

## The Voice of God

Are you longing to hear God's voice? What would it be like to hear God call you by name? For many it seems that God spoke to people long ago and far away, but now in this time and place God's voice is much less clear and less audible. Perhaps we cannot hear the voice of God because our world is full of noise? Perhaps we are not open to the particular frequency in which God chooses to call us? Perhaps we continually tune out this heavenly summons with our daily rush, not taking the time to quiet ourselves, our minds, our inner voices. We can use this time after Epiphany to clear out a corner of our lives for quiet prayer, meditation, or centering.

Maybe then we will be able to hear . . . to sense . . . to listen.

Listen! God's voice comes from heaven to call us by name, speak to the earth, shake the wilderness, and to anoint "the Beloved." Listen! God's people speak words of covenant, commitment, and community in the liturgy of baptism. Listen! God's word surrounds this day with power and majesty and "in the temple of the Lord all are crying, 'Glory!'" (Ps. 29:9). In this season of epiphanies, today's miraculous encounter with the living God immerses us in the sound of God's voice and bathes us in God's baptismal promise. All who are splashed by this water gasp, cry, exclaim, sigh, and sing. Let all who have breath, praise the Lord!

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## BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

*January 13, 2019*

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

#### PRELUDE

*Paul Griffith, Organist*  
*"To Jordan Came Our Lord, the Christ" J.S. Bach*

#### ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

☞ Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates us and forms us, who redeems us and calls us, who unites us and sends us.

☞ **Amen.**

☞ Let us confess our sin with confidence in God's promise of forgiveness,

*Silence for reflection and self examination.*

☞ Mighty and loving God,

☞ **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We seek our own way. We divide the body of Christ. In your mercy, cleanse us and heal us. Let the words of our mouths, the thoughts of our hearts, and everything that we do be filled with faith, hope, and love. Amen.**

☞ Hear the voice of Jesus: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to proclaim release to the captives." In the name of † Jesus Christ, I proclaim to you that your sins are forgiven and you are released. The joy of the Lord is your strength, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are yours forever.

☞ **Amen.**

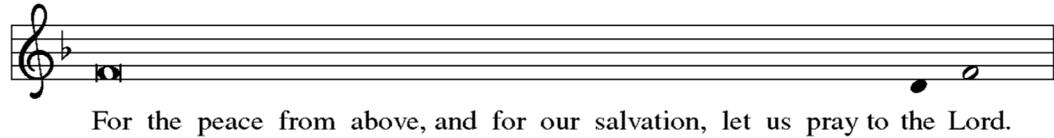
**APOSTOLIC GREETING**

- 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.

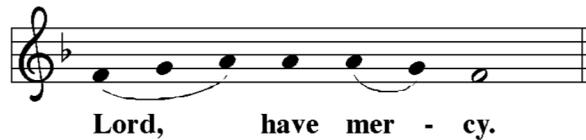
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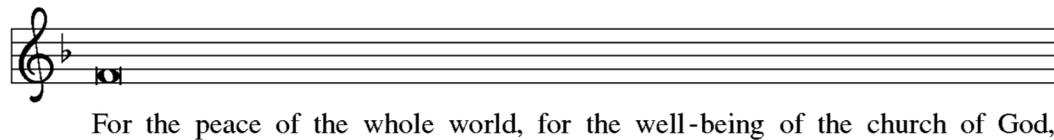
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



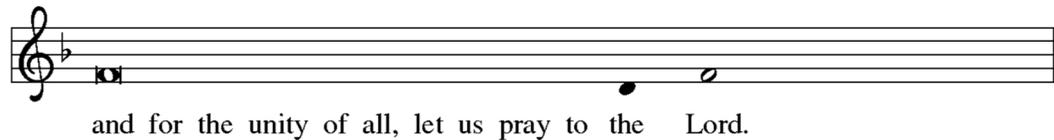
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



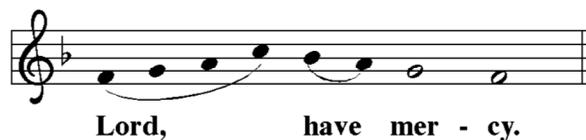
Lord, have mer - cy.



