



*A star (\*) designates a time for worshipers to stand, as they're able.*

### **Prelude/Silence for Prayer and Confession of Sins**

**P:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

### **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

**P:** Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

**C: Blessed be God now and forever.**

**P:** By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land.

**C: Blessed be God now and forever.**

**P:** In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Blessed be God now and forever.**

**P:** Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that those who are here baptized may be given new life. Wash away the sin of all those who are cleansed by this water and bring them forth as inheritors of your glorious kingdom. To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

**\*Gathering Song**.....*This Is the Spirit's Entry Now*



- 1 This is the Spir - it's en - try now: the wa - ter and the word,
- 2 This mir - a - cle of life re - born comes from the Lord of breath;
- 3 Let wa - ter be the sa - cred sign that we must die each day
- 4 Re - new - ing Spir - it, hear our praise for your bap - tis - mal pow'r



the cross of Je - sus on your brow, the seal both felt and heard.  
the sin - less one from life was torn; our life comes through his death.  
to rise a - gain by his de - sign as fol - l'wers of his way.  
that wash - es us through all our days. Come, cleanse a - gain this hour.

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

## Liturgy of the Word

**\*Gospel Acclamation**



Al - le - lu - ia! Born is the King of kings,



Born is the Lord of lords. Je - sus is born!

**\*Gospel Reading**..... Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

P: The holy Gospel... C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: The Gospel of our Lord... C: Praise to you, O Christ.

**Sermon** ..... The Reverend Andrew D. Zoerb, STS

Song..... *We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus*



1 We are bap-tized in Christ Je - sus, we are bap - tized in his death;  
2 In the wa - ter and the wit - ness, in the break - ing of the bread,  
3 Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, glo - ry be to Christ the Son,



that as Christ is raised vic - to - rious, we might live a brand new life.  
in the wait - ing arms of Je - sus who is ris - en from the dead,  
glo - ry to the Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er three and ev - er one;



And if we have been u - nit - ed in a dread - ful death like his,  
God has made a new be - gin - ning from the ash - es of our past;  
as it was in the be - gin - ning, glo - ry now re - sounds a - gain



we will all be re - u - nit - ed, for he lives.  
in the los - ing and the win - ning we hold fast.  
in a song that has no end - ing. . . . A - men.

## *Affirmation of Baptism*

P: Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and brothers, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

C: Amen

*\*Congregation stands as we continue:*

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

P: Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

C: **I renounce them.**

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C: **I renounce them.**

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C: **I renounce them.**

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: **I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: **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.**

**\*Prayers from the People of God**

*As we pray to the God of new life, the congregation responds with the following:*

P: Lord, in your mercy

C: **Hear our prayer**

*Congregation may be seated.*

P: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear His Word and share in His supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

*(I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.)*

P: People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?

C: **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

**Confirmation Blessings:**

*Each confirmand comes forward to read Scripture and be blessed.*

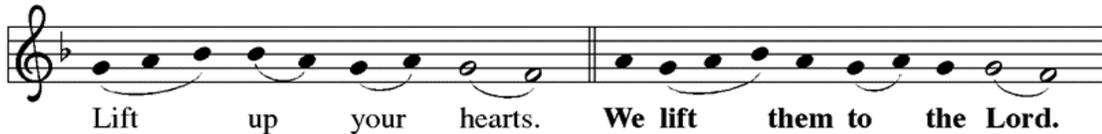
Madison Antolec .....	Matthew 16:24-25
Noah Antolec.....	Deuteronomy 31:6
Micah Bauer.....	1 Chronicles 28:9
Andrew Demmin .....	Ephesians 4:4-6
Vaughn Gehrke.....	Psalms 27:1
Layna Mae Hoogland .....	John 6:35
Abigail Johnson.....	Philippians 3:18-20
Payton Larsen .....	1 John 1:8-9
Julia Ledden .....	1 Samuel 16:7
Spencer Loughhead .....	1 Kings 8:57-58
Sean Malay.....	Psalms 1:1-2
Brock Michiels .....	Proverbs 23:17
Rebecca Pride .....	Isaiah 41:10
Hailee Trembl.....	Matthew 5:8
Collin Trepanier .....	Matthew 11:28-30

