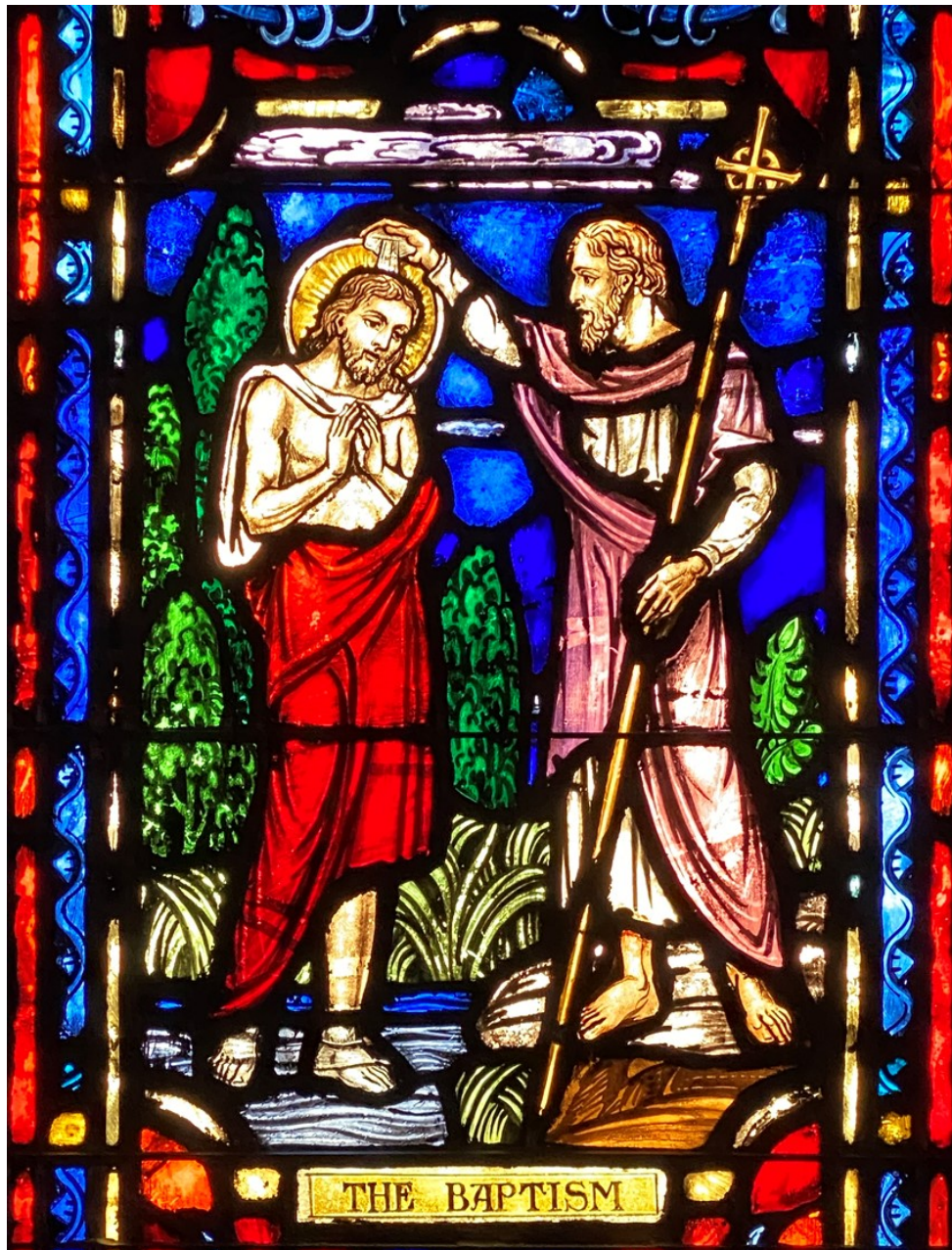


Baptism of Our Lord

January 9, 2022, 8:45 am



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Today's festival rejoices in God's blessings. We recall and celebrate our adoption as God's children, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the promised company of almighty God when we "pass through the waters . . . the rivers . . . fire." On this day the heavens open again for this assembly, and we receive the gift of God's Beloved, Jesus, in bread and wine.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

