

# The Service for the Lord's Day

## Baptism of the Lord

*Welcome! We are glad that you are here. We hope that you are blessed by your encounter with God today.*

*The \* indicates points in the service where you are invited to stand, if that is comfortable for you.*

*However, if it is better for you to remain seated, feel free to do so.*

*All are invited to join in speaking or singing when **Bolded** words appear.*

January 13, 2019

The service begins with the music of preparation

9:30 am

## Gathering the Community of Faith

Prelude

Voluntary III

John Stanley

Call to Worship

One: The voice of God resounds upon the water.

**All: The Spirit of the Lord hovers over the stream.**

One: The Son of God is named, "Beloved."

**All: And all who worship shout out, "Glory!"**

One: Ascribe to the Lord majesty and strength.

**All: Let us worship God in holy splendor.**

\*Hymn #297 In Christ Called to Baptize

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**We are precious in your sight, yet we often forget that we are your beloved. We confess that our love is fickle and inconstant. We follow selfish goals and deny that our way of life harms others and hurts your world. We are sorry, and we want to change. Create in us a clean heart, strengthen our resolve, reconcile us one to another, and bless us with your peace. Amen.**

Silent Reflection and Prayer

Choral Response

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

Choir

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Those who trust in the Lord will renew their strength.

**All: They will rise up to fly like eagles,**

One: they will run and not be weary, they will walk and not grow faint.

**All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.**

\*Gloria Patri

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

\*Greeting and Sharing Christ's Peace

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

## Proclaiming God's Word

Children's Message

*Children's Offering will be collected as they come forward for the Message.*

*All children and youth are invited to Sunday School classes  
following the Message and anthem by the Melody Singers.*

*Childcare for infants through two-year-olds available in the nursery, room 11.*

Prayer for Illumination

Glenn Fields

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 43: 1-7 (pg.585)

Anthem

Come Holy Spirit

Judith Snowden

Come, Holy Spirit, may Your presence fill this place, may Your fragrance pervade us, and cleanse us by your grace. Come, Holy Spirit, gracious giver of life, come renew us and heal us and fill us with Your light. For we know that You promised You'd never leave us alone, that You'd always be with us, and make this house Your home. Come Holy Spirit, come and water this ground, so the fruit of Your Spirit may in our lives be found. Come Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit of truth, may You lead us and guide us, and show us what is good. Come Holy Spirit, come to us we pray.

Gospel Reading

Luke 3: 15- 17, 21 –22 (pg. 834)

Sermon

*Beloved*

Rev. Amy E. S. Lincoln

\*Affirmation of Faith *Adapted from the Confession of 1967*

**God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind.**

**Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness.**

**But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant,  
wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women.**

**The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer  
is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.**

\*Hymn #480 Take Me to the Water

Please list prayers on pink slips located in pew racks - pass them to ushers during the hymn.

## Responding to God's Word

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

O Holy Spirit, Enter In

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

\*Doxology (hymn 607)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow: praise Christ all people here below;  
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

**O God, at his baptism, you acknowledged Jesus as your beloved Son, and through him you  
opened to us a way to become your children by grace. May these gifts we return to you be a  
sign of our dedication to live as your faithful daughters and sons, born in the waters of baptism  
by the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

## Sending the Faithful Into God's World

\*Hymn #485 We Know That Christ Is Raised

\*Charge and Benediction

Response Day by Day Mark Williams

Day by Day, dear Lord, of Thee three things I pray: to see Thee more clearly, to love Thee more dearly, to follow Thee more nearly, day by day.

Postlude Postlude on *St. Denio* Gordon Young