

Trinity Episcopal Church

Union – St. Luke's

Claremont, & Charlestown

January 10, 2021

Baptism of Our Lord

10:00am via ZOOM

Officiant: Interim Vicar, The Rev. Susan Eibner



CALL TO WORSHIP:

Abundant God, who spoke words of love for Jesus at his baptism, and who yet speaks words of love for us at the font, be present with us this day. Speak to us anew that we may speak boldly if you in a world that desperately longs to be re-created in your love. Gather us and inspire us.

Amen.*

(*adapted from *Before the Amen* by Maren Tirabassi p. 35)

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

People And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and for ever. Amen

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
whose voice is upon the waters,
whose mercy is poured out upon all people,
whose goodness cascades over all creation.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,

you search us and know us.

You are acquainted with all our ways.

**We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—
our own sins and the broken systems that bind us.**

We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love.

We distrust those who are not like us.

We exploit the earth and its resources and fail to consider generations to come.

Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone.

**Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them;
receive them in your divine mercy.**

Amen.

How vast is God's grace!

Through the power and promise of ✚ Christ Jesus,
our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God's own beloved.
Indeed, we are forgiven.

In the wake of God's forgiveness, we are called to be the beloved community
living out Christ's justice and the Spirit's reconciling peace.

Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING:

GENESIS 1:1-5

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 29 (READ RESPONSIVELY BY WHOLE VERSE)

¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

⁴**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

⁶**the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

⁷The voice of the LORD
bursts forth in lightning flashes.

⁸**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.
And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

¹⁰**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

¹¹O LORD, give strength to your people;
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

¹While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ²He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." ³Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." ⁴Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." ⁵On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—⁷altogether there were about twelve of them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL HYMN

ELW #453

Baptized and Set Free



1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.
 2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.
 3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,
 4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.
 Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.
 and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.
 All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door
 For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:
 As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:
 Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.
 end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.
 pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.
 one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

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The holy gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The Gospel of Our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY ~ THE REV. SUSAN EIBNER

Silence for reflection

THE NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally
begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God
from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the
power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin
Mary, and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the
Scriptures;**

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

Officiant and People

**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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THANKSGIVING

Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence.

For the church throughout the world and its leaders, especially our Bishops, Rob and Jim, our Interim Vicar, Susan, and Community Lutheran Church, Enfield, NH, that guided by the Holy Spirit they proclaim the forgiveness of sins, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For wilderness and water, wind and wild beasts, and all living things on earth, that God's goodness is revealed through creation and faithful stewards care for all God has made, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the nations of the world and their leaders, for laborers busy both day and night, and for peacemakers amid strife, for the advancement of civil rights for all, and that God inspire all people to use their strength wisely, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the sick and those who provide medical care, for the imprisoned and those who show them mercy, for the lonely and those who provide companionship, for all who suffer, especially those on our parish prayer list, that God shower them with compassion and strength, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the congregation gathered here, for students returning to school, for those seeking renewal in their daily work, that all the beloved of God experience grace and peace, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

We pray in gratitude for all blessings received, and for needs we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts... **please add after your prayer, "Anyone else?"**

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

In thanksgiving for the faithful departed who now rest from their labors, that their witness inspire us in our baptismal vocations, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

An Offertory Sentence

God of glory, in baptism we dedicate our lives to you and pledge to become your voice of love in the world. Hold us close in our baptismal vows as we bring ourselves, our time, and our possessions to you that they may be gifts of your love in a world in which your tender voice of love is often drowned out by voices of violence, hatred, and oppression. Use us and all we have to your glory. **Amen.**

OFFERTORY HYMN

ELW #407

O Living Breath of God



- 1 O liv-ing Breath of God, wind at the be-gin - ning up-on the wa - ters;
- 2 O liv-ing Breath of God, by whose pow'r the Son came to birth a - mong us;
- 3 O liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing us to life through bap-tis-mal wa - ters;



- O liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing the cre - a - tion to won-drous birth:
- O liv-ing Breath of God, who to the cre - a - tion gives life a - new:
- O liv-ing Breath of God, sigh-ing with cre - a - tion for free-dom's birth:



Come now, and fill our spir - its; pour out your gifts a - bun - dant.



O liv-ing Breath of God, Ho-ly Spir-it, breathe in us as we pray.

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Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

O God, receive these gifts as you receive us:

like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide.

Nourish us anew in your tender care, and empower us in faithful service to tend to others with this same love, through Jesus Christ, our saving grace. **Amen.**

READING: LUKE 22:14-20

When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. And he said to them, “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God.” After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, “Take this and divide it among you. For I tell you I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.”

PRAYER FOR BREAD:

Leader:

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Creator of the universe. You bring forth bread from the earth; you have fed us with the bread of life in the Body of your Son. Feed us now with your presence among us and your presence in your Word. As grain scattered upon the earth is gathered into one loaf, so gather your Church in every place into the kingdom of your Son. To you be glory and power for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

PRAYER FOR DRINK:

Leader: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Creator of the universe. You create the fruit of the vine; and you refresh us with the cup of salvation in the Blood of Jesus Christ, crucified yet risen. May the time come quickly when we can share that cup again, even as you are with us now in our very thirst for you. Glory to you for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

Leader: Take this bread, share this wine. In these Christ comes to us with love from God. The gifts of God for the people of God. *(Please eat what you have brought to your table as you contemplate the goodness of Jesus, the one who comes to us in this season of Epiphany).*

POST AGAPE FEAST PRAYER

Christ Jesus,
at this table we have feasted on your very life and are strengthened for our journey.
Send us forth from this banquet nourished in body and in spirit
to proclaim your good news and serve others in your name.
Amen.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Officiant and People

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People : Thanks be to God.

BLESSING ~

God the creator strengthen you;
Jesus the beloved fill you;
and the Holy Spirit the comforter ✝ keep you in peace.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

Marked with the cross of Christ, go in peace. Be the light of Christ.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

~ Coffee Chat ~

Please Pray for:

***All Families separated by Social Distancing;
Nursing Homes and Long term Care Facilities;***

Phil, Peggy, Bryan, Holly, Sue, Art, Alcides, Ellen, Aimee, Melina, Shelly, Pam, Crissan, Nancy, Jeff, Emma, Bill, Caroline, Roseann, Cathy, Tim, Connie, Isabel S., Kevin, Cris, Richard, Liz, Steve P, Pat Mc, Michael, Rachel, Elizabeth, Tom, Kenny, Tam, Kim, Peter, Alison, Sue, Art, Bev, Agnes, Dennis, Brad, Ed, Jason, Kilee, Jesse, Cece, Dan, Pat, Steve, Stephanie, Josh, Mike C., Kate, Janie, Bruce, Brian, Marlene, Matthew M., Vera, Bonnie, Cassie, John, Christine, Ken, Nelson, Alice, Lindsay, Katie, Drew, Matthew, Hannah, James, Bill S., Virginia, Gabriel, Elizabeth, Betty, Cindy, Chris, Eleanor, David, Lynn, Judy, Joanna, Pam, Faith, Wendy, Tara

In September of 2015 Trinity Episcopal Church and Prince of Peace Lutheran Church joined together to begin a joint ministry in downtown Claremont.

Prince of Peace sold its building and moved into Trinity Episcopal Church.

The purpose of this ministry is to better serve the Claremont community through outreach and mission.

The congregations decided to meld their traditions together, creating worship experiences that honor both Lutheran and Episcopal traditions.

All are welcome to participate in and share this joint ministry with us.



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