



THE COMMUNITY OF ST. PHILIP AT WORSHIP

JANUARY 13, 2019

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Preparation for Worship

*Holy God, you sent your Son to be baptized among sinners,
to seek and save the lost. May we who have been baptized in his name,
never turn away from the world, but reach out in love to rescue the wayward;
by the mercy of Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

Tolling of the Hour—II

Greeting

Please sign and pass the friendship folder.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Voluntary

Récit de Cromorne

Nicolas de Grigny
(1672-1703)

Introit—II

The Baptism of Christ

Andrew March
(b. 1973)

Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:
may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children;
through Jesus Christ our Savior.

✦ Call to Worship

✦ Hymn 490

Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughter

BEACH SPRING

✦ Prayer of Confession

**In the waters of baptism, O God,
you have cleansed us and claimed us.
Forgive us for resisting your grace
and for denying your name.
We have followed our own paths,
and they have led us far from you.**

**Help us to live into our baptisms,
to trust that all we need is in you,
for you have marked us as your own,
loving us without limit.
Wash us with your love yet again,
so that with clean hearts we may go in the way of Jesus.**

(silent prayer)

Holy One, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

✦ Declaration of Forgiveness

Believe the Good News. **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

✦ Response

GLORIA (Taizé)

Canon—4 voices

1. Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, 2. in ex - cel - sis De - o!

3. Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, 4. al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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✦ The Peace

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Signs of peace and reconciliation may be exchanged.

Conversation with Children

Afterwards, children may stay with their parents, or ages 1-4 may go to child care in Room 106. Children pre-k through first grade may go to Children's Chapel.

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Isaiah 43:1-7

O.T. pg. 672

The voice of the Lord, powerful and full of majesty.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Luke 3:21-22

N.T. pg. 60

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Thanks be to God.

Anthem

The Baptism of Christ

Rachel Aarons
2015

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 in bodily form like a dove.
And a voice came down from heaven,
“You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

— Luke 3:21-22

Sermon

Who Is Jesus?

John W. Wurster

Silence and stillness

✠ Hymn 159

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem

KINGSFOLD

Ordination and Installation—II

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

**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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil;
for Thine is the Kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever. Amen.**

Offering

*Gifts may be given anytime at www.saintphilip.net
or text “SPPC” to 73256 and follow the prompts.*

Offertory Solo—I

When Jesus Came to Jordan

Hal Hopson
(b. 1933)

When Jesus came to Jordan to be baptized by John,
he did not come for pardon, but as the Sinless One.
He came to share repentance with all who mourn their sins,
to speak the vital sentence with which good news begins.

He came to share temptation, our utmost woe and loss,
for us and our salvation to die upon the cross.
So when the Dove descended on him, the Son of Man,
the hidden years had ended, the age of grace began.

Come, Holy Spirit, aid us to keep the vows we make;
this very day invade us, and every bondage break.
Come, give our lives direction, the gift we covet most:
to share the resurrection that leads to Pentecost.

— words by Fred Pratt Green (1903–2000)

Offertory Anthem—II

The Baptism of Christ

Michael Bedford
(b. 1949)

Jesus autem hodie regressus est a Jordane.

[Today Jesus returned to the Jordan.]

When Jesus Christ baptized was,
the Holy Ghost descended with grace;
the Father's voice was heard in this place:

Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende.

[This is my Son, listen to him.]

Jesus autem hodie regressus est a Jordane.

There were three Persons and one Lord,
the Son baptized with one accord,
the Father said this blessed word:

Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende.

Jesus autem hodie regressus est a Jordane.

Now, Jesu, as thou art both God and man,
and were baptized in from Jordan,
at our last end we pray thee, say then:

Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende.

Jesus autem hodie regressus est a Jordane. Ipsum intende.

— anonymous Medieval text

✠ Response

LASST UNS ERFREUEN



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise
God, all crea - tures high and low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia! Praise God in Je - sus ful - ly known: Cre -
a - tor, Word, and Spir - it one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

✠ Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Loving God, we thank you that in our baptism
you have called us by name and made us your own.