P: Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

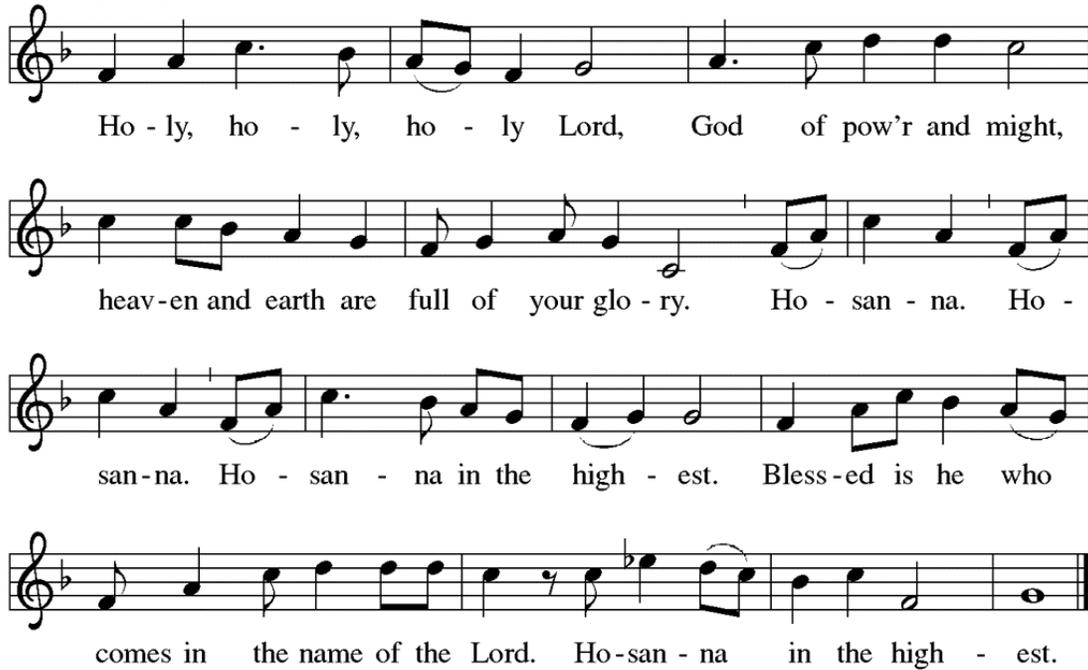
C: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.  
Together we will give thanks and praise to God  
and proclaim the good news to all the world.

## Holy Communion

**\*Great Thanksgiving**



*Our Great Thanksgiving continues...*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

P: You are indeed holy, O God. You surround us with Your glory and mercy, and in the splendor of Your heavenly light You lead us through the darkness of this world. You led Your people Israel by a pillar of fire, as You delivered them from bondage and brought them to the promised land. By the light of Bethlehem's star You led the sages to Your beloved Son, revealing Him to the nations as King of kings and Lord of lords. In words, signs and wonders Your Son gave the light of hope to the disappointed and healing to the disenchanting. Then, at the appointed time, He stretched out His hands on the cross, showing forth the brilliance of a life freely given, that all may have life in Him.

P: This same Lord Jesus, on the night of His betrayal, took bread...

P: When supper had ended, He took the cup...

P: In joy we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

C: **Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

P: We rejoice that You have made us Your people, objects of Christ's redeeming love. We pray that by Your Holy Spirit You will bless and sanctify this Holy Communion, that we may be illumined in faith as we partake of Christ's body and blood, renewed in the forgiveness of sins, and joyous in our hope for Your eternal kingdom.

C: **Through Him, with Him, and in Him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honor and glory are Yours, Almighty Father,  
now and forever. Amen.**

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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.**

P: The Light has shattered the darkness.  
C: Let us follow the Star and behold our God!

### Holy Communion of the Saints of God

*All who are baptized and believe that this, the true body and blood of Christ, has been offered for the forgiveness of your sins, should join in this holy meal.*

### Announcements

### Benediction (Blessing)

\*Sending Song ..... *Christ, When For Us You Were Baptized*



1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spir - it on you  
2 God called you, "My be - lov - ed Son"; you are God's ser - vant  
3 Straight-way and stead - fast un - til death you then o - beyed the  
4 Bap - tize us with your Spir - it, Lord; your cross on us be



came, as peace - ful as a dove, and yet as  
true, sent to pro - claim the reign of heav'n, God's  
call to serve with free and will - ing heart, to  
signed, that like - wise in God's ser - vice we may



ur - gent as a flame, as ur - gent as a flame.  
ho - ly will to do, God's ho - ly will to do.  
give your life for all, to give your life for all.  
per - fect free - dom find, may per - fect free - dom find.

### \*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Pray for the nations.  
C: Thanks be to God!