

WELCOME

Heather Harriss

CENTERING

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

VOLUNTARY

Amanda Dembiec, piano

†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 NO. 610

We Know That Christ Is Raised

ENGELBERG

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.

SCRIPTURE

†Luke 3:15-16, 21-22; 4:1, 14

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Remembering Who We Are

Paul Purdue

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The celebrant gives thanks, remembering God's acts of salvation, and concludes:

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The celebrant continues the thanksgiving.

The institution of the Lord's Supper is recalled, and the celebrant concludes:

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,

we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice,

in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

The celebrant invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and then praises the Trinity, concluding:

All honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

Amen.

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.

BREAKING THE BREAD – SHARING THE CUP

As we celebrate the gift of Holy Communion, everyone is invited.

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us.

Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit,

to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

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²written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, July 2024.

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