To Jordan came our Lord, the Christ , BWV 684

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

WELCOME

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. On this day of Jesus' baptism, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water is poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

**We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.**

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN • ELW 310

Songs of thankfulness

Salzburg



- 1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;
- 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, proph-et, priest, and king su - preme;
- 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole weak-ened bod - y, faint - ing soul;
- 4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,
and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;
man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell-ing all the dev - il's might;
grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;
man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring-ing good from ill:
that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,



an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,
an - thems be to thee ad-dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.
an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,
and may praise thee, ev - er blest,

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–1885, alt.
Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702

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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain

Lis - ten! you na-tions of the world: lis-ten to the Word of the Lord. An -
nounce it from coast to coast; de-clare it to dis - tant is - lands.

1 The Lord who scat-tered Is - ra - el will gath - er his peo - ple a - gain; and
he will keep watch o-ver them as a shep-herd watch-es his flock.

2 With shouts of joy they will come, their fac - es ra-diant-ly hap-py, for the
Lord is so gen - 'rous to them; he show-ers his peo-ple with gifts.

3 Young wom - en will dance for joy, and men young and old will make
mer-ry. Like a gar - den re-freshed by the rain, they will nev - er be in want a -
gain. Break in - to shouts of great joy; Ja - cob is free a - gain! Teach
na - tions to sing the song: "The Lord has saved his peo - ple!"

Refrain

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

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.

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 43:1-7

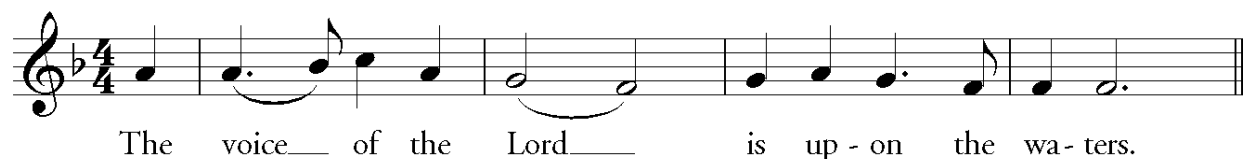
Near the end of Israel's exile in Babylon, God promises to bring the people home. They need no longer be afraid, because the one who formed, created, and called them by name now redeems them from all their enemies. God declares them precious and honored, and God loves them.

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. 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. 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. 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. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; 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— everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Cantor introduces the refrain. The people sing the second time. Please sing the verses in bold. Antiphons are sung once where indicated.



tone: CRANHAM

¹ Ascribe to the [Lord] you gods,*

ascribe to the Lord [glory] and strength.

² Ascribe to the Lord the glory [due] his name;*

worship the Lord in the [beauty] of holiness.

³ The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; ... the God of [glo]-ry thunders;*
the Lord is upon the [might]-y waters.

⁴ The voice of the Lord is a [pow'r]-ful voice;*
the voice of the Lord is a [voice] of splendor.

⁵ The voice of the Lord [breaks] the cedar trees;*

the Lord breaks the [cedars] of Lebanon;

⁶ he makes Lebanon [skip like] a calf;*

and Mount Hermon like a [young] wild ox.

Antiphon

⁷ The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; ...

the voice of the Lord [shakes] the wilderness;*

the Lord shakes the [wilderness] of Kadesh.

⁸ The voice of the Lord makes the [oak] trees writhe*

and strips the [for]-ests bare.

⁹ And in the temple [of] the Lord*

all are [cry]-ing "Glory!"

¹⁰ The Lord sits enthroned a-[bove] the flood;*

the Lord sits enthroned as king for-[ev]-ermore.

¹¹ The Lord shall give [strength to] his people;*

the Lord shall give his people the [blessing] of peace.

Antiphon

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.

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

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(8:45)



Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Choir: A voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." (Matt. 3:17)

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the third 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.

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, 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. 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."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, 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."