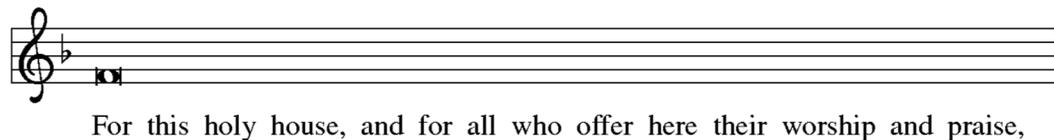
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

We then join in singing:

**800** Spirit of God  
**802** Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus

**BLESSING**

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C** Amen.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

- P** We thank you, O God, That you have fed us at your banqueting table with bread and wine beyond compare, the very life of Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use your gifts to build one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C** Amen

**SPECIAL MUSIC (8:00)**

“My Son, the Beloved”

David Blackwell

**BENEDICTION**

- P** The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.
- C** Amen.

**DISMISSAL**

- P** Go in peace. Christ is your light.
- C** Thanks be to God!

**HYMN 456**

“Baptized in Water”

**POSTLUDE**

“Postlude on Italian Hymn”

Edward Broughton

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### LORD'S PRAYER

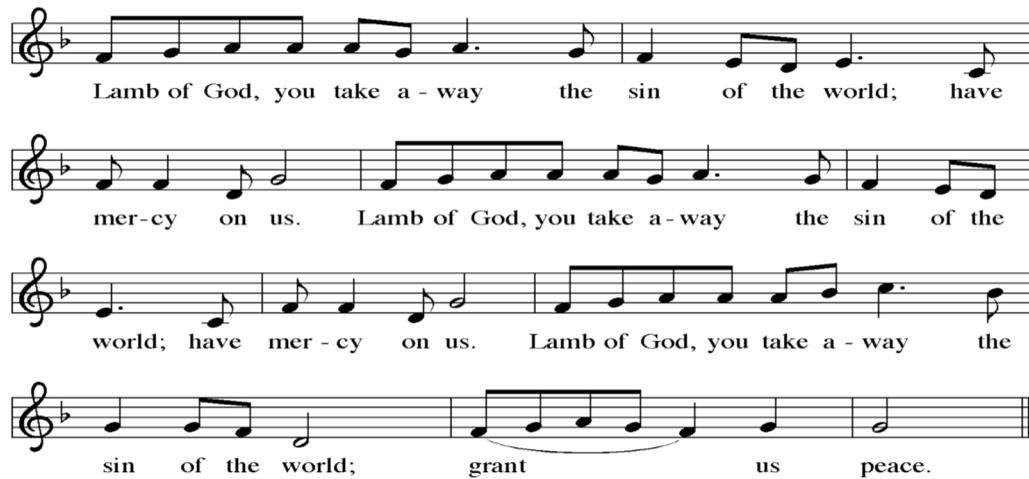
- P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us all to pray:  
**C** **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass 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** Come to the table. Feast on God's abundant life for you.  
**C** **Thanks be to God!**

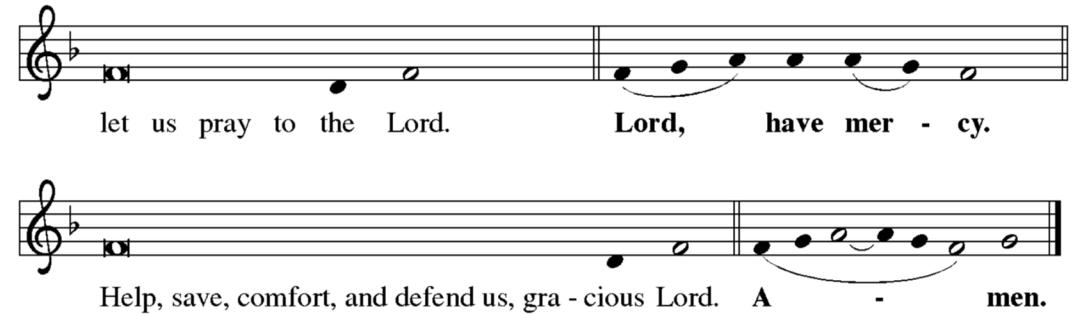
### DISTRIBUTION

*All baptized Christians are welcome to the Lord's Supper. Please fill out a registration card and hand it to the usher.  
We will gladly commune anyone in their seat if they are unable to come forward for communion.  
Gluten-free communion wafers are available upon request.*

### AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.



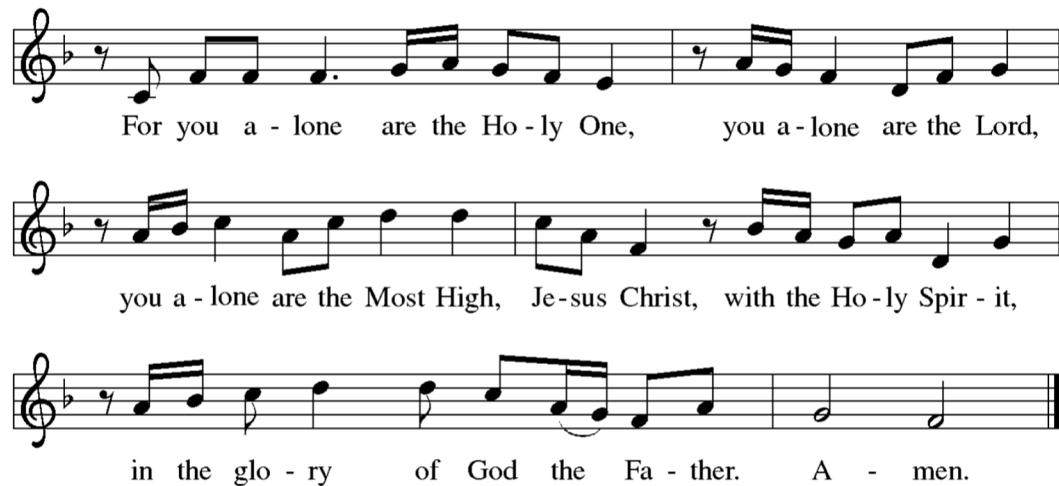
let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.  
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

### CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.  
All  
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,  
we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.  
Lord Je-sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;  
you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,  
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

☐ Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☑ Amen.

**First Reading: Isaiah 43:1-7**

*Near the end of Israel's exile in Babylon, God promises to bring them home. They need no longer be afraid, because the one who formed, created, and called them by name now redeems them from all their enemies. God declares them precious and honored, and God loves them.*

<sup>1</sup>But now thus says the LORD,  
 he who created you, O Jacob,  
 he who formed you, O Israel:  
 Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
 I have called you by name, you are mine.

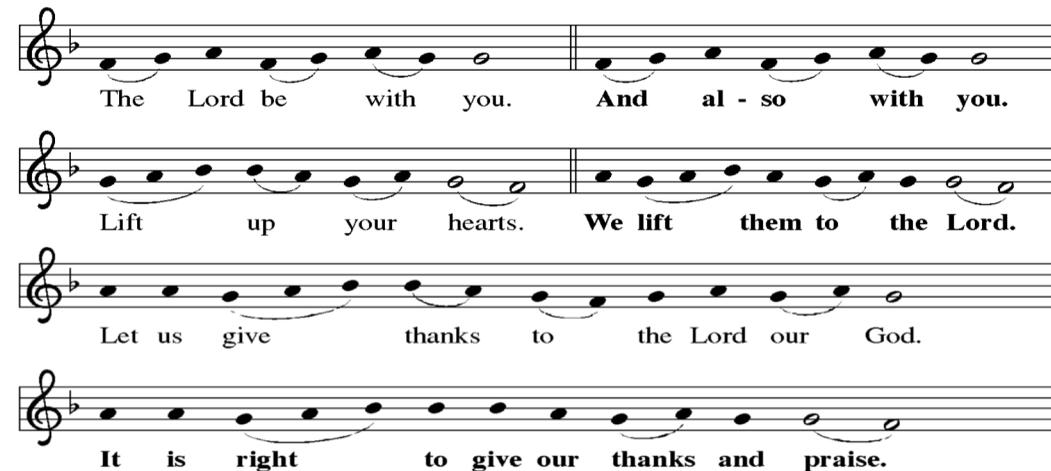
<sup>2</sup>When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
 and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
 when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
 and the flame shall not consume you.

