



Baptism of the Lord
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Worship on Facebook Premiere, Sundays at 10:30am

Gathering

Music to Prepare Us For Worship

Welcome

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

God of abundance, the land we walk on is holy ground.

Send forth your grace to help us heal the wounds of this world.

Open up the soil of our hearts to your word of life.

May we be strengthened by this time together and grow into who you are creating us to be.

OPENING SONG “Your River O God”

YOUR RIVER O GOD

Larry Olson
Hans Peterson

Refrain (guitar: capo 2)

E (D) E/G# (D/F#) A (G) B (A) E (D)
 Your riv - er, O God, is full of wa - ter, wa - ter a -
 E/G# (D/F#) A (G) B (A) C#m (Bm) B (A)
 live with jus - tice and grace. Your riv - er, O God, it
 A (G) B (A) A (G) E/G# (D/F#) A (G)
 flows with mer - cy for ev' - ry child through ev' - ry
 B (A) E (D) E/G# (D/F#) A (G) B (A)
 time and place.

Verse

A (G) E (D) A (G)
 Ev' - ry birth on this earth speaks the
 Come and hear all who fear, you are
 As we grow may we know waves of
 E (D) F#m (Em)
 mys - ter - y. Ev' - ry heart,
 not a - lone. Come and see,
 hope sur - round. As we live
 E/G# (D/F#) A (G) B (A) to Refrain
 from the start, light for all to see.
 be set free, rest here in your home.
 may we give love that has no bounds.

Greet Someone New

Music to Bring Us Back Together: (Chorus of "Your River O God")

CONFESSION

Sisters and brothers, we come to the God of mercy mindful that the world upon which we all depend is suffering. The sacred creation given to us, the immense beauty surrounding us, the complex web of life supporting us has been broken, not only by others, but by our own hand. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another. *(silence)*

Loving God, you have placed us as stewards within your creation. Instead, we have abused your gifts. The beauty and abundance of the earth is falling apart under us. God of all life....

We confess our part in a broken world.

One: You have multiplied your people beyond counting and have provided enough for all. But we have poisoned the waters, exhausted the soils and polluted the air. By our own hand we have spoiled the life-giving resources upon which we all depend. God of all life...

We confess our part in a broken world.

One: As Jesus' disciples, we are called to feed the hungry, clothe the naked and tend to the sick. Instead, we have taken the wealth of the world into our own houses and left your children in hunger and need. God of all life...

We confess our part in a broken world.

SONG OF MERCY "Mercy On This Fallen World"

MERCY ON THIS FALLEN WORLD

Larry Olson
Hans Peterson

Refrain

Em C D Em

Have mer - cy on this fal - len world. Have mercy on us. Have

C Am7 Bm7 C D Em

mer-cy on this fal-len world, mer - cy Lord have mercy on us.

Verse

C D Em

For all of the days that have fal - len a - part, have mer - cy.
For all who have fears that come with the night, have mer - cy.

C D Em

For ev - e - ry life, for ev - e - ry heart, have mer - cy.
For all those who need to be held in the light, have mer - cy.

C D Em

For all those who hun - ger and strug-gle each day, have mer - cy.
For all of cre - a - tion through fam - ine or feast, have mer - cy.

Am7 Bm7 C to Refrain

For all of the times that we turn a - way.
For all of the world to live in your peace.

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WORDS OF ASSURANCE

As surely as the rain comes forth to water the earth, God's mercy comes to us as a gift, abundant and freely given. The same God who created the cosmos and raised Jesus from death to life brings healing and forgiveness to the world today. You are loved, you are restored. In Christ, you are made new.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Time


SONG OF PRAISE "Praise To You"

PRAISE TO YOU

Larry Olson

(guitar: capo 2)

Refrain E(D) A(G) E(D) A(G) B(A)



Praise to you, O Great Cre - a - tor, Ma - ker of the land and sky.