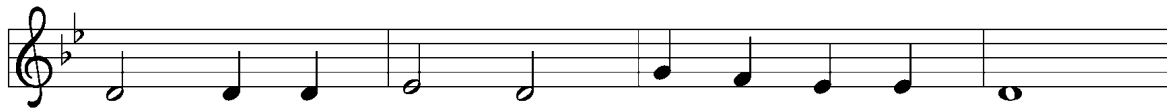
The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

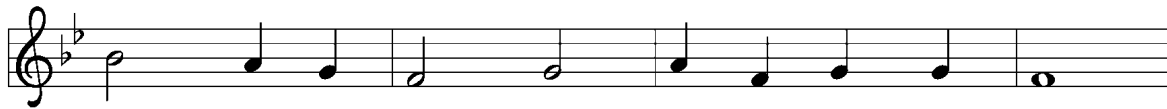
HYMN OF THE DAY • ELW 800

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

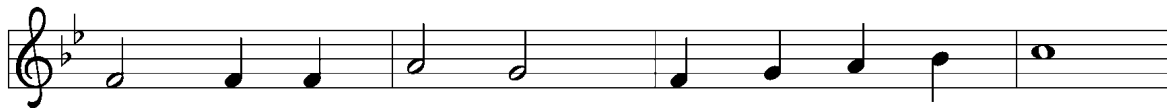
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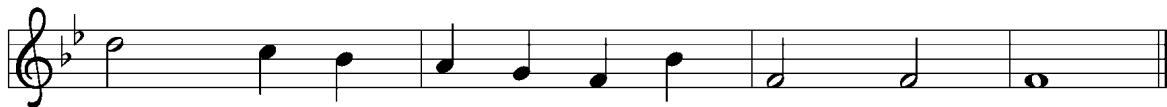
1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
 2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,
 3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;
 4 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,



wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
 all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame:



stoop to my weak - ness, strength to me im - part,
 no an - gel vis - i - tant, no op - 'ning skies;
 I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.
 the bap - tism of the heav'n - de - scend - ed dove,



and make me love you as I ought to love.
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
 Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!
 my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.

Text: George Croly, 1780–1860

Music: MORECAMBE, Frederick C. Atkinson, 1841–189

NICENE CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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; was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

After each portion of the prayers:

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

We invite you to give your offering online at saintlukegive.us then click *Giving* or on the Give Plus app. You may also mail your checks to:

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ANTHEM

The Grace Divine

Come, let us use the grace divine, and all with one accord,
In a perpetual covenant join ourselves to Christ the Lord;
Give up ourselves, through Jesus' power, His Name to glorify;
And promise, in this sacred hour, for God to live and die.

The covenant we this moment make be ever kept in mind;
We will no more our God forsake, or cast these words behind.
We never will throw off the fear of God Who hears our vow;
And if Thou art well pleased to hear, come down and meet us now.

Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, let all our hearts receive,
Present with Thy celestial host the peaceful answer give;
to each covenant the blood apply which takes our sins away,
And register our names on high and keep us to that day!

Words: Charles Wesley, 1762

Music: *Resignation*, arr. Roger Price

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Good and loving God, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Please pray in your own preferred language.

Gathered into one by the Holy 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 ever. Amen.**

**Padre Nuestro Que estas en los cielos
Santificado sea tu Nombre
Venga a nosostros tu Reino
Hagase tu voluntad asi en la tierra como en el cielo
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada dia
Perdona nuestras ofensas
Como nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden
Y no nos dejes caer en la tentacion mas libranos del mal
Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder y la Gloria
Por los siglos de los siglos. Amen**

SENDING

BLESSING

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name,
✠ bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN • ELW 304

Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized

Lobt Gott, Ihr Christen



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.

Text: F. Bland Tucker, 1895–1984, alt.

Music: LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN, Nikolaus Herman, 1480–1561

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DISMISSAL

Go with Christ into a weary world.

Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

Salzburg, arr. Aaron Shows (b. 1989)

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THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

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JAN

8:45 am Worship, *streaming online*

10:15 am Faith Formation *online*

5: 00 pm San Lucas Misa, *online*

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

16
JAN

8:45 am Worship, *streaming online*

10:15 am Faith Formation *online*

3: 00 pm San Lucas Gospel Meditation, *Online*

Upcoming Commemorations

Adrian of Canterbury, teacher, died around 710 (TFF)

Sunday, January 9, 2022

African by birth, Adrian (or Hadrian) worked with Theodore, archbishop of Canterbury, in developing the church in England. He was director of a school at which church leaders were trained.

