

BAPTISM OF JESUS SUNDAY

January 9, 2022

Organ Prelude: Prelude in A major

J. S. Bach

Welcome, Announcements & Worship Theme

CALL TO WORSHIP:

John said, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." (Luke 3:16)

We gather for worship to remember the promises of God at baptism:

We are claimed as God's own; we are filled with the Spirit, igniting a holy fire within.

We gather for worship to open ourselves more deeply to the flow and cleansing power of the Spirit from within.

We gather to recommit ourselves to God's loving purpose in our lives and gain confidence through God's amazing grace and the work of the Spirit.

Let us worship God together!

Hymn: Christ, when for us you were baptized

No. 183

1. 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.

3. Straightway and steadfast until death
you then obeyed the call,
freely as Son of Man to serve and give
your life for all.

2. God called you the beloved Son,
called you the servant true:
sent you the kingdom to proclaim,
God's holy will to do.

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

Prayer of Approach, Confession & The 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, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

The Peace of Christ be with you all;
And also with you.

Children's Theme

Special Music: The gift of love

1 Cor. 13 arr. by Hal Hopson

soloists Erin Stone & Bruce Nasmith

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 43:1-7; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Isaiah 43:1-7

1 But now thus says the Lord,
the God who made you in the first place, Jacob,
the One who got you started, Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
3 For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.
4 Because you are precious in my sight,
and honoured, and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.
5 Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;
6 I will say to the north, "Give them up,"
and to the south, "Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away

and my daughters from the end of the earth—
7 everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made.”

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

15 As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, 16 John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 17 His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

21 Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, 22 and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

We are listening, O God;
Speak to us!

Sermon: JUMPING INTO SPIRITUAL DEPTHS Rev. Rebecca

Special Music: O holy Dove of God descending Brian J. Leech
soloists Erin Stone and Shaun Alphonso

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Pastoral Concern

Hymn: O Breath of life, come sweeping through us No. 384

1. O Breath of life,
come sweeping through us;
revive your church with life and power.
O Breath of Life, come cleanse, renew us,
and fit your church to meet this hour.

3. O Breath of love,
come breathe within us,
renewing thought and will and heart:
come, Love of Christ, afresh to win us,
revive your church in every part.

2. O Wind of God,
come bend us, break us,
till humbly we confess our need;
then in your tenderness remake us,
revive, restore, for this we plead.

4. O Tongues of fire,
come rest upon us,
so we may speak your word aright;
kindle the flame of love among us;
equip your light to spread the light.

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Organ Postlude: Come down, O Love Divine

Bruce Nasmith

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