

ground; sun, moon, stars; plants, animals, people. Then God rested. So, welcome to this time for rest and worship.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG *Baptized in Water* (See Insert)

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE (Red Hymnal p. 213)
CANTICLE OF PRAISE (Red Hymnal p. 213)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1-5

A reading from Genesis.

PSALM: Psalm 29

¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

⁴**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

⁶**the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

⁷The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes.

⁸**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

¹⁰**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned asking forevermore.**

¹¹O LORD, give strength to your people; give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

SECOND READING: Acts 19:1-7

A reading from Acts.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Red Hymnal p. 216)
Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? Alleluia. You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Celtic Alleluia (Red Hymnal # 174)

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Mark 1:4-11

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

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HYMN OF THE DAY *Baptized and Set Free* (See Insert)

CREED

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION ... let us pray. *Have mercy, O God.*

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

CANTICLE OF THANKSGIVING

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD For your Word of life, O God, **we give you thanks and praise.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

God the creator strengthen you; Jesus the beloved fill you; and the Holy Spirit the comforter + keep you in peace. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG *Go, My Children, with My Blessing* (See Insert)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

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