

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...

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



PSALM: PSALM 89: 1-4, 15-18

¹I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever;

with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

²I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;

your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

³You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one,

I have sworn to my servant David:

⁴'I will establish your descendants forever, and build your throne for all generations."

¹⁵Happy are the people who know the festal shout,

who walk, O LORD, in the light of your countenance;

¹⁶they exult in your name all day long,

and extol your righteousness.

¹⁷For you are the glory of their strength;

by your favor our horn is exalted.

¹⁸For our shield belongs to the LORD,

our king to the Holy One of Israel.

READING: MATTHEW 10: 40-42

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ⁴⁰"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴²and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

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 pastor@shepherdofthecross.org

MEAL	

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.