



9 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

Mark 1:9-11



John baptizing Jesus (South Transept)

Abington Presbyterian Church

January 10, 2021

10:00 a.m. Celebration Worship

Baptism of the Lord

ORDER OF WORSHIP
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GATHERING

The people gather wherever they may in response to God's call, offering praise in words of scripture, prayer, and song. The people acknowledge their sinfulness and receive the good news of God's forgiveness.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

A time for quiet preparation before worship

Great God, who baptized Jesus and confirmed in the early church the gifts of the Spirit, make your voice plain as you strengthen us to face the possibilities and problems of life. Grant us your strength and bless us with peace. Amen.

PRELUDE

Christ, our Lord, came to the Jordan to be Baptized

Johann Sebastian Bach

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Mountains and rivers, islands and oceans,

Give God glory!

Sun and moon, clouds and wind,

Give God glory!

All who live, all who breathe,

Give God glory! We will worship God.

*** HYMN 10**

Sing Glory to the Name of God

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Timeless God, you cast light into sin's dark places and call us your beloved.

Forgive us when we still linger in the shadows; when we treat others in hurtful ways; when we speak ill of your children.

As he came up out of the waters of the Jordan, you proclaimed Jesus as your Son, pointing to him as the way to you.

Forgive us when we put ourselves ahead of our Lord; when we think he is no longer needed; when we fail to see him in those who are broken in our world.

Baptized and blessed in your living waters, you would have us be your servants in our time.

Forgive us when we fail to welcome the stranger; when we refuse to forgive as we should; when we believe we are too good to kneel down and tie the shoes of the lost, the least, the last, and the little. Forgive us, O God, and make us new again. We pray in Jesus' name.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

As baptized people, we celebrate that God's mercy never runs dry –

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

* RESPONSE

Glory Be To the Father

Hymn 581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

* THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Greet one another with the sign of peace.

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

WORD

God's Word is read and its message is proclaimed in scripture, music and interpretation.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 29

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 1:4-11

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Voice of the Lord

The Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill

* A LITANY OF BAPTISMAL JOY



You be-long to Christ, in whom you have been bap-tized.



al-le-lu-ia.
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

Remember your baptism and be glad!

The waters of God's mercy have flowed, and we have been cleansed and refreshed.

Remember the waters that God gathered together and called seas: the mothers of rivers, lakes, and springs that quench the thirst of the earth and all its inhabitants.

We drink of the water of God's creation and praise God's name for life.

Remember the waters of the Red Sea and God's salvation.

With those who preceded us, we have been freed from our oppression and brought to a new land.

(sung) You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Remember Jesus at the River Jordan.

The One who was without sin took upon himself our sin.

Remember our redemption as well as our call to live Christ's righteousness.

May God be our help.

Remember the well where our Samaritan sister found Jesus and received her blessing.

We know of sacred places of encounter with our Lord, who offers us gifts of truth and love.

Remember God's grace.

We are redeemed by Jesus and not by who we are or what we do. Thanks be to God for unmerited grace!

Remember your baptism and be glad!

We remember and our lives are filled with joy!

(sung) You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

THANKSGIVING & SENDING

After the proclamation of God's Word, we respond with gratitude prepared to go into the world where we are called to live according to God's will.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

* HYMN 482

Baptized in Water

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

Allegro Vivo e Maestoso

Paul Benoit

[service hymns and some announcements follow]

Worship Leaders:

Preacher: The Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill

Liturgists: The Rev. Aaron Twitchell and Lauren Maransky

Children's Message: Ruth Sall

Organ: Erik Meyer

Choir: Kathy Messina

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In need of special prayers this week: Len Browna, Michael Kemp, Laura Lockhart, Sylvia Weed (mother of Kathryn Jablokow), Barbara LaNore (sister of Lynda Smyth), Bruce D. Meissner (son of Judy and Bud Meissner), Sylvia Jolly, MM Harris, Herb Harris, Gary Lynch (son of Doug Lynch), Chris Popescu (aunt of Joanne Bates), Marty Bell (cousin of Alice Price), Elizabeth Cole (granddaughter of Nancy Webb Cole), Doris Boerner, Helen Porter (mother of Joe Porter), Janet Wells (mother of Gwen Bihn), Suzy Paravla (daughter of Susan Davis), Linda Maisenhelder, Christine Kim (wife of Stephen Kim), Will Pompilli (son of Teresa Pompilli), Phyllis Frazier, Nick Cupo, Sr., Joanne Hawkins (mother of Nick Cupo), Wayne Gibbons, Jr., John & Carolyn Burrell (parents of Janet Gildner), Susan Arnhold (friend of Joanne and Jeff Bates), Kris and Erik Reidenbach (friends of Sally Adams).

For Pastoral Care: To notify the church of an illness, hospitalization, death, or to request prayer, contact a minister or call your Deacon or the Church Office at (215) 887-4530.

10 Sing Glory to the Name of God

(Psalm 29)

Unison

1 Sing glo - ry to the name of God, whose ho - ly splen - dor shines a -
 2 The name of God is full of might: re - sound - ing thun - der, flash - ing
 3 The name of God is wild and free, a - whirl in ho - ly mys - ter -
 4 May God for - ev - er be our peace; may hymns of glo - ry nev - er

Harmony *Unison*

broad. light. y. cease: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! En - throned a - bove the The wil - der - ness can - A se - cret wrapped in Let all the faith - ful

crash - ing waves, the God of grace and glo - ry saves.
 not con - tain the ech - oes of the great re - frain:
 smoke and fire, still chant - ed by the tem - ple choir:
 peo - ple come; sing praise to God, the Three - in - One:

THE TRIUNE GOD

Harmony

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia,

Unison

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

This sweeping paraphrase of Psalm 29 conveys a sense of the Jewish reverence for the sheer power of God's name, regarded as too holy for mortal tongues to pronounce. In keeping with its appointment for Trinity Sunday, the final stanza gives the psalm a Christian interpretation.

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 MUSIC: *Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, 1623, alt.; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906
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LASST UNS ERFREUEN
 LM with alleluias
 (this tune in a higher key, 327)

Baptized in Water



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 the
 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 prais - es we sing.
 giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.
 chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.

Each stanza of this compact and carefully constructed text about baptism begins with allusions to John 3:5 and Ephesians 1:13. The interplay of constant and changing lines accentuates each added image. It is set here to a Gaelic tune first transcribed in the 19th century.