo - "Listening to a child's journey with God is a sacred gift we can give them. Family is the most deeply formational social context we will ever live in."

• Tuesday, January 19, 7:30 - 8:15 p.m.

<u>Like Dew Your Youth</u> by Eugene Peterson - "My purpose is to block any approach that reduces adolescence to a problem that must be solved and insist that is is an experience to be entered into by the middle-aged as well as by the young as a means for growing up."

• Tuesday, January 26, 7:30 - 8:15 p.m.

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### KidConnect - Gathered

Children in K-3rd and 4th-5th gather every week at Calvary on Sundays from 3:45 - 4:15 for bible engagement and connection with their peers. Videos of story presentations or lessons are sent out to families each week for children unable to join in person. K-3rd - Sonia Keillor and Steffie Williams 4th-5th - Sara Bramsen and Liz Stewart

### KidConnect - Zoom

Nursery and Preschool children are invited to join <u>Miss Anna</u> and <u>Miss Julie</u> from 9:00-9:30 on Sunday mornings. We'll gather around with our friends for stories, songs and lots of movement.

# MORNING PRAYER - WEDNESDAYS, 7:30 A.M.

### Join us in worship via Zoom on Wednesdays, 7:30 a.m. each week.

Morning Prayer follows a brief order of service lasting approximately 30 minutes that includes musical worship, scripture readings, a brief reflection on the day's scripture passage, and prayer. Login information and a downloadable orders of service is available at:

https://oftheredeemer.org/events/wednesday-worship-prayer/

### <u>Staff</u>

### Rev. Paul Calvin - Rector

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