**OFFERING PRAYER**

☐ God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☑ Amen

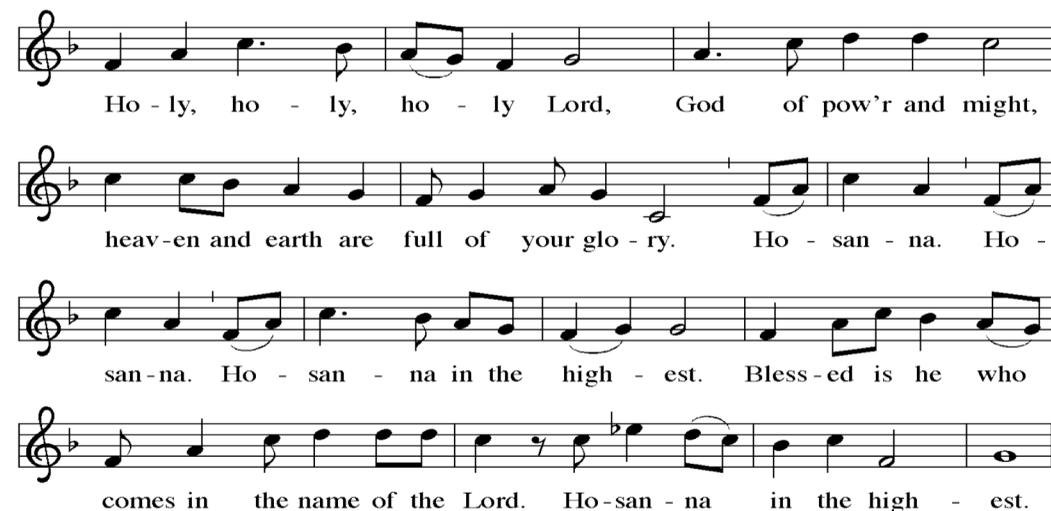
**HOLY COMMUNION**



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

**PREFACE FOR THE SEASON OF EPIPHANY**

**SANCTUS**



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.

**PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE** (Lord in your mercy ... **Hear our prayer**)

**WE SHARE GOD'S PEACE**

**P** The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**G** **And also with you**

*We share a sign of peace*

**OFFERING**

*We give with joy in our hearts, we give and sing joyfully. We give because we know the amazing ways God works through our congregation to make a difference in the community and around the world. Simply scan this QR code to give online.*



**ORGAN OFFERTORY** "Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized" David Johnson

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE**



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles-sing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

<sup>3</sup>For I am the LORD your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.  
I give Egypt as your ransom,  
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

<sup>4</sup>Because you are precious in my sight,  
and honored, and I love you,  
I give people in return for you,  
nations in exchange for your life.

<sup>5</sup>Do not fear, for I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from the east,  
and from the west I will gather you;

<sup>6</sup>I will say to the north, "Give them up,"  
and to the south, "Do not withhold;  
bring my sons from far away  
and my daughters from the end of the earth—

<sup>7</sup>everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made."

**L** The Word of the Lord! **G** Thanks be to God!



**Psalm: Psalm 29**

The voice of the LORD is upon the waters. (Ps. 29:3)

<sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the | LORD, you gods,  
ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength.

<sup>2</sup>**Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due God's name;**  
**worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness.**

<sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of | glory thunders;  
the LORD is upon the | mighty waters.

<sup>4</sup>**The voice of the LORD is a pow- | erful voice;**  
**the voice of the LORD is a | voice of splendor.**

<sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedar trees;  
the LORD breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon;

<sup>6</sup>**the LORD makes Lebanon skip | like a calf,**  
**and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.**

<sup>7</sup>The voice | of the LORD

bursts forth in | lightning flashes.

**8The voice of the LORD| shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD shakes the wilder- | ness 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!”**

**10The LORD sits enthroned a- | bove the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king for- | evermore.**

**11O LORD, give strength | to your people;  
give them, O LORD, the bless- | ings of peace.**

## Second Reading: Acts 8:14-17

*Peter and John are sent to support the new Christians in Samaria, a group that was recently baptized after hearing the good news of Christ through the preaching of Philip. Here the Samaritans receive the gift of the Holy Spirit in the laying on of hands.*

**14**Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. **15**The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit **16**(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). **17**Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

☐ The Word of the Lord! ☑ **Thanks be to God!**

## ALLELUIA VERSE

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

☐ The Gospel according to Luke the 3rd Chapter ☑ **Glory to you, O Lord**

*The reading opens with questions about the identity of the Messiah. John the Baptist insists that he is not the Messiah; instead he points ahead to one who is coming. And whether the voice of God was heard by all or only by Jesus, God settles the matter: Jesus is God's beloved Son.*

**15**As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, **16**John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. **17**His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

**21**Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, **22**and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

☐ The Gospel of the Lord. ☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SPECIAL MUSIC (9:30)

“My Son, the Beloved”

David Blackwell

## SERMON

Pastor Josh Johnson

## HYMN 304

“Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized”

## APOSTLES' CREED

☐ With the whole Church on Earth, we confess our faith.

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

**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.**

**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. Amen**