A(G) E(D) A(G) E(D) A(G) E(D) A(G) B(A) E(D)



Praise to you, O Liv - ing Wat - er, hope and breath of ev' - ry life.

Verse E(D) A(G) E(D)




We are lost and we are long - ing,
Hear the cries of all cre - a - tion,
May we live your way of jus - tice,

A(G) E(D) B(A) E(D)



wand' - ring in the wild - er - ness, search - ing for your of
how the tears like ri - vers flow for your touch of
may we walk your way of peace. May we see your

A(G) E(D) A(G) E(D) B(A) E(D) to Refrain



hol - y pres - ence and the rea - son we ex - ist.
grace and heal - ing and the love that leads us home.
sac - red vi - sion, may we know your sweet re - lease.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

The eyes of all look to you, O God. Turn our hearts and minds to your open hand that provides for every living thing, so that we may know your generosity and participate in the healing and restoration of all that you have made, in Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

The Word

(Reader): Our story and God's story continues today with two readings. First, a reading from Genesis chapter 1 verses 1-5.

(Reader): When God began to create the heavens and the earth, the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said,

(ALL): "Let there be light,"

(Reader): and there was light. And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

(Reader): Our Second reading is from the Gospel of Mark chapter 1 verses 4-11.

SONG OF THE WORD "Hallelujah"

HALLELUJAH

Hans Peterson

C Dm7 C/E Am G

Hal - le - lu jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

C Dm7 C/E F G C

Hal - le - lu jah. Hal - le - lu jah.

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(Reader): John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And the whole Judean region and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him and were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed,

(Side 1): "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the strap of his sandals.

(Side 2): I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

(Reader): In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove upon him. And a voice came from the heavens,

(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

SONG OF THE DAY "Made for Love"

MADE FOR LOVE

Hans Peterson
Larry Olson
Mary Olson

(guitar: capo 3)

F(D) Gm7/F(Em7)

We've been mold - ed by the Cre - a - tor's hand. Here in

F/A (D/F#) Bb(G) C(A) Dm7(Bm7)

Je - sus we have grace to stand. Moving by the

Am7(F#m7) Gm7(Em7) C(A) F(D) *Fine* Csus(Asus) C(A)

Spir - it, we are made for love.

F(D) Dm7(Bm7)

Sun and star - light, spark - ling wa - ters, morn-ing
In the wa - ter's ho - ly bless - ing, Spir - it
Live out jus - tice, treas-ure kind - ness, jour-ney

Gm7(Em7) C(A) Am7(F#m7)

birds that ser - e - nade, in the i - mage of the
com - ing like a dove, we're a wit - ness to the
hum - bly ev - 'ry - day. We are called here in - to

Dm7(Bm7) Eb(C) C(A)

Mak - er we are won - der - ful - ly made.
won - der; we are loved and so we love.
ser - vice, a for - giv - ing, lov - ing way.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (respond with "Hope of all Creation")

HOPE OF ALL CREATION (Prayer Response)

Hans Peterson

(guitar: capo 3)

Hope of all cre - a - tion, Heal - er of re -

la - tions, We lift our prayer to you. We

lift our prayer to you.

The musical score is written on three staves in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The lyrics are: "Hope of all cre - a - tion, Heal - er of re - la - tions, We lift our prayer to you. We lift our prayer to you." The chords are: F (D), F/A (D/F#), BbMaj7 (GMaj7), Dm (Bm), Dm/C (Bm/A), Bb (G), F/A (D/F#), Gm (Em), F/A (D/F#), BbMaj7 (GMaj7), Gm (Em), Bb/C (A7sus4), and F (D).