Martin Luther King Jr., renewer of society, martyr, died 1968

Saturday, January 15, 2022

An American prophet of justice among races and nations, King was an eloquent preacher, a leader of the nonviolent resistance to race-segregated society, and recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. Born on this date, he was assassinated on April 4, 1968.

Music Ministry Page

HYMN NOTES

Songs of thankfulness and praise

Christopher Wordsworth, 1807-1885

“Epiphany” means “manifestation” of Christ to the world, and the author used the word “manifest” twelve times to describe Christ’s birth, baptism, appearance at the wedding feast of Cana, healing the sick, and his powers over evil. Thus the hymn becomes not only praise to God, but a time for learning more about Epiphany and about Christ himself.—Hymn Notes for Church Bulletins

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart

George Croly, 1780-1860

Some hymn writers such as Watts and Wesley are remembered for many great hymns, but most writers are lucky if only one hymn survives. This hymn by Croly, based on Galatians 5:25 (“If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit”), is a very intense and personal prayer for God’s Spirit to take over our life, purify it, and fill it with the pure love of angels. The last line is particularly appealing: “My heart and altar, and thy love the flame.”

Christ, when for us you were baptized

Bland Tucker, 1895-1984

The son of a bishop and brother of a Presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church, he was educated at the University of Virginia, B.A., 1914, and at Virginia Theological Seminary, B.D., 1920; D.D., 1944. He was ordained deacon in 1918, priest in 1920, after having served as a private in Evacuation Hospital No.15 of the American Expeditionary Forces in France during World War I.

His first charge was as a rector of Grammer Parish, Brunswick County, in southern Virginia. From 1925 to 1945, he was rector of historic St. John’s Church, Georgetown, Washington, D.C. Then until retirement in 1967 he was rector of John Wesley’s parish in Georgia, old Christ Church, Savannah. In “Reflections of a Hymn Writer” (The Hymn 30.2, April 1979, pp.115–116), he speaks of never having a thought of writing a hymn until he was named a member of the Joint Commission on the Revision of the Hymnal in 1937 which prepared the Hymnal 1940 The Hymnal 1940 Companion, and was then named to the Joint Commission on Church Music of the Episcopal Church where he served from 1946 to 1958. Subsequently he served on the Theological Committee which reviewed material for the successor to The Hymnal 1940. There his poetic talent was most adept at providing new phrases in older hymns where the original lines were too obsolete or sexist for late-twentieth-century users of the hymnal.

Several of the hymns which he wrote for The Hymnal 1940 have been adopted by hymnals of other denominations throughout the English-speaking world. At its annual convocation, Princeton, New Jersey, 1980, Fr. Tucker was named a Fellow of the Hymn Society of America.

MUSIC NOTES

Prelude: “Christ, unser Herr, zum Jordan kam,” BWV 684—Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

This chorale arrangement is brimming with cheerfulness. Luther’s hymn ‘Christ, unser Herr, zum Jordan kam’ is one with a very special promise: that of a new life. Christ was baptized in the Jordan by St John, and he baptizes us to cleanse us of our sins. But the baptismal water is no ordinary water, as it is colored with the blood of Christ. Through the water of death, the person baptized is reborn in Christ. While the chorale melody sounds in long notes in the pedal, the river water ripples gaily in fast notes over two keyboards, without being turned anywhere along the banks. In the four-voiced arrangement, there are many question and answer games between the three highest parts, which emphasize once again the carefree unity of those being purified.

Anthem: The Grace Divine—Roger Price

This text written by Charles Wesley is set to the hymn tune RESIGNATION, an Early American tune usually set to Psalm 23.

Postlude: Songs of thankfulness and praise—Aaron Shows (b. 1989)

The setting of the hymn tune SALZBURG is a straightforward accompanying voice played on a chorus of flutes in the right hand on top of the tune played on a principal stop in the left hand. The right hand plays a refrain in between statements of the different phrases of the tune.