

 GATHERING	

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Congregation is invited to join in a communal beat as demonstrated by the worship leader.

In the name of the Father (echo) in the name of the Son (echo) in the name of the Spirit (echo) all three in one (echo).

We are claimed by the Father (echo) we are claimed by the Son (echo) we are claimed by the Spirit (echo) gathered up as one (echo).

Gathered in the bond of the Holy Trinity – the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit, we give thanks for God's promises to us given through baptism. Let us pray:

Good and gracious God...Grant this, we pray O God, through Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Following the prayer, the congregation is invited to pour water from their water bottle onto their hands. Feel the water washing over your skin, reminding you that your sin, and the blemishes that mar our common humanity, are forgiven. Freed from sin, you are water-washed and Spirit-born, sent out on purpose for a purpose in Christ's name.

With hands still wet from the water, make the sign of the cross on another in your circle or on yourself, saying, "(Name), you are chosen, claimed, and called by God."

In the name of the Father (echo) in the name of the Son (echo) in the name of the Spirit (echo) all three in one (echo).

We are sent by the Father (echo) we are sent by the Son (echo) we are sent by the Spirit (echo) sent out as one (echo).

GREETING

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

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WORD	
VVORD	

CHILDREN'S SERMON

READING: JEREMIAH 20:7-13

⁷O Lord, you have enticed me,

and I was enticed;

you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed.

I have become a laughingstock all day long;

everyone mocks me.

⁸For whenever I speak, I must cry out,

I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"

For the word of the Lord has become for me

a reproach and derision all day long.

⁹If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name,"

then within me there is something like a burning fire

shut up in my bones;

I am weary with holding it in,

and I cannot.

 $^{10}\mbox{For I}$ hear many whispering:

"Terror is all around!

Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"

All my close friends

are watching for me to stumble.

"Perhaps he can be enticed,

and we can prevail against him,

and take our revenge on him."

¹¹But the Lord is with me like a dread warrior;

therefore my persecutors will stumble,

and they will not prevail.

They will be greatly shamed,

for they will not succeed.

Their eternal dishonor

will never be forgotten.

12O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind;
let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

¹³Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord!For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

READING: MATTHEW 10:24-39

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ²⁴"A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; ²⁵it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

²⁶"So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

³²"Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; ³³but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

³⁴"Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

³⁵For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; ³⁶and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Response to "Lord in your mercy" is "hear our prayer." If you would like to add a prayer petition, email it to Pastor Aleese at pastoraleesebaldwin@gmail.com

MOMENT OF THANKS

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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 forever. Amen.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Congregation is invited to share communion elements with those in their circle, saying "The body of Christ, given for you," and "the blood of Christ, shed for you." If you are by yourself, hear the words proclaimed by Pastor Aleese as words spoken for you. If you need communion elements, please inform an usher or greeter. All are welcome to share in God's feast that makes us one.

SENDING	-
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BLESSING

Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

May the blessing of our almighty God, the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all!

And also with you!

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

All are invited to share the sign of the peace with those around them by using a peace sign or a gentle bow. Congregation is invited to remain for a time of fellowship while physically distancing.

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