

WELCOME

Emma Bushong

CENTERING

Fill us with your fullness that our lives may overflow in service and love,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

I Wonder as I Wander
Emily Bowland, clarinet

arr. Phillip Keveren

†CALL TO WORSHIP

When we pass through the waters,
God is there with us.

When we suffer and feel hopeless,
God is there with us.

When we are joyful and celebratory,
God is there with us.

Whether we feel triumphant or defeated,
God is there with us, always.

Come, let us worship together with Emmanuel,
God with us.¹

†HYMN

Sing of God Made Manifest

SALZBURG

†REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

Siblings united in Christ:

Through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy Church.

We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit.

All this is God's good gift, offered to us without price.

Today we come reaffirming our faith and renewing our baptismal vows.

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you:

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world,
and repent of your sin?

We do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression
in whatever forms they present themselves?

We do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in Christ's grace,
and promise to serve Christ as your Lord, in union with the Church
which Christ has opened to all people?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life?

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ.

We will surround each other with a community of love and forgiveness,

so that we may grow in service to others.

**We will pray for one another, so that we all might live as true disciples
who walk in the way that leads to life.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord!

Creator God:

When nothing existed but chaos, you swept across the waters and brought forth light.

In the image of God you created us.

When you saw your people oppressed in Egypt, you led them to freedom through the sea,
and their children you brought through the Jordan to the land which you promised.

In the fullness of time you came to dwell with us.

In Jesus, the Christ, you shared our very humanity.

Jesus was nurtured in the water in Mary's womb.

Jesus was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit.

Jesus preached good news to poor people and healed those who were sick.

Jesus suffered death on the cross and rose victorious to life.

You promised to be with us to the end of the age.

On Pentecost your Spirit illuminated and empowered our ancestors.

We come, trusting Your Spirit is with us, speaking and leading us today.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on this gift of water, and all who receive it.

**Remind us of your compassion and grace, empower us with your love,
and send us forth with your justice so that your kin-dom might come right now among us.**

Amen.

Remember your baptism and be thankful.

Thanks be to God.

†PASSING THE PEACE

†SCRIPTURE

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22; 4:1, 14

Laura Dickinson

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Remembering Who We Are

Paul Purdue

†HYMN NO. 605

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

BEACH SPRING

OFFERING

Heather Harriss

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OFFERTORY

With This Water

Fred Gramann

Sanctuary Choir

With this water begins the journey; with this water, forever claimed.

With this water the Lord now leads you. With this water, forever changed.

With this water begins the journey; with this water, forever claimed.

With this water the Lord now leads you. With this water, forever changed.

With these vows your loved ones name you. With these vows your family grows.

With these vows this congregation, now surrounds you, God's love to show. With this water we celebrate now.

With this water let us recall the baptism of our dear Savior, who laid down, His life for all.

†DOXOLOGY

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

†HYMN NO. 610

We Know That Christ Is Raised

ENGELBERG

†BENEDICTION

May the Triune God, whose presence surrounds you always and everywhere,

 bless you with the deep assurance that you are never alone.

In the waters, in the fires, in the far corners of the world, God is with us.

Thanks be to God. Amen.²

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

ENGELBERG from Sonata No. 5

C. V. Stanford

†You are invited to stand as you are able.

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¹written by Rev. Mindi and posted on Rev-o-lution. <http://rev-o-lution.org/2011/10/23/worship-resources-for-october-30-2011-and-all-saints-day/>

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