



KIMBALL MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
101 VANCE ST. KANNAPOLIS, NC 28081

January 12, 2025

Baptism Of Our Lord

8:30 am

GATHERING MUSIC

Washed by the Water

Rinehart / Rinehart

VERSE 1

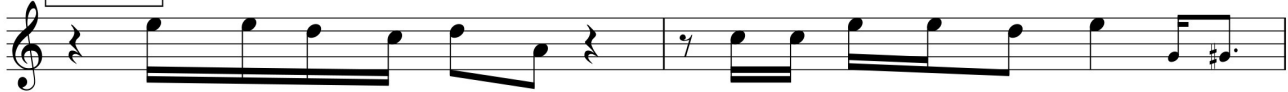


1. Dad dy was a preach - er; she was his wife.



Just tryin' to make the world a lit - tle bet - ter; you know, shine a light.

VERSE 2



2. Peo ple start - ed talk - ing just to hear their own voice.



Those peo - ple tried to ac - cuse my fa - ther; said he made the wrong choice.

VERSE 3



3. Though it might be pain - ful, you know that time will al - ways tell.



Those peo - ple have long since gone; my fa - ther nev - er failed.

CHORUS



E - ven when the rain falls, e - ven when the flood starts ris - ing,

4th time to Coda Φ



e - ven when the storm comes, I am washed by the wa - ter.

BRIDGE

E - ven when the earth crum - bles un - der my feet, e - ven when the ones I love



turn a - round and cru - ci - fy me, I won't nev - er, ev - er let you down. I won't



fall, I won't fall, I won't fall as long as You're a - round me. *D.S. al Coda*



I am washed by the wa - ter.

GATHERING MUSIC*Holy Spirit**Bryan & Katie Torwalt***VERSE 1**

1. There's noth - ing worth more that will ev - er come close. No thing can com - pare;



You're our liv - ing hope. Your Pres - ence.

VERSE 2

2. I've tast - ed and seen of the sweet - est of loves,



where my heart be - comes free and my shame is un - done, in Your Pres - ence,

CHORUS 1a

Lord. Ho - ly Spir - it, You are wel - come here; Come flood this place and fill the



at - mos - phere; Your glo - ry, God, is what our hearts long for, to be o - ver - come by Your

28 **1** **INTERLUDE 1**

Pres - ence, Lord. Your Pres - ence, Lord.

33 **2** *D.S.* **3** **INTERLUDE 2**

Pres - ence, Lord. Pres - ence, Lord. Your Pres - ence, Lord.

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Your Pres - ence, oh God, how we love Your Pres - ence, Lord.

Let us be - come more a - ware of Your Pres - ence; Let us ex - per - i - ence the glo -

46

ry of Your good - ness. Let us be - come more a - ware of Your Pres - ence;

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Let us ex - per - i - ence the glo - ry of Your good - ness. Lord.

CHORUS 1b

Ho - ly Spir - it, You are wel - come here; Come flood this place and fill the at - mos - phere; Your

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glo - ry, God, is what our hearts long for, to be o - ver - come by Your Pres - ence, Lord._____

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Congregation responses in Bold.

WELCOME

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Let us pray. Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

LET'S TALK

Children's Time

READING Acts 8:14-17

L A reading from the eighth chapter of Acts.

Peter and John are sent to support the new Christians in Samaria, a group that was recently baptized after hearing the good news of Christ through the preaching of Philip. Here the Samaritans receive the gift of the Holy Spirit in the laying on of hands.

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵ The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶ for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ¹⁷ Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

L Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

The reading opens with questions about the identity of the Messiah. John the Baptist insists that he is not the Messiah; instead he points ahead to one who is coming. And whether the voice of God was heard by all or only by Jesus, God settles the matter: Jesus is God's beloved Son.

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."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
 2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
 3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the

blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his
 tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
 sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's

prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
 giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
 chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

A With the people of God in Christ now and in every time, let us confess our faith.

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary, He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. 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.

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A Please kneel or be seated for the Prayers.

*Prayer petitions will conclude: "God of grace,"
The congregation's response is: "hear our prayer."*

P We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be God, the one who forms us, ✚ Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

C Amen.

P Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Steadfast and faithful God,

C **you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the ✚ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

A The peace of Christ be with you.

