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The Baptism of Jesus B



*Services at MtE are now live-streamed (live broadcast) via our YouTube channel. Cameras are principally directed at the lectern and table/sanctuary but shots will sometimes be taken from the back of the building (generally during hymns and communion).*

#### COVID-19 health measures

- Please wear a mask in the church, unless you have an exemption, have a leadership role, or need to remove it to receive communion. We will join in congregational singing in the service but masks should still be worn during the singing.
- Please observe the usual hand sanitation routines on entering and leaving the building
- Please observe the appropriate distancing between yourself and others who are not members of your family – whether seated or standing (family groups may move their seats closer together)
- Please see the relevant part of the service order regarding the distribution of the communion elements

## *Preparing for Worship Today*

- Today's service is also being live-streamed for participation of those who can't join us physically today.
- Congregational responses are printed in ***bold italics***.
- Pray for those who will be leading us in our worship today!



## A SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

### Prelude

## *The Gathering of the People of God*

### Processional

*We stand as the Scriptures are brought into the worship space.*

### Call to Worship

The Lord be with you!

***And also with you!***

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,

***ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.***

Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;

***worship the LORD in holy splendor.*** [Ps 29:1]

Arise, shine, for your light has come;

***the glory of the LORD has risen upon us!***

### Prayer of invocation

### Hymn 250

1. Christ, when for us you were baptized,  
God's Spirit on you came,  
as peaceful as a dove, and yet  
as urgent as a flame.
2. God called you his beloved Son,  
called you his servant true:  
sent you his kingdom to proclaim,  
his holy will to do.
3. Straightway and steadfast until death  
you then obeyed his call,  
freely as Son of Man to serve  
and give your life for all.
4. Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord,  
your cross on us be signed,  
that likewise in God's service we  
may perfect freedom find.

Francis Bland Tucker  
1895–1984

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[Greeting and Welcome]

### With the Children

## *The Word Spoken: Scripture and Preaching*

### The Testimony of Scripture

We do not live by bread alone,

***but by every word that comes***

***from the mouth of God***

First Reading

Genesis 1:1-5

Psalm 29

*TIS 17*

*Organ, then cantor, then all together:*



1. O give the Lord, you children of God,  
give the Lord glory and power;  
give the Lord the glory of his name.  
Adore the Lord in his holy court. *Response*
2. The Lord's voice resounding on the waters,  
the Lord on the immensity of waters:  
the voice of the Lord, full of power,  
the voice of the Lord, full of splendour. *Response*
3. The God of glory thunders.  
In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!'  
The Lord sat enthroned over the flood;  
the Lord sits as king for ever. *Response*

*tr.* The Grail  
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**The Lord will bless his people with peace.**

Second Reading     Acts 19:1-7

Gospel                 Mark 1:4-11

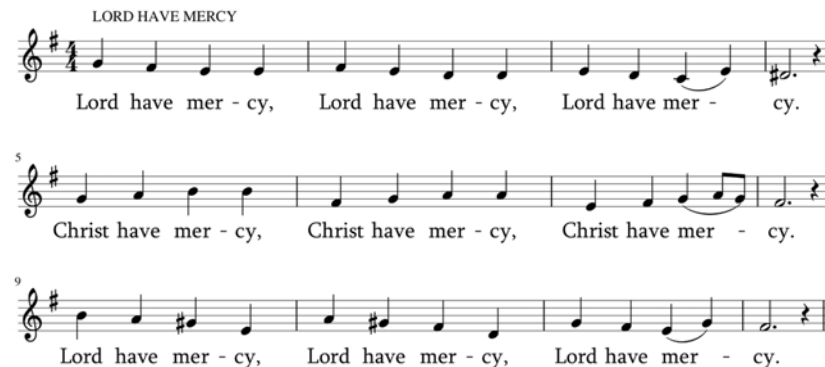
This is the gospel of the Lord.

*Praise to you, O Light of the world*

## The Preaching of the Word

*The text of the sermon will normally be available after worship and online*

### Prayer of Confession



**Lord, have mercy; (3x)**

**Christ, have mercy; (3x)**

**Lord, have mercy. (3x)**

### Declaration of Forgiveness

*(We stand)*

...hear, then, Christ's word of grace to us:

Your sins are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God!**

### Doxology



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Lord Jes - us Christ on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are

seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our

prayer. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the

Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Jes - us Christ with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of

God the Fa - ther. A - - - men.

**The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*And also with you.*

**The Apostles' Creed**

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
 creator of heaven and earth.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
 born of the Virgin Mary,  
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died, and was buried;  
 he descended to the dead.  
 On the third day he arose again;*

*he ascended into heaven,  
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
 and he will come to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the holy catholic Church,  
 the communion of saints,  
 the forgiveness of sins,  
 the resurrection of the body,  
 and the life everlasting. Amen.*

*The Visible Word: Eucharist*

**Hymn 499**

Lord Jesus, joy of loving hearts,  
 true fount of life, our lives sustain,  
 from any bliss that earth imparts  
 we turn unfilled to you again.

3. We taste you, Lord, the living bread,  
 and long to feast upon you still,  
 we drink of you, the fountainhead,  
 and thirst our souls from you to fill.

