

Baptism of our Lord January 9, 2022



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Gathering
Music to Prepare Us For Worship

Gathering Songs – "Shall We Gather at the River"

Shall We Gather at the River



Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899 Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry

Welcome

Wherever you are on your journey of faith, we believe God meets you right where you are, and you are welcome here.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,

C: 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.

Children's Time

THE STORY

(Reader): Our story and God's story continues today, with a reading from Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

(Reader): ¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying,

(Side 1): "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.

(Side 2): ¹⁷His 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."

(Reader): 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,

(ALL): "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

(Reader): Stay tuned for the continuing saga that is our story and God's story.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Sermon – Pastor Hans Peterson

Sermon Song – "There is a River"

THERE IS A RIVER



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2. 7 and though we lie bat-tered, __ we are called to the feast.

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Prayers for the World

Together we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Each petition will close with the words: God of Life And you are invited to respond: **Hear our prayer**

Offering

Worship Leader: Thank you for your continued generosity and for all the ways you support God's ministry here at River of Hope. You can contact the church office and sign up for simply giving or give online or drop a check off at the church office.

Offering Song: "Everyone is a Child of God"



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The Feast

Setting the Table the children lead us as we pray together: Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest. And let these gifts to us be blest. Blest be God who is our bread, may all the world be clothed and fed. Amen.

Thanksgiving at the Table

The Lord is with you

And also 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 God thanks and praise.

Invitation to the Meal

This is not my table or River of Hope's table, but rather this is Christ's table and all are welcome. If you hunger and thirst for grace and mercy that comes through Jesus Christ, then Christ has set this table just for you. Bring all that you are and all that you have to the table. You will be fed. You are forgiven. There is enough.

As we gather in this place, we remember, that in the night when Jesus was betrayed by his best friends, he took bread. He blessed it and broke it and gave it to these same friends saying, "Take and eat. This is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

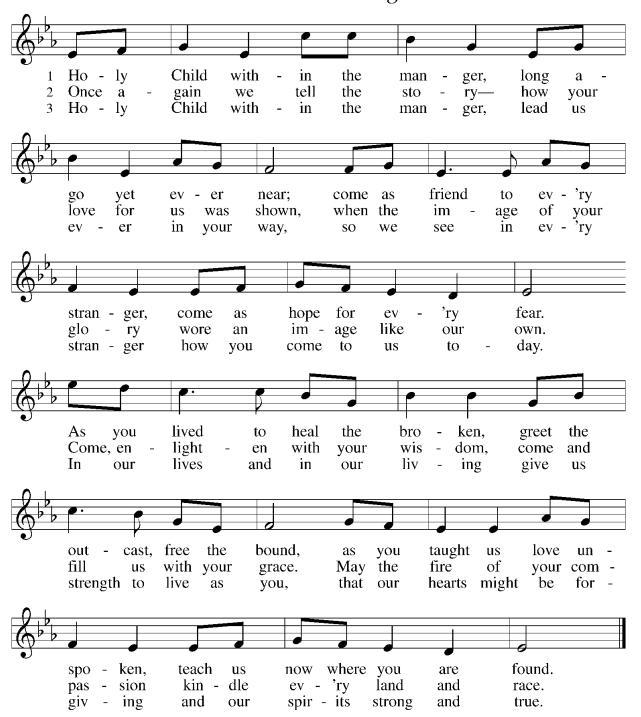
After supper he took the cup, blessed it and gave it for all to drink saying, "This is the new covenant, the new promise, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this for the remembrance of me." Let us pray together the prayer our Lord taught us:

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.
Forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever and forever. Amen.

Communion Song: "Holy Child Within the Manger"

Holy Child within the Manger *Carol at the Manger*



Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: JOYOUS LIGHT, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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Blessing after Communion

Now may the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his peace. **Amen.**

Prayer for Good Courage Let us pray,

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Sending

Why does our church exist? What is our purpose? We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.

Purpose Sightings {Read slides so people online can hear}

MILESTONES! – "Your Little Ones, Dear Lord" Vs. 1 It's time for sharing milestones - a time where we join together as a community to share the big, small, good, and hard milestones in our life.

Your Little Ones, Dear Lord



Text: Hans A. Brorson, 1694–1764; tr. Harriet Krauth Spaeth, 1845–1925, alt. Music: HER KOMMER DINE ARME SMÅ, Johann A. P. Schulz, 1747–1800

Final Blessing

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us + be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Song: "Made For Love"



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Go in peace – serve the Lord! Thanks be to God

Music to Send You Out

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