**Help us to trust in your refreshing grace and cleansing love,
as we follow after Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

✦ Hymn 691

Lord, When I Came into This Life

LAND OF REST

✦ Charge and Blessing

Kindly remain in silence during the closing voluntary, or depart very quietly.

✦ Closing Voluntary

Plein jeu

Nicolas de Grigny

✦ Indicates worshipers are invited to stand in either body or spirit.

Words in bold type are to be read or sung together.

I - 8:30 a.m. II - 11:00 a.m.

SERVING TODAY

LITURGIST

Gay Van Osdall

CHANCEL GUILD

Nancy Higgs

GREETERS

Communications & Technology
Committee Members

MUSICIANS

Michael Rowlands, organist (I/II)

Cecilia Duarte, soloist (I)

St. Philip Choir (II)

Randall Swanson, conductor
and organist (II)

FLOWERS

The flowers are given today to the glory of God and in honor of C. J. Miller as she celebrates her 93rd birthday this month.

WORSHIP NOTES

On this Sunday we remember that at the beginning of his public ministry, Jesus presents himself to John to be baptized in the Jordan. This is a Trinitarian event: as Jesus emerges from the water, the Holy Spirit descends from heaven as a dove, and we hear a voice naming Jesus as God's beloved Son. In ancient Christian tradition, the Baptism of the Lord is closely connected with the Epiphany as both are manifestations of God's saving purpose through Jesus Christ; accordingly, these festivals are adjacent to one another in the Christian calendar. The Baptism of the Lord also foreshadows the season of Lent, as the Gospels tell us that Jesus was driven into the wilderness for forty days after his own baptism. At this festival of the Christian year, we not only remember Jesus' baptism, but also give thanks for the baptism we share with Christ.

Ruling Elders ordained and/or installed today: Lee Ardell, John Boone, Kate Burkart, Bill Connolly, David Durham, Vanessa Nenna, and Cathy Patterson. Governor Frazier is being ordained and installed as a deacon.

Today's readings from the Revised Common Lectionary are:

- Isaiah 43:1–7—*Do not fear, I am with you; I have called you by name, you are mine.*
- Psalm 29—*Glorify the name of the Lord, who reigns over the waters.*
- Acts 8:14–17—*People previously baptized in Jesus' name receive the Holy Spirit.*
- Luke 3:15–17, 21–22—*John baptizes Jesus; the Spirit descends; God says: You are my Son.*

 MUSIC NOTES

Organ music — The organ music of Nicolas de Grigny stands at the summit of late 17th-century keyboard music. De Grigny was a French organist and composer who followed his father, grandfather, and a paternal uncle as organists in the city of Reims, where the young Nicolas served as organist of Reims Cathedral from 1696 or 1697 (the exact date is not known) until his untimely death at the age of 31 in 1703. All of de Grigny's surviving organ music comes from a single source, his *Premier livre d'orgue*, which was published in Paris in 1699, and reissued through the efforts of his widow in 1711. All of the pieces in the collection are based on chants used in the liturgy throughout the church year. This morning's **opening voluntary** is a quiet *Récit de Cromorne*, which features a highly ornamented solo melody accompanied by soft flutes. The **closing voluntary**, in contrast, is a lively, bright *Plein jeu*, with its chant melody proclaimed in long notes on a loud trumpet sound in the tenor register.

Choral music — This morning's 11:00 a.m. **introit** is by British composer Andrew March, who studied at London's Royal College of Music, and maintains an active career writing works for orchestra, solo piano, chamber ensembles, and choral ensembles. The anthem following this morning's gospel reading is by Virginia-based composer Rachel Aarons, who studied piano, voice, and composition while pursuing her Bachelor's degree in French Language and Literature. Today's **offertory anthem** features a Medieval text mixing Latin and English recounting the gospel narrative of the baptism of Jesus. Prolific American composer Michael Bedford is a native of Sherman, Texas, and recently retired from full-time music ministry after 25+ years as Organist/Choirmaster at St. John's Episcopal Church in Tulsa, OK.

— Randall Swanson

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