Your truth unchanged has ever  
 stood,  
 you save all those who on you call,  
 to those yet seeking you are good,  
 to those who find you, all in all.

4. For you our restless spirits yearn,  
 whatever comes, until the last,  
 glad when your presence we discern,  
 blest when our faith can hold you  
 fast.

5. For ever, Jesus, with us stay,  
 make all our moments calm and bright,  
 chase the dark night of sin away,  
 shed on this world your holy light.

Anon., Latin, 12th cent.  
 tr. Ray Palmer 1808-87 alt.

*(We remain standing until after the Lord's Prayer)*

## The Invitation

### The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be 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 our thanks and praise.*

*(The prayer continues...)*

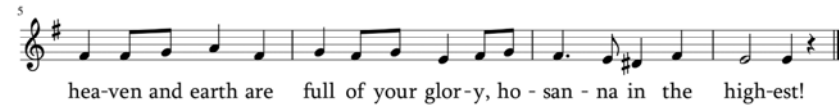
...And so we praise you

with the faithful of every time and place,  
joining with choirs of angels and the whole creation  
in the eternal hymn:

SANCTUS

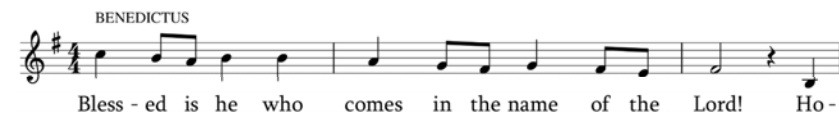


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

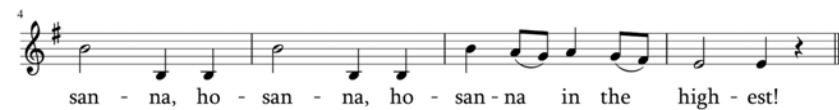


hea - ven and earth are full of your glor - y, ho - san - na in the high - est!

BENEDICTUS



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Ho -



san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est!

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,*

*heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

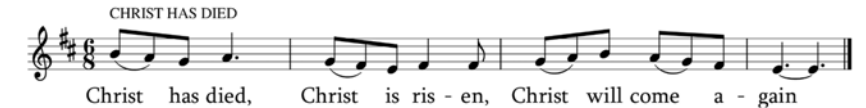
*Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*

*Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!*

*(The prayer continues...)*

CHRIST HAS DIED



Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain

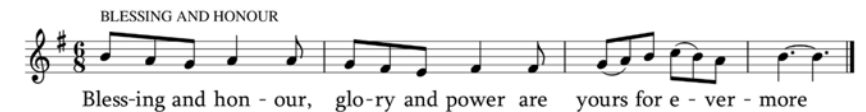
*Christ has died.*

*Christ is risen.*

*Christ will come again.*

*(The prayer continues...)*

BLESSING AND HONOUR



Bless - ing and hon - our, glo - ry and power are yours for e - ver - more

*Blessing and honour, glory and power*

*are yours forever more.*

### The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father in heaven,*

*hallowed be your name,*

*your kingdom come,*

*your will be done,*

*on earth as in heaven.*

*Give us today our daily bread.*

*Forgive us our sins,*

*as we forgive those who sin against us.*

*Save us from the time of trial*

*and deliver us from evil.*

*For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours*

*now and for ever. Amen.*

*(The people sit)*

## The Breaking of the Bread

JESUS, LAMB OF GOD



Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus bear - er of our sin have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem-er of the world, grant us peace.

***Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.***

***Jesus, bearer of our sin, have mercy on us.***

***Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
grant us peace.***

## The Communion

*The Uniting Church recognises this Table as the Lord's and, so, open to all who would normally commune in their home congregations.*

*The Eucharist in the context of COVID-19. Given the present health crisis, the distribution of communion will be limited to one of the church's historic practices – 'under one kind', or receiving the bread only. The bread will be broken at the table after the hands of the celebrant have been sanitised, and the bread will be covered until that point.*

*The bread will be served to members who present themselves in a single file down the centre of the church; please maintain the usual C-19 distancing while waiting to receive. AND, please feel free to refrain from receiving under the current circumstances, if this feels appropriate to you.*

## Prayers of the People

*(Names for inclusion in the prayers may be recorded in the book in the narthex)*

### [Offering]

*For the time-being, financial offerings will not be collected from the pews but should be made in the designated offering box as you enter the church. If you miss the opportunity, you can put it in the box after the service!)*

### Notices

## *The Sending Forth of the People of God*

### Hymn 563

1. Let him to whom we now belong  
his sovereign right assert,  
and take up every thankful song  
and every loving heart.
2. He justly claims us for his own,  
who bought us with a price;  
as Christians live to Christ alone,  
to Christ alone we die.
3. We come in deep humility  
thine easy yoke to prove,  
and own it perfect liberty  
to serve the Lord we love.
4. Jesus, thine own at last receive,  
fulfil our hearts' desire,  
and let us to thy glory live  
and in thy cause expire.
5. Our souls and bodies we resign;  
with joy we render thee  
our all, no longer ours, but thine  
to all eternity.

Charles Wesley 1707–88 *alt.*  
v.3 Alfred Harold Wood 1896–1989

**Word of Mission and Blessing**

**Postlude**

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