

WORSHIP, WITH THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM JANUARY 10, 2021

WELCOME *If you are joining us virtually, please have a small bowl or cup of plain water in front of you to dip your hand into as we remember our baptisms.*

PRELUDE AND BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

CALL TO WORSHIP

The heavens open. The Spirit descends.

Jesus emerges from the water.

And a voice echoes through the blue expanse.

"This is my child, the Beloved, with whom I am well-pleased."

Jesus is named. Claimed.

We come to the water. We remember we are named. Claimed.

Can it be so? What a thing to be named. Claimed.

Let us worship the one who names and claims us still.¹

OPENING HYMN *Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters* #605, vs 1, 2

Wash, O God, our sons and daughters,
where your cleansing waters flow.
Number them among your people;
bless as Christ blessed long ago.
Weave them garments bright and
sparkling;
compass them with love and light
Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit,
holy dove and heart's delight.

We who bring them long for nurture;
by your milk may we be fed.
Let us join your feast, partaking
cup of blessing, living bread.
God, renew us, guide our footsteps;
free from sin and all its snares,
one with Christ in living, dying,
by your Spirit, children, heirs

PRAYER

Lord, we love you. We magnify your name because there is none like you. We give your name praise because we understand that you love us and that you care for us. You have given us the precious gift of baptism, and we don't take it for granted. You sent your Son, Jesus, to be baptized with water, so that we in turn could be baptized with your Holy Spirit. Lord, for that, we thank you. It is in Jesus' name, we pray. **AMEN.**

WORDS FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE

Mark 1:9-11

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Introduction

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

to all the people, and especially parents and sponsors:

And so I ask you, will you turn away from the powers of sin and death?

We renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of our sin!

Will you let the Spirit use you as prophets to the powers that be?

We accept the freedom and power God gives us to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves!

Will you proclaim the good news and live as disciples of Jesus Christ, his body on earth?

We confess Jesus Christ as our Savior, put our whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as our Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races!

To parents, family and sponsors:

Will you nurture Jersey and Ashlyn in Christ's holy church?

By teaching and example

we will guide them to accept God's grace for themselves, to profess their faith openly, and to lead a Christian life.

Will you be living witnesses to the gospel, individually and together, wherever you are, and in all that you do?

We will remain faithful members of Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world.

Will you nurture one another in living the faith of the church and include Jersey and Ashlyn in your care?

With God's help we will live the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We will embody faith, hope and love so that Jersey and Ashlyn will learn to trust God and live Love's service in the world. We will pray for them on their journey of discipleship among us.

Will you receive and profess the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

We affirm and teach the faith of the whole church as we put our trust in God, the Father Almighty, in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, and in the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

Thanksgiving over the Water

Baptism with Laying on of Hands

Ashlyn, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
Parents, family and sponsors lay their hands on Ashlyn.

The Holy Spirit work with you, that being born through water and the Spirit,
you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Jersey, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
Parents, family and sponsors lay their hands on Jersey.

The Holy Spirit work with you, that being born through water and the Spirit,
you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Let us welcome our new sisters in Christ.

Child of God by water and the Spirit, we welcome you into God's new creation.
Share with us in Christ's royal priesthood. With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you as a member of Christ's church.

Those who are virtually part of this time, you may cup the water in front of you, letting it run through your fingers. To you in the sanctuary, if you will place your hands over the font, I will pour water from this pitcher over them.

"Remember that you are baptized, and rejoice!"

The Holy Spirit work within you, that being born of water and the Spirit you may live as a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

HYMN *Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters* #605, vs 3

Oh, how deep your holy wisdom!
Unimagined, all your ways!
To your name be glory, honor!
With our lives we worship, praise!

We your people stand before you,
water washed and Spirit born.
By your grace, our lives we offer.
Recreate us; God, transform!

DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES *Lord's Prayer*

BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE AND FOLLOWING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD.

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