C **And also with you.**

A Please greet those around you with words of peace.

OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray. God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always.

C Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

We have two options for Communion during this time. You are free to come forward to receive the bread and pre-filled cups of wine from our clergy and lay assistants, returning to your seats after you've deposited the empty cup and following the guidance of our ushers; or you may continue to use the pre-packaged communion elements which are available from the ushers at the entrance to the Sanctuary. However you choose to receive Communion this morning, know that we are glad you're here for this Sacrament!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, 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

P Gathered as one by the Holy Spirit let us pray, as Jesus taught.

C **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

P The joy of the Lord is our strength.
Come, eat this meal of gladness.

Receive the Elements as the words are said:

The Body of Christ given for you; The Blood of Christ shed for you.

Healing Prayer is available under the balcony during Communion if you desire prayer.



CHORUS

1 Ho - ly Spi - rit rain down, rain down; O

5 Com - fort - er and Friend, how we need Your touch a - gain; Ho - ly Spir - it rain

10 down, rain down; Let Your pow - er fall, let Your voice be heard; Come and

15 change our hearts as we stand on Your Word; Ho - ly Spir - it, rain down. *Last time to Coda* 1

20 (1) Ho - ly Spir - it down. (2) No eye has seen, no ear has heard;

25 No mind can know what God has in store, so o - pen up heav - en, o - pen it wide,

29 o - ver Your church and o - ver our lives. Ho - ly Spir - it

32 *Coda* down. Let Your

ENDING

pow - er fall, let Your voice be heard; Come and change our hearts as we stand on Your Word;

38 Ho - ly Spir - - it, rain down.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P The Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His Grace.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P The Spirit of the triune God ✠ bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG

I've Got Peace Like a River

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UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

Wednesday, January 15, 2025 Martin Luther King Jr., *renewer of society, martyr, died 1968*

An American prophet of justice among races and nations, King was an eloquent preacher, a leader of the nonviolent resistance to race-segregated society, and recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. Born on this date, he was assassinated on April 4, 1968.

Friday, January 17, 2025 Antony of Egypt, *renewer of the church, died around 356*

One of the earliest of the Egyptian desert fathers, Antony gave away his sizeable inheritance and became a hermit. Later he became leader of a group of monks who devoted themselves to prayer, worship, and labor.

Friday, January 17, 2025 Pachomius, *renewer of the church, died 346*

Born in Egypt, Pachomius became a Christian while a soldier. He became a hermit (a solitary monk) and organized others into a religious community. His rule for monasteries influenced later ones in both the Eastern and Western churches.

Saturday, January 18, 2025 Confession of Peter

Today the church remembers the apostle Peter's great acknowledgement of Jesus as "the Christ, the Son of the living God." This festival serves as a fitting beginning to the week in which we particularly pray that all Christians might be united in faith and witness.

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1. I've got peace like a riv-er, I've got peace like a

riv-er, I've got peace like a riv-er in my soul.

I've got riv-er in my soul.

2. I've got joy like a fountain ... 3. I've got love like an ocean ...

THE DISMISSAL

A Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



The Voice of God

Are you longing to hear God's voice? What would it be like to hear God call you by name? For many it seems that God spoke to people long ago and far away, but now in this time and place God's voice is much less clear and less audible. Perhaps we cannot hear the voice of God because our world is full of noise? Perhaps we are not open to the particular frequency in which God chooses to call us? Perhaps we continually tune out this heavenly summons with our daily rush, not taking the time to quiet ourselves, our minds, our inner voices. We can use this time after Epiphany to clear out a corner of our lives for quiet prayer, meditation, or centering. Maybe then we will be able to hear . . . to sense . . . to listen.

Listen! God's voice comes from heaven to call us by name, speak to the earth, shake the wilderness, and to anoint "the Beloved." Listen! God's people speak words of covenant, commitment, and community in the liturgy of baptism. Listen! God's word surrounds this day with power and majesty and "in the temple of the LORD all are crying 'Glory!'" (Ps. 29:9). In this season of epiphanies, today's miraculous encounter with the living God immerses us in the sound of God's voice and bathes us in God's baptismal promise. All who are splashed by this water gasp, cry, exclaim, sigh, and sing. Let all who have breath, praise the Lord!