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG "God of Stars and Distant Planets"

GOD OF STARS AND DISTANT PLANETS

Hans Peterson

(guitar: capo 3)

B \flat /C (Asus4) F (D) C (A) Dm (Bm) B \flat (G) F (D) C (A)
 God of stars and dis - tant plan - ets, the far - thest reach - es of
 Praise you God the cos - mic art - ist for daz - zling beau - ty com -
 Help us find with - in cre - a - tion, O God of crea - tures and
 Dm (Bm) B \flat (G) F (D) C (A) Dm (Bm) Gm (Em)
 night. Lead us home to re - dis - cov - er you, our Liv - ing
 plex. Vi - brant col - ors fill the can - vas; your im - age it re -
 trees, a new way to grow with na - ture; sort out our wants and
 C (A) B \flat (G) F/A (D/F \sharp) E \flat (C) G (E)
 Light. Ig - nite us with a pas - sion to be your liv - ing
 flects. You step back from your ea - sel call good what you first
 needs. Trans - form our way of liv - ing, we pray in Je - sus
 C (A) F (D) C (A) Dm (Bm) B \flat (G)
 sparks. May we ra - di - ate your splen - dor, rays of
 saw. May we all for gen - er - a - tions live with
 name. Turn our vi - sion in - to ac - tion that your
 F (D) C (A) Dm (Bm) B \flat (G) F (D) C (A) F (D)
 sun that shine in the dark, rays of sun that shine in the dark.
 such a - ware - ness and awe, live with such a - ware - ness and awe.
 work of art be sus - tained, that your work of art be sus - tained.

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The Feast

Setting the Table *the children lead us as we pray together:*
 Song: "Many Will Come"

Many Will Come

1* 2

Man - y will come from east and west, and from
OR Man - y will come from east and west, and from

north and south, and will eat in the king - dom, the
north and south, to be washed in the wa - ters, the

king-dom of God. Blest are they, oh, blest are
wa - ters of life. Blest are they, oh, blest are

they who eat bread in the king-dom, the king-dom of God.
they who are washed in the wa - ters, the wa - ters of life.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff has two measures, with a first ending marked '1*' and a second ending marked '2'. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words in italics. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics. The third staff continues the melody and lyrics. The fourth staff concludes the piece with a double bar line.

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.

Let us pray, God of all good gifts who gives freely to us,
You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light. 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.

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." Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

The Meal

COMMUNION SONGS: “What Feast of Love” and “Joy to the World”

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What Feast of Love



- 1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban-quet come from heav - en?
- 2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?
- 3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim-son drink from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last-ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?
 What hope of ev - er - last-ing life, what won-drous word is giv - en?
 What stream of ev - er - last-ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.
 This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.
 This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!
 Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!
 Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

Joy to the World

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
 3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the

ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -

room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
 plains re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and

sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heav'n and na - ture sing,

Blessing after Communion

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

The Sending

Why does our church exist? What is our purpose?

We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.

Purpose Sightings

MILESTONES! (Sing verse 4 of “Joy to the World”)

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.

BENEDICTION

May God our Creator bless and keep you, may Jesus, child of the earth, walk with you,

and may the Holy Spirit, wind and fire, give you hope and peace.

Amen.

SENDING SONG “Go Now”

(guitar: capo 5)

GO NOW WITH GOD

Hans Peterson
Larry Olson



vs. 1 Filled with the Ho - ly Spir - it
vs. 1 *Lleno del Es - pi - ri - tu San - to*
vs. 2 Of - fer - ing a hand to a stran - ger
vs. 3 Wa - ters of mer - cy have found us
vs. 4 Cross-ing ev' - ry bound'-ry, ev' - ry na - tion

go now with God,
va - mos con Dios,



go now with God. In - to the world as a serv - ant
va - mos con Dios. En - tran - do al mun - do pa - ra ser - vir
Trust-ing in the ris - en sav - ior
Grace on the jour - ney sur - rounds us
Danc-ing in the gift of lib - er - a - tion



go now with God,
va - mos con Dios,

go now with God.
va - mos con Dios.

Go now,
Va - mos,



go now,
va - - - mos,

go now with God.
va - mos con Dios.



Go now,
Va - mos,

go now,
va - mos,

go now with God.
va - mos con Dios.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, care for all creation.

Thanks be to God.

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Music to